

**Baptism of the Lord
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

We're delighted that you're here! Whoever you are, wherever you come from, whomever you love, whatever your faith or your doubts, we welcome all whom God welcomes, and that means you.

PRELUDE *Magnificat Primi Toni* J. Pachelbel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION OF A NEW MEMBER

CALL TO WORSHIP

We who were once far off have been brought near...
by the one who came to speak peace to the nations.
 We who were once foreigners and strangers are no longer thus...
for we are brothers and sisters, siblings in the household of God.
 From North to South, our baptism connects us.
From East to West, we are made one in Jesus Christ.

*HYMN 484 *Out of Deep, Unordered Water* RUSTINGTON

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, in baptism you offer reconciliation and new life, yet we are estranged from one another and from you. We hold grudges and are hesitant to welcome those with whom we disagree. Help us to trust the healing waters of baptism, and to believe your gracious love, that we might receive your Spirit with joy. We open our hearts to you in silent prayer...

*KYRIE 577 *O Lord, Have Mercy* KYRIE ELEISON(Reindorf)

***Lord, have mercy. Lord have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord have mercy.***

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

*GLORIA 582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* GLORY TO GOD(Vasile)

***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, Amen.***

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

(Please greet one another with: "The peace of Christ be with you." / "And also with you.")

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

SUNG INVITATION

*Come in, come in and sit down, you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found, and we are a part of the family.*

FOCUS ON CHILDREN

Patti Winter

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 42:1-9

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Here I am, Lord arr. Llody Larson
 Kathy Sexton and Emily Westbrook, soloists

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 3:13-17

Holy wisdom, holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A Healing River Rev. Cat Goodrich

DEDICATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Do you believe in God, who has created and is creating,
 who has come in Jesus to reconcile and make new,
 and who works in us and others by the Spirit?

I do.

Will you follow in the way of Christ, resisting evil, seeking justice, and witnessing to God's love for all creation?

I will, with God's help.

As a baptized and baptizing church, let us pledge to one another our continued support and care:

We will continue to support one another, walk with each other, and grow together.

With God's help, we will live out our baptism as a loving community in Jesus Christ: nurturing one another in faith, upholding one another in prayer, encouraging one another in God's work, resisting evil, and seeking justice together.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 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.**

***HYMN**

Healing River

Fred Hellerman & Fran Minkoff

***O healing river, send down your water,
send down your water, upon this land.
O healing river, send down your water
and wash the blood, from off the sand.***

***This land is parching, this land is thirsting,
no seed is growing in the barren ground.
O healing river, send down your water,
O healing river, send your water down.***

***Let the seed of freedom awake and flourish,
let the deep roots nourish, let the tall stalks rise.
O healing river, send down your waters,
O healing river, send your water down.***

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Part of your offering today is the gift of your presence. Please acknowledge your presence by signing the welcome book at the end of your row. To be directed to our online giving site, please use your smartphone to scan here:



THE OFFERTORY

As The Deer

arr. Chris Rice

***THE DOXOLOGY 607**

OLD HUNDRETH

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit ever more;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 475**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

***CHARGE AND BEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Crown Him Lord of All!

G. Martin

*Please stand as you are able.

WE WELCOME VISITORS Your presence enriches our community. We hope the service held meaning and beauty for you. To learn more about opportunities for spiritual growth and service, visit us on the web at www.fpcbham.org.

IF YOU ARE SEEKING A CHURCH HOME, our Session meets on the *first Sunday of the month* in the Chapel following the 11:00 worship service to welcome new members. If you are looking for a faith community, we hope you will make First your home.

FOR CHILDREN: Children's bags and bulletins are available in the Narthex (ushers can locate them for you). Please empty and return the bags after worship. We love having kids in worship, but the following alternatives are also available: *Nursery* is provided for infants (at least six weeks old) and toddlers. After the *Focus on Children*, children ages 3-7 go to the balcony, where they experience a little of what worship is like while doing learning activities related to the scripture with coloring, puzzles, books, children's bulletins and more. When the sacraments of the Lord's Supper or Baptism are celebrated, children return to the sanctuary. We invite those in second grade and above to remain in the sanctuary and participate in the entire worship service.

LET THE BELLS PLAY! Our 37-bell Rushton Memorial Carillon was the first such instrument in Birmingham and the third in the United States, when installed in 1924.

PRAYER REQUESTS Please use the Prayer Request and Information Change cards, found in the pew rack, to relay information to the church office. Print your name and any other information you may need to relay to the office and place it in the offering plate.

SERMONS are available from our website at www.fpcbham.org.

The LITURGIST for today is Scott Pierce.

Have you remembered the church in your will?

MISSION CENTERS OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FIRST LIGHT, INC. is a mission center of FPC, giving shelter and support services for homeless women and children. If you would like to help, speak to our pastors or call Ruth Crosby, Executive Director (323-4277). First Light's website: www.firstlightshelter.org

RUTH AND NAOMI SENIOR OUTREACH (RNSO) has as its mission to become spiritual companions to isolated older adults and to call, equip, and support others to do so as well. Contact chaplain@ruthandnaomi.org.

THE RUSHTON CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER provides quality childcare in a loving, nurturing environment – accredited by NAEYC and licensed by the Department of Human Resources. Call the CDC office at 322-8310. The Center's website is www.eprdc.com

FAITH IN ACTION ALABAMA, a faith-based community-organizing effort FPC shares with faith communities throughout the city, works to improve quality of life for all our citizens. Faith in Action is a PICO network affiliate and can be reached at daniel@faal.org.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOUNDATION provides support to First Presbyterian Church for the maintenance and upkeep of this historic sacred space built in 1889. 10% of the Foundation's annuity payment aids mission selected by session. Contact Mark Aldridge for more information.

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