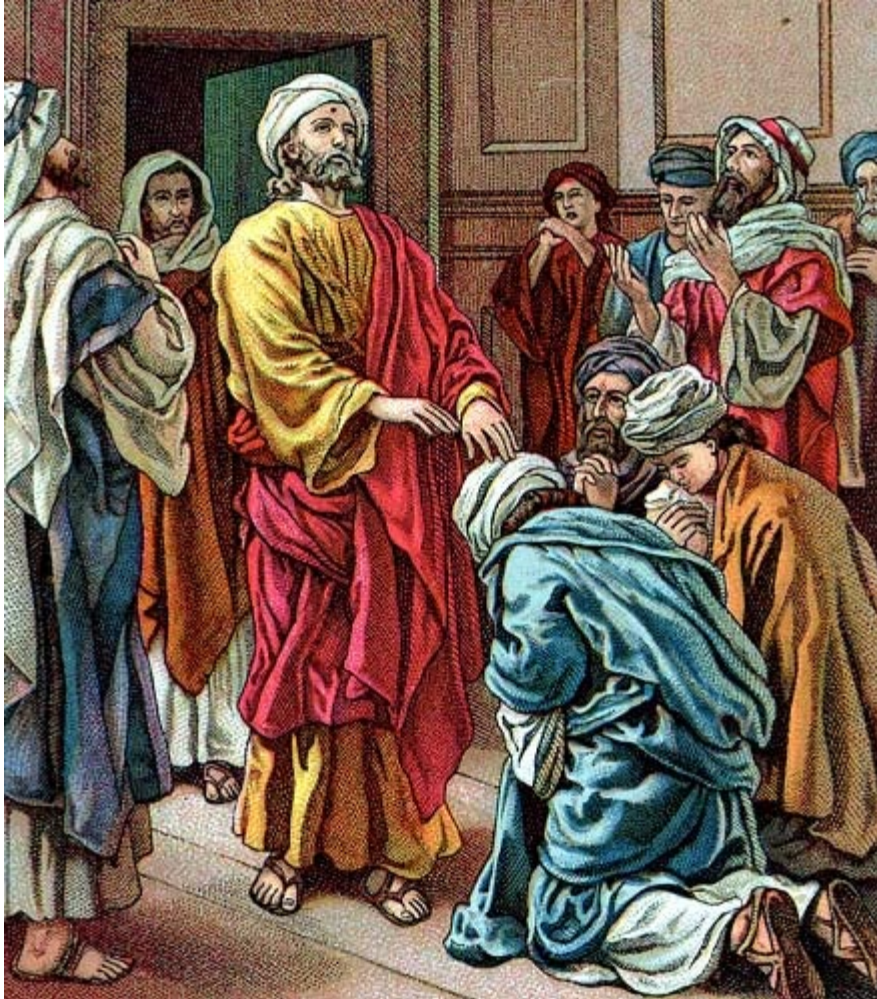


ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



JANUARY 10, 2021

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth,

All: the earth was a formless void

One: and darkness covered the face of the deep,

All: while a wind from Gods swept over the face of the waters.

One: Then God said, "Let there be light";

All: and there was light.

One: And God saw that the light was good;

All: and God separated the light from the darkness.

One: God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night.

All: And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

****Hymn: Your strong word once cleaved the darkness 429**

1. **Your strong word once cleaved the darkness;
at your speaking it was done;
for created light we thank you,
while your ordered seasons run;**

Refrain (verses 1-3)

Hallelujah, hallelujah! Praise for saving light you send!
Hallelujah, hallelujah! Hallelujah without end!

2. Now on those who dwelt in darkness,
dark as night and deep as death,
broke the light of your salvation,
breathed you own life-giving breath: *Refrain*
3. Your strong word declares us righteous;
bright with your own holiness,
glorious now, we press to glory,
and our lives our hopes confess, *Refrain*

4. God the Father, Light-Creator,
praise to you and honour be;
to you, Light of Light begotten,
praise be sung eternally;
Holy Spirit, Light-Revealer, to you glory endless be; mortals,
angels, now and ever praise the Holy Trinity.

