

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Baptism of Jesus

January 12, 2025

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome

Rev. Bill Pollack

Prelude

Max Jackson

Christ, Our Lord To The Jordan Came To Be Baptized By John

Diderik Buxtehude

† **Call to Worship**

Ryan Whitman

L: We celebrate today the baptism of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

P: We follow Christ's example when we are baptized.

L: Baptism is a sign of the covenant between God and the church.

P: It signifies God's faithfulness.

L: It testifies to the washing away of sin.

P: It symbolizes rebirth.

L: It embodies our adoption into God's family.

P: It witnesses to the resurrection of Christ.

L: In baptism, we put on the fresh garment of Christ.

P: In baptism, we are sealed with the Holy Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God, by whose grace we have been baptized!

† **Hymn of Praise**

#475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

† **Call to Confession**

† Prayer of Confession

When we find ourselves irritable and preoccupied with the pulsating and demanding rhythms of the seasons, have mercy on us, O Lord. When we talk peace, but do not walk peace, have mercy on us, O Lord. When we lose sight of the Child whose coming has transformed the world, have mercy on us, O Lord. When kindness and generosity fail us, have mercy on us, O Lord. Grant, that we may be conscious of Your presence during this new year, so that we may stay centered in the sacredness of each moment. We ask all of this in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

† Assurance of Pardon

† Response

Christ, when for us You were baptized, God's Spirit on You came,
As peaceful as a dove and yet as urgent as a flame.
Baptize us with Your Spirit, Lord, Your cross on us be signed,
That likewise in God's service, we may perfect freedom find.

✠ We Listen to God's Word ✠

Children's Message

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Sing For Joy

Henry Purcell, Arr. H.H. Hopson

Sing for joy, all earth sing for Joy. Praise the Lord, bless His name
come before Him with a song; For He is God, and we are His, the
sheep of His own flock. Go with songs and enter His courts.
Go with thanksgiving, O come with a song; For He is God, and we
are His, the sheep of his own flock. The Lord is good, His love and
truth endures forevermore.

Prayer for Illumination

The Epistle Lesson: Acts 19:1–7 (NRSV)

Carli Weston

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples.
² He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."
³ Then he said, "Into what, then, were you baptized?"

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They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴ Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied, ⁷ altogether there were about twelve of them.

L: The Word of the Lord. P: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 29 (tune: Lancashire)

#10

Sing Glory to the Name of God

Sing glory to the name of God, whose holy splendor shines
abroad. Alleluia, alleluia!

Enthroned above the crashing waves, the God of grace and glory saves.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The name of God is full of might: resounding thunder, flashing
light. Alleluia, alleluia! The wilderness cannot contain the echoes
of the great refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The name of God is wild and free, awhirl in holy mystery. Alleluia,
alleluia! A secret wrapped in smoke and fire,
still chanted by the temple choir:

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

May God forever be our peace; may hymns of glory never cease
Alleluia, alleluia! Let all the faithful people come; sing praise to
God, the Three-in-One:

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

† **The Gospel Lesson:** John 1:19–23, 29–34 (NRSV)

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰ He confessed and did not deny it, but he confessed, "I am not the Messiah." ²¹ And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." ²² Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³ He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said. The next

day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"³⁰ This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who ranks ahead of me because He was before me.'³¹ I myself did not know Him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that He might be revealed to Israel."³² And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on Him."³³ I myself did not know Him, but the One who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the One who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

L: This is the Holy Gospel of Christ! **P: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Rev. Bill Pollack

Following the Leader

✠ **We Respond to God's Word** ✠

† **Hymn of Response**

#163

Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice

Wild and lone the prophet's voice echoes through the desert still,
calling us to make a choice, bidding us to do God's will:

"Turn from sin and be baptized;

cleanse your heart and mind and soul.

Quitting all the sins you prized, yield your life to God's control.

"Bear the fruit repentance sows: lives of justice, truth, and love.

Trust no other claim than those; set your heart on things above.

Soon the Lord will come in power, burning clean the threshing

floor: then will flames the chaff devour; wheat alone shall fill

God's store."

With such preaching, stark and bold, John proclaimed salvation
near, and his timeless warnings hold words of hope to all who

hear. So we dare to journey on,

led by faith through ways untrod,

till we come at last like John to behold the Lamb of God.

† **Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come again to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering Acknowledgement

Special Offering: Organ Repair Fund

† **Doxology**

#394 (4)

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one:
one in might and one in glory while unending ages run!

† **Prayer of Dedication**

✠ **We Are Sent in God's Name** ✠

† **Hymn of Sending**

#182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto Me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon My breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live."

I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
look unto Me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I looked to Jesus, and I found in Him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.

Postlude

Praise To The Lord, The Almighty

Johann G Walther

† Charge & Benediction

† *Standing if you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Mitch Hall*

Liturgist: *Ryan Whitman*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 49

General Offering: \$7,024.02

Backpack Ministry: \$23.00

Building Rent: \$150.00

Hunger Grant (backpack ministry): \$1,000.00

Pastor's Discretionary Fund: \$200.00

Peacemaking Grant: \$1,000.00

Poinsettias: \$30.00

Online Offering: \$3,080.00

Total Offering: \$12,507.02

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

► Sunday, January 12

Sunday Morning Study, 9:28 a.m.

Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.

Harmony of the Gospels, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

► **Monday, January 13**

Ministry Teams Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

► **Wednesday, January 15**

Men's Bible Study, 7 a.m./Bob Evans

Bells Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

► **Thursday, January 16**

Paper Angels, 1:00 p.m.

Dames + Dinner, 5:30 p.m.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration is

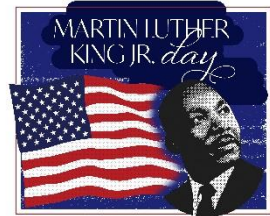
Monday, January 20, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

located at the Ashland Train Depot (99

15th St, Ashland). First Presbyterian

Church will receive the Carol Jackson

Award. It will be presented during the program by the Boyd and Greenup County Branch of the NAACP. Following the March, FPC will serve lunch to the participants. We will have the honor of presenting a check for \$1,000 to be used in support of the C.B. Nuckolls Black History Museum thanks to the Transylvania Presbytery's Peace Grant provided to our congregation.



Birthday Celebration!

From weekly bulletins to monthly newsletters; from emails to text messages and so much in between, we are blessed to have Nanette in our church office. **Sunday, January 26**, we will have the opportunity to say thanks to her as we celebrate her birthday following morning worship in the Narthex. Please join us at this celebration. Thank you, Nanette, for everything you do to make FPC a church in which we are proud. Happy birthday!

New Start Date for Genesis Bible Study

We are glad to announce that our Bible study in Genesis, led by Pastor Bill, will start back up on **Sunday February 2, 2025 beginning at 5:30 p.m.** We will gather in the Bethesda Community Hall for this study. We will also live stream the study on Facebook. Let's come together in the new year and study in His word.

you're invited to a 

galentine's dinner


11th February 

 6 p.m. 


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celebrate love
& ever-lasting
friendship 

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Week ending January 9, 2025

Allyson Garnes (Pastor Bill & Nanette's great niece)
John Justice, Jr. (Jane Justice's stepson)
Jim Trimboli
Greg Sanders (Pastor Bill's brother-in-law)

Week ending January 2, 2025

Don Lilly
Family of Wilma Montgomery (Nanette's mother)
Family of Jarrett Tisdale (Betty George Frye's nephew)

Week ending December 26, 2024

Kathleen Filkins
Debbie Barnhart (Kelly Hanni)

Prayer requests will rotate off after three weeks. If you have an ongoing concern, please contact the church office.

Ongoing: Pastor Bill; Bill Gesling; Charlie Holbrook; Dr. Matthew Lewis; Kenny McGill; Derek Payne; Nancy Payne; Bonnie Pettijohn; Tim Shephard; Kim Whitman; Jan Winans; Ann Wiseman

Kingsbrook Care Center: Barry Barbour

The Lantern: Carolyn Graber

Woodland Oaks: Bob Miller

Military: Erik Adkins (USAF Reserves, son of Kris Adkins); Cadet Katie Brown (West Point, granddaughter of Kim & Mike Whitman); Greg Weston (Kuwait); Major Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, niece of Don & Judy Lilly)

Puzzle!

Use the clues to fill in the boxes. Then write those letters on the correct numbered lines below to complete 1 John 4:16 (NIV).

A place to live

1	2	3	4	5	

Opposite of dark

6	7	8	9	10	

Companion

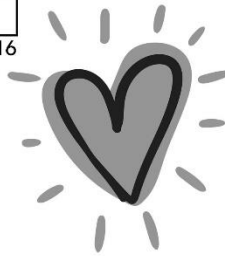
11	12	13	14	15	16	

Hand greeting

17	18	19	20

Male adult

21	22	23



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13 15 6 2 19 20 6 7 19 14 4

13 15 8 2 16 18 15 16

8 2 16 13 23 10 1 14 21

1 John 4:16, NIV

Answers: house, light, friend, wave, man; God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. 1 John 4:16, NIV

STAFF

Minister: *Rev. William Pollack*
Choirmaster/Organist: *Max Jackson*
Administrative Assistant: *Nanette Pollack*
Facilities Manager: *Glen Thomas*
Nursery Attendant: *Kara Adkins*

SESSION MEMBERS

President of Congregation: *Mitch Hall*
Secretary of Congregation/Clerk of Session: *Kelly Hanni*
Treasurer: *Cathy Wilson*

2025	2026	2027
<i>Kelly Hanni</i>	<i>Mitch Hall*</i>	<i>Jimmy Hall</i>
<i>Kim Whitman</i>	<i>Jan Holbrook</i>	<i>Lee McCloud *</i>
<i>Geri Willis</i>	<i>Ryan Whitman*</i>	<i>J.T. Norris *</i>
	*2nd term of service	

MINISTRY TEAMS

Building & Grounds: <i>Glen Thomas</i>	Membership: <i>Kim Whitman</i>
Christian Education: <i>Lee McCloud</i>	Mission: <i>Geri Willis</i>
Congregational Life: <i>Cathy Wilson</i>	Personnel: <i>Janet Holbrook</i>
Finance: <i>Trish Hall</i>	Worship: <i>Ryan Whitman</i>

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