

## The Prayers of the People and 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 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.

## A Minute for Stewardship

### The Church Goes Forth to Serve

#### **The Closing Hymn #490** "Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters" (*Glory to God*)

Wash, O God, your sons and daughters, newborn creatures of your womb.

Number them among your people, raised like Christ from death and tomb.

Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light.

Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.

Every day we need your nurture; by your milk may we be fed.

Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread.

God, renew us; guide our footsteps, free from sin and all its snares,

one with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.

O how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways!

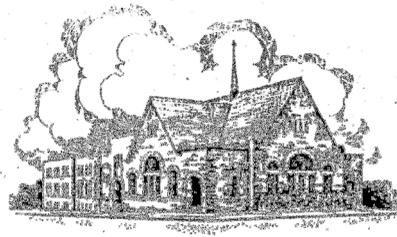
To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise!

We, your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit-born.

By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God, transform!

## The Benediction

## The Postlude



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# Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

January 10, 2021

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

10:30 AM

## The Church in Preparation

### The Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

### The Introit and Time of Centering #279 "Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all thy quickening powers;  
kindle a flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours.

In vain we tune our formal songs; in vain we strive to rise;  
hosannas languish on our tongues, and our devotion dies.

Dear Lord, and shall we ever live at this poor dying rate?  
Our love so faint, so cold to thee, and thine to us so great!

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all thy quickening powers;  
come, shed abroad a Savior's love, and that shall kindle ours.

### The Call to Worship

Leader 1: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

Leader 2: The God of glory thunders.

Leader 1: The voice of the Lord is powerful;

Leader 2: The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

Leader 1: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;

Leader 2: The Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

Leader 1: Let us worship our Lord,

Ruler of all creation and redeemer of all people.

*(Portions of Psalm 29, adapted)*

### The Opening Prayer (*In Unison*)

Eternal God, in the power of the storm, you show your glory. In the silence of prayer, you whisper your presence. In the gift of Jesus, you declare your love. That love never ceases to startle and amaze us. In Christ, you name us and claim us as your very own. Join us in this time of worship. Open our ears so that we may hear your voice anew. Open our hearts so that we may love and live for you, through the grace of Christ. Amen.

**The Opening Hymn #475** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” *(Glory to God)*

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.

**The Prayer of Confession** *(In Unison)*

**Merciful God, in the waters of baptism, you cleanse us, and claim us, and welcome us into the body of Christ. Yet we continue to live apart from you. We grant our allegiance to the false gods of wealth and worldly power. We accept lies and counterfeit narratives about our neighbor and ourselves. We allow our spirits to be sickened by cynicism, hatred, and despair. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to live into the promise of our baptisms. Empower us to walk in the way of Jesus—the way of love and sacrificial service—the way that draws us close to you. Amen.**

**A Time of Silent Confession and Assurance of Pardon**

**Musical Response**

“Gloria Patri”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

**The Church in Proclamation**

**Scripture Readings**

Genesis 1:1 - 5

Mark 1:4 - 11

Leader: The word of the Lord Thanks be to God

**Special Music**

“Jesus, Name of Wondrous Love”

Vocalist: Deanna Golden

Piano: Melinda Ripper

**The Micro Message**

**Musical Response #480**

“Take Me to the Water”

*(Glory to God)*

Take me to the water. Take me to the water.  
Take me to the water to be baptized.

I love Jesus. I love Jesus.  
I love Jesus, yes, I do.

He’s my Savior. He’s my Savior.  
He’s my Savior, yes, he is.

Glory hallelujah. Glory hallelujah.  
Glory hallelujah to be baptized.

**The Sermon**

Rev. Merry Meloy

**The Hymn #164**

“Down Galilee’s Slow Roadways”

*(Glory to God)*

Down Galilee’s slow roadways a stranger traveled on  
from Nazareth to Jordan to be baptized by John.  
He went down to the waters like soldier, scribe, and slave,  
but there within the river the sign was birth and grave.

Arising from the river he saw the heavens torn;  
it seemed the sky so open revealed the Spirit’s form.  
The holy dove descended amid a glorious voice;  
“You are my own beloved, my child, my heart, my choice.”

We too have found a roadway; it led us to this place.  
We all have had to travel in search of hope and grace.  
But now beside this water again a voice is heard.  
“You are my own, my chosen, beloved of your Lord.”

**The Church Responds**

**The Affirmation of Faith - Apostles’ Creed** *(In Unison)*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Scripture Readings

### Genesis 1:1 - 5

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup> the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup> Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

### Mark 1:4-11

<sup>4</sup> John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased."



## All in the Family



*The sympathy and resurrection faith of the congregation go out to the Pisani family. Peggy's brother, James Buzzard, died on December 26, 2020 in Reading, PA.*



## Happy Birthday

January 16

Peggy Pisani

## Donations Welcome

The Indoor Yard Sale Team is now accepting certain donations. The list includes:

- Small Furniture such as recliners, desk chairs, children's furniture, twin headboards, small shelves, end-tables, etc.
- Small Appliances such as mixers, air fryers, microwaves, sweepers, waffle makers, etc.
- Clean Area Rugs
- Linens
- Clean Bed Spreads
- Outdoor Furniture
- Home Décor—Steeler items and patriotic items sell well.

**They cannot accept clothing** right now.

If you have items to donate, please contact Anzie Kelley to coordinate a time to drop them off at the church. Like sales, donations are being made by appointment only. Thanks so much for your contributions and your ongoing support!