Prayer of Adoration

O creator God,
You spoke, and the world came into being.
You spoke, and humanity were created in your image.
You spoke, and revealed your good news in Jesus, the Christ.
O God of grace and glory,
You call us to be your people, faithful and courageous.
So we gather to listen and wonder, sing, pray, and be fed.
You call us to be your instruments of hope in a hurting world,
So we gather to answer your call
and bring you our prayer and praise.

Prayer of Confession

God of majesty and mercy, we confess that have not paid enough attention to Your living Word. As we are welcomed by You, we have not welcomed others wholeheartedly. As we are loved by You, we have not loved others as ourselves. As we received grace, through Christ Jesus our Lord, we have not been gracious to others, whom are truly in need of Your grace. Forgive our acts of selfishness, harmful things we have done to please others, and those done to please ourselves.

Fill all creation with Your Word again, O God, so that by proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples, we may become one living body, your incarnate presence on the earth.

Prayer — The Lord's Prayer (*spoken*)

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, for ever and ever. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

The voice of El Shaddai — God Almighty continues to be at work in our hearts, and in the world to gather together all people and nations in one community, one faith, one baptism, one Lord, and one God. And that truly is Good News. Amen.

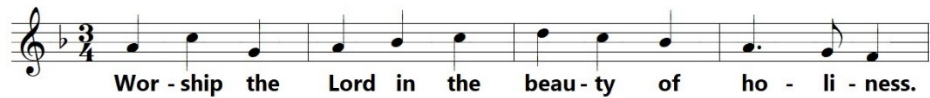
Scripture

First Reading: Mark 1: 4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Psalm 29 Refrain 1



Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
worship the Lord in holy splendour.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
**the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over mighty waters.**

The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

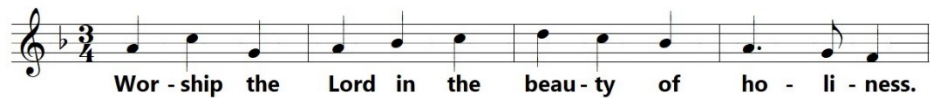
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"**

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!



Second Reading: Acts 19: 1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. 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." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." 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." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied — altogether there were about twelve of them.

Reader: This is the words of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn: On Jordan's bank**

1. **On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.**
2. **Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
make straight the way for God within;
prepare we in our hearts a home
where such a mighty guest may come.**
3. **For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without thy grace, we waste away,
like flowers that wither and decay.**

4. **To heal the sick, stretch out thine hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth and let thy light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.**

5. **All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
whose advent sets thy people free,
whom, with the Father, we adore,
and Holy Spirit, evermore.**

Sermon: Remember Your Baptism

Prayers of the People

****Hymn: Breathe on me, breath of God** 3 89

1. **Breathe on me, breath of God; fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love
and do what thou wouldst do.**
2. **Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will to do and to endure.**
3. **Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.**
4. **Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.**

Announcements

Offering

****Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow** 830
**praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

Prayer of Dedication

****Hymn: One more step along the world I go**

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1. **One more step along the world I go.
One more step along the world I go.
From the old things to the new
keep me travelling along with you.**

Refrain

**And it's from the old I travel to the new.
Keep me travelling along with you.**

2. **Round the corners of the world I turn.
More and more about the world I learn.
All the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me. *Refrain***
3. **As I travel through the bad and good
keep me travelling the way I should.
Where I see no way to go,
you'll be telling me the way, I know. *Refrain***
4. **Give me courage when the world is rough.
Keep me loving though the world is tough.
Leap and sing in all I do.
Keep me travelling along with you. *Refrain***
5. **You are older than the world can be.
You are younger than the life in me.
Ever old and ever new,
keep me travelling along with you. *Refrain***

Benediction

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen.**

Postlude

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