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Baptism of the Lord Sunday

January 12, 2025

**This service is being livestreamed Prelude through Postlude, and is available for public viewing.*

Meditation

"God speaks to us in the language of nature, and the more deeply we look into nature, the more deeply we see His love and care for us." ~ Frederick Buechner

PRELUDE

Ben Marti

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Eric Garner

INTROIT

Ben Marti

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 147:1-5, 10-11

Pastor Eric Garner

Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God. It is pleasant and fitting to praise the Lord!

God heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

God determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name.

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; God's understanding has no limit.

God is not pleased in the demonstration of strength, nor does God delight in those who rush off to war.

The Lord delights in those who live reverently, who put their hope in God's unfailing love.

HYMN

All Things Bright and Beautiful

GTG 20

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Eric Garner

Creator of heaven and earth,

You have both established the boundaries of the earth

And the limits of what we humans are to do.

We have not respected the way you created us,

But have rather sought our own benefit through our own power.

We have tried to put ourselves in your place,

Seeing ourselves as gods over our own lives.

Have mercy on us and forgive us.

Rescue and restore us,

So that we might serve you,

As was our created intent.

Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Eric Garner

Having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the name of Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

GLORIA*Gloria*

GTG 581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -
gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Ben Marti and Dr. Andrew Kendall

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Eric Garner

CHILDREN'S TIME

Deb Kienholz

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GTG 288

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. — Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 8:22-36

Patti Kramlinger

22 “The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. **23** Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. **24** When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. **25** Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, **26** when he had not yet made earth and fields or the world’s first bits of soil. **27** When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, **28** when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, **29** when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, **30** then I was beside him, like a master worker, and I was daily his delight, playing before him always, **31** playing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race. **32** “And now, my children, listen to me: happy are those who keep my ways. **33** Hear instruction and be wise, and do not neglect it. **34** Happy is the one who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting beside my doors. **35** For

whoever finds me finds life and obtains favor from the Lord, **36** but those who miss me injure themselves; all who hate me love death.”

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 6:25-34

Pastor Eric Garner

25 “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? **26** Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? **27** And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? **28** And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, **29** yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. **30** But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? **31** Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ **32** For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. **33** But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. **34** “So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Lord of Particles

Pastor Eric Garner

HYMN

Lord of All Hopefulness

GTG 683

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Pastor Eric Garner

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Pastor Eric Garner

CALL FOR OFFERING AND DOXOLOGY

GTG 607

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all peo - ple here be - low; praise
Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor Eric Garner

POSTLUDE

Ben Marti



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CALENDAR

- Sunday, January 12: 10:20 a.m.
 Kidz Club
 FPC Kids Room
- Sunday, January 12: 11:30 a.m.
 WiredWord Adult Sunday School
 FPC Library
- Tuesday, January 14: 6:00 p.m.
 Budget Committee Meeting
 FPC Meeting Room
- Wednesday, January 15: 9:30 a.m.
 PW Circle Meeting
 FPC Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday, January 15: 5:00 p.m.
 Worship Committee Meeting
 FPC Library
- Wednesday, January 15: 6:00 p.m.
 Session Meeting
 FPC Meeting Room
- Thursday, January 16: 6:00 p.m.
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