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First Presbyterian Church

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**Come, Worship the Lord, Our God
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
We Celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism**

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Words to hymns are on the back of the bulletin

JULY 25, 2021

10:00am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Jesus Loves Me

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship hungry, and with little in our hands.

We expect to be satisfied—abundantly filled with grace.

We sit down together to eat a miracle.

We will rise up laughing... and with leftovers!

Let us worship God who blesses us!

GATHERING PRAYER

Triune God, shepherd of your people Israel, you provide for us far more than we expect or imagine possible. Calm our fears; speak peace to us; lead us beyond ourselves. Gather us with all the saints in the church to glorify you for your mighty deeds. We pray in the strong name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN: 475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess to our God, for the Lord is just in all his ways and kind in all his doings. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The river of God's mercy runs deeper and wider than our sin. God removes our sins as far as the heavens are above the earth. Beloved in the risen Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Chase David Gatti, son of Kelly & Jeff Gatti

Presentation

Questions to the Parents, Godparents, Congregation, and the Children

Profession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

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 Spirit, 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.

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Baptism

Presentation of Gifts

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

2 Kings 4:42-44

John 6:1-21

SERMON

The Rev. Leslie Latham

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

God is our rock and our fortress. Let us celebrate our salvation by fearlessly giving a portion of what has already been given to us, either by placing it in the basket in the back of the church, or by mailing it in.

THE OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Yours, O Lord, are grandeur and power; majesty, splendor and glory.

All in the heavens and on earth is yours, and we give you of your own.

HYMN: 440 *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

CHARGE

Go now, rooted and grounded in love,
to make known to all people the mighty deeds of God!

BENEDICTION

Hymns

“Come Thou Fount of every Blessing”

1. 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!

2. 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.

3. 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.

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

1. Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past.
Safe into the haven guide. O receive my soul at last!

2. Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on thee.
Leave, ah! leave me not alone; still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring.
Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.

3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find.
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy name, I am all unrighteousness.
False and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.

4. Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin.
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of thee.
Spring thou up within my heart. Rise to all eternity.