

SHALLOTTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Just as [Jesus] 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."

(Mark 1:10-11)



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Baptism of the Lord | January 9, 2022

(*Indicates where it is appropriate, but not necessary, to stand.)

All speak words in **boldface**.)

❖ Called by God We Gather ❖

GATHERING MUSIC & WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Gather and greet each other in joy.)

CALLED TO WORSHIP IN RINGING THE TRINITY AND IN MUSIC

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Edwin T. Childs

OPENING SENTENCES

Through God's saving grace, the waters that tested us
are now the waters that wash us and nourish us.

(Continued)

Great is the Fount of Every Blessing,
ever flowing, ever redeeming, ever claiming us as God's children.
Come, let us worship the God who washes us in grace.

*HYMN *Christ, Your Footprints through the Desert* HYFRYDOL

***Christ, your footprints through the desert
led to Jordan's flowing stream.
There you heard the herald crying
Israel's old, prophetic dream:
"He is coming! He is coming!
He will cleanse the earth with flame!
Sinners, plunge beneath the waters!
Wash away your guilt and shame!"***

*PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

(Pouring water into the font.)

Voice of Heaven, with the water of baptism reminding us of your love,
we lift our praises to you.

Your voice cradles us with songs of wonder and awe. Your voice
sweeps away all the boundaries between us. Your voice reminds us
that we are precious, esteemed, beloved. Even so,
**we often live as if they have not changed us. Forgive us, Spirit of
grace. Remind us again that in the water of our baptism we stand
with Jesus and hear your affirming voice. May your grace
become our gratitude that we reveal in deeds, following Jesus in
paths of justice, right relationship, and peace. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Amen

*HYMN

Christ, Your Footprints through the Desert

HYFRYDOL

***Christ, you heard the stirring summons
as by Jordan's bank you stood;
bathed, though sinless, with your people
in the river's cleansing flood.
High above, the heavens opened;
came the Spirit as a dove;
spoke a Voice beyond all hearing:
"See my Son, the One I love.***

❖ **To Hear God's Word of Grace** ❖

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:1-11

ANTHEM

A Baptism Carol

Jane Foster Knox & Mark Wilson

Wayne Tillman, solo, 8:30AM Service

SPC Chancel Choir, 11:00AM Service

"This is My beloved, this is My beloved, this is My beloved Son, who is pleasing in My sight. This is My beloved, this is My beloved, this is My beloved Son, in Him I am well please." When Jesus came to the Jordan to be baptized by John, God's love surrounded those who gathered there. The Spirit of the Lord descended as a dove, and a voice came from heaven, saying: "This is My beloved, this is My beloved, this is My beloved Son, who is pleasing in My sight. This is My beloved, this is My beloved, this is My beloved Son, in Him I am well please." As Christians follow Christ's example and come to be baptized, His love is there to guide them on their way. Bestow, O God, the gift of wonder and of joy on each lamb of Your own calling. "This is My beloved, this is My beloved, this is My beloved Son, who is pleasing in My sight. This is My beloved, this is My beloved, this is My beloved Son, in Him I am well please."

❖ **To Respond in Faith with Gratitude** ❖

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**There are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**To each is given a gift of the Spirit
to be used for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

PRESENTATION BY THE CLERK OF SESSION

For Ordination

David Martin, Rich Winslow - Office of Elder

Audrey Lee, Office of Deacon

For Installation and Commitment to Ongoing Service

Elders 2022

2023

2024

Bob Gorman

Susan Alley

Rich Winslow

Don Kauffman

Ed Carter

David Martin

Gail Thomas

Barbara Montague

Betsy Braddock

Donna Trest

Ryan Smithwick

Scott Taylor

Deacons 2022

2023

2024

Wendy Hughes

Sally Gunn

Deb Claxton

Daphne Jones

Charlie Libert

Donna Crews

Berta Murray

Susanne Pierce

Alberta Gisel

Dick Wilson

Marvin Stackhouse

Audrey Lee

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

QUESTIONS FOR THE CANDIDATES

QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION

Do we, the members of the church, accept these men and women as deacons and elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

PRAYER AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

The Lord's Prayer

hymnal p. 35

❖ To Depart Blessed to Serve ❖

*HYMN

Christ, You Heard the Stirring Summons

HYFRYDOL

**God, in baptism you have made us
one with Christ, our risen Lord;
Freed us, claimed us, cleansed, forgiven
through the water and the Word.
Help us hear your urgent summons,
calling us to serve you now.
Send us forth, your sons and daughters,
with the cross upon our brow.**

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*BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

CLOSING MUSIC



Rev. Laura Viau, Interim Pastor (church@atmc.net)
Randy Warner, Liturgy and Music Associate; **Kathy Sasso**, Church Secretary;
Linda Rowell, Church Treasurer; **Joyce Winkler**, Qualified Ruling Elder;
Hery Ramambasoa, Regional Liaison for Southeast Asia and the Pacific



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