



Service for the Lord's Day

Baptism of the Lord

January 9, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Please SILENCE ALL Personal Electronic Devices Before Worship.

We Gather as God's People

Welcome to our worship service. Take a moment to quiet yourself as we prepare ourselves for worship.

Welcome and Preparation for Worship

Welcome to Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church! In this space, we invite you to bring all of who you are - your identity, your beliefs, your doubts, your questions, and your story wherever you are on your journey in life. Our prayer is that together we will experience God's presence.

Prelude "Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered" Roberts, arr. Floeter

Call to Worship [Responsive]

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Baptized to begin lives of faith,

Many: we would witness to all you do in our midst and in your world.

One: Baptized to serve,

Many: we would speak up for the voiceless, we would bring justice to those who have none.

One: Baptized to speak,

Many: we would heal, and not hurt; we would bless, and not curse.

One: Baptized to do justice,

Many: we would not play favorites, but treat each person as Your Beloved.

One: Let us worship the One who loves us, the Beloved!

The Hymn PH # 69..... "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"

O Morning Star, how fair and bright Thou beamest forth in truth and light!

O Sovereign meek and lowly! Thou root of Jesse, David's Son, My Lord and Savior,
Thou hast won My heart to serve Thee solely! Thou art holy, Fair and glorious,
all victorious, Rich in blessing, Rule and might o'er all possessing.

Thou heavenly brightness! Light divine! O deep within my heart now shine,
And make Thee there an altar! Fill me with joy and strength to be Thy member,
ever joined to Thee In love that cannot falter! Toward Thee longing Doth possess me;
turn and bless me; Here in sadness Eye and heart long for Thy gladness!

The Prayer of the Day [Responsive]

One: Let us pray... Your voice thunders in the night, and sings love songs in the morning. Your voice tumbles raging rapids, and ripples pools of peace. Your voice snaps trees in two, and can mend broken hearts with a sigh.

Many: We give glory to your name, God of our lives.

One: Guided by grace, you became the champion of justice. Beloved of the sightless, you release those we would shackle. Broken for our sake, you shape our souls into silhouettes hanging in the Hall of Servants.

Many: We give glory to your grace, Child of the waters.

One: You cup your hands around our flickering faith, breathing us to new life. You call us to work for justice, teaching us intentional acts of service. You immerse us in courage, daring us to speak words of hope.

Many: We give glory to your love, Spirit of wonder.

One: We give you the glory now and always, God in Community, Holy in One and Holy in us.

Many: Amen.

We Listen for God's Word

The Scripture

Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him

in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

One: For the Word of God in Scripture, For the Word of God among us, For the Word of God within us,

Many: We give thanks to God!

The Reflection

Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

The Musical Response“In the Bleak Midwinter” arr. Smith

We Respond to God’s Love

The Renewal of Baptism Vows and Affirmation of Faith

Pastor: Hear these words from Holy Scripture: “Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.” (I Corinthians 12:12-13, 27) Sisters and brothers in Christ, our baptism is the sign and seal of our cleansing from sin, and of our being grafted into Christ. Through the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Christ, the power of sin was broken and God’s kingdom entered our world. Through our baptism we were made citizens of God’s kingdom, and freed from the bondage of sin. Let us celebrate that freedom and redemption through the renewal of the promises made at our baptism. I ask you, therefore, to remember your baptism and the promises we make when we baptize, as we reaffirm our faith, witnessing in word and water to what we believe:

***ALL:* We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit...claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and cup of salvation, and calls men and women to all ministries of the church. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: Remember your baptism and be thankful. In the name of the Parent, Child, and Spirit.

***Many:* Amen.**

The Music“Water Has Held Us” (using the tune of Hymn 469) arr. Norton

The Pastoral Prayer

One: Celebrating the coming of the One who brings the reign of God to all people, let us pray for the world God loves, the Church God calls, and all people according to their needs...God of light and darkness, through water and Word you shine your light into the darkness of our lives. We give thanks for this incredible gift. Lord, in your mercy,

Many: Hear our prayer.

One: God of love and hate, your love comes in spite of our animosity; you bring reconciliation to those who are divided. We pray for better relations between all people in our churches, communities, nation and world. Strengthen us to be peacemakers. Lord, in your mercy,

Many: Hear our prayer.

One: God of hope and fear, you walk with us through the challenges which surround us. Wash away our anxiety by your promised presence, and set us free from despair. Lord, in your mercy,

Many: Hear our prayer.

One: God of church and world, in baptism you unify yourself with our world, and bring your reign into being. Keep us from seeing your love as a hiding place. Motivate us to infuse the world with your justice. Lord, in your mercy,

Many: Hear our prayer.

One: God of health and illness, there is nothing that separates us from your love. Inspire us to bring your health to the sick, your encouragement to the discouraged, your promise to the dying, especially those we name before you now.

(Moment of Silence)

Lord, in your mercy,

Many: Hear our prayer.

One: God of life and death, all that exists is from you, and for you. Enable us to trust your baptismal promise, and serve this hurting world. Lord, in your mercy,

Many: Hear our prayer.

One: God who shines in the darkness, receive these prayers and the prayers of our hearts, in the name of the one who is your light, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Many: Amen.

Offering of Our Tithes and Our Gifts to God

In response to God's generosity, and in support of the ongoing ministry and mission at Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church, we invite you to share your financial support in several ways.

- 1. For those worshipping in-person, a basket is placed at the entrance to the sanctuary for you to leave your offering.**
- 2. You may also mail in or drop-off your offering at Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church, 313 E. Main Street, Cambridge, WI 53523.**

3. **You may also donate online, using these directions:** Use the app, **Vanco Mobile**. Search for “Vanco Mobile” in your app store (Vanco Payment Solutions). Once it’s installed, find us (Presbyterian Church of Oakland-Cambridge) using our zip code (53523), and set up one-time or recurring payments, OR use the QR Code below to access our donor page. A link to our donor page is also on our website www.ocpchurch.com. (Click on the button with the green heart.) Thank you!



We Depart to Do God’s Will

Closing Hymn *Tune of PH # 469* “Water Has Held Us”

**Water has held us, moved by creation. Out of dark chaos, broke forth the light.
Up from the deluge, showing God’s promise, has come a rainbow, gladdening the sight.**

**Water has saved us, as the sea parted for Israel’s children, walled on each side.
This love has led us, helped us in trouble, on far horizon, God’s cloud our guide.**

**Water has cleansed us, bathed with forgiveness, has, with clear blessing, washed sin away.
Jordan’s strong currents God’s Son announcing, made a beginning, baptismal day.**

**Water has touched us, fresh on our foreheads, showing an inward, spiritual grace.
Into God’s fam’ly, we have been welcomed. As sons and daughters, we take our place.**

The Sending Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

One: Baptized, let us go to live in faith.

Many: **We will bring healing to the broken and offer God's joy to those who grieve.**

One: Baptized, let us go to serve.

Many: **At the side of Jesus, we will serve the hungry, we will give shelter to the homeless.**

One: Baptized, let us go to be a voice.

Many: **We will echo the Spirit calling for peace, we will never stop speaking against injustice.**

One: Baptized, let us go to do what is right.

Many: **Finding you, God in Community, Holy in One, waiting for us to join you beside all your Beloved children.**

One: Beloved children of God, let us go to share the love, compassion, and mercy of the One who names and claims us. Go in peace.

Many: **Amen.**

We Carry the Light of Christ Out into the World

Postlude “As With Gladness Men of Old” arr. Smith



The liturgy this morning is from: Lectionary Liturgies by Rev. Thom Schuman and the Book of Common Worship, Presbyterian Church (USA); The Pastoral Prayer ~ written by Rick Pryce, and posted on Rick Pryce. <http://rickpryce.wordpress.com/>.

Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church is committed to using language in such a way that all members of the community of faith may recognize themselves to be included, addressed, and equally cherished before God. Seeking to bear witness to the whole world, the church struggles to use language which is faithful to the biblical truth and which neither purposefully nor inadvertently excludes people because of gender, color, or other circumstance in life. (Book of Order, W-1.2006)

- Our musician today is Karen Brunk.

ANNOUNCEMENTS —

- **Please pick up your 2022 Offering Envelopes, now available in Fellowship Hall. If we’ve missed your name, please notify the office.**
- **Giving statements for 2021 are now available in Fellowship Hall. Please pick up your copy and take it with you. Thank you!**
- If you would like to be added to the mailing list for our newsletter, *The Good News*, please send either your email (preferred) or snail mail address to the church office. (Our addresses are listed on the last page of the bulletin.)

- Help us save “pig points.” For us to receive a rebate, please turn in your receipts from the Cambridge Piggly Wiggly in one of three ways: **1.** Place them in the brown bag in the narthex. **2.** Cheryl Stitz will do a porch pickup of any receipts that you may have. Call her at 608-695-1838 to make arrangements. **3.** Receipts can also be mailed to the church office. All funds received are used for mission projects.

WORSHIP SERVICES UPDATE:

2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY, JANUARY 16 WORSHIP AT 10 AM

— In-person worship continues this Sunday in the sanctuary. The Dane County Mask Mandate has been extended to Tuesday, February 1. **Until then, masks are required of all people who enter the building.**



UPDATE!

The food pantry is currently seeking donations of: Coffee, Oatmeal/Cream of Wheat, Laundry detergent, Toothpaste, Body wash, Dog and cat food

Monetary donations are always greatly appreciated!

For more information on how you can make a difference this holiday season, or to volunteer at the food pantry, please email: foodpantry@cambridge.k12.wi.us or call Kerry at (608)423-8142.

The Cambridge Food Pantry website can be found at <https://cambridgecap.net/programs/nutrition/food-pantry/>

Thank you for your continued support of your Cambridge neighbors!

PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER THIS WEEK —

Jan & Nancy Kristiansen

Jack & Jenine Spack

The families of Ken Bilstad, Doreen Drennan, and other families who are grieving the loss of loved ones.

If you would like to be added to our weekly prayer list, please leave word in the church office or contact the pastor. Permission to be included in this publicly posted list has been obtained from those listed or their families.

Church Schedule

Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. Sunday

Communion: First Sunday of each month

Pastoral Office Hours: Generally 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Wednesday or by appointment

Business Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday

(Church hours are approved by Session and posted on church entry doors.)

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