



A joyful church, guided by God, loving our neighbors.

Baptism of the Lord/10:30 AM & Virtual Service
Sunday, 9 January 2022

THE GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

Surely the Presence

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

O Sanctissima - Sicilian Melody, arr. Diane Bish

Theresa Merrill

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 29

One: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly being, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

All: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

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

All: May the Lord give strength to God's people! May the Lord bless God's people with peace!

One: Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER: God of good tidings, You gladden our hearts with Your favor. Our ears are attuned to Your words of mercy. Wherever we look, we see the signs of Your presence: Christ has truly come to set the captives free. Washed clean by Your grace and renewed by Your Spirit, we put on the mantles of praise and raise our voices in glad adoration. All glory be to You, O God of splendor and majesty, for in Christ we receive the gift of new life. Amen.

OPENING HYMN #96

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

WINCHESTER NEW

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!
Then cleansed be every life from sin; make straight the way for God within, and let us all our hearts prepare
for Christ to come and enter there.

We hail you as our Savior, Lord, our refuge and our great reward; without your grace we waste
away like flowers that wither and decay.

Stretch forth your hand; our health restore, and make us rise to fall no more.

O let your face upon us shine and fill the world with love divine.

*CALL TO CONFESSION: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not within us. In confession we acknowledge our brokenness and our need for God who is faithful, just, loving and forgiving. In humility and in faith let us confess our condition to God by praying together...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **You, who in Christ, have assured redemption, hear our confession and forgive our sin. Christ proclaims Your goodwill toward all people, yet we pursue vengeance. Those who mourn go uncomforted, as warfare continues in the earth. Captives without number await deliverance while we take freedom for granted. The afflicted await some sign of good news. Amid the ruin of cities and the clamor of protesting voices, we confess our disobedience. Save Your people, O God, and cleanse us of our sin, for the sake of Your Anointed One, Jesus Christ.**

(Silent prayers of confession may be offered.)

*THE KYRIE: **Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy upon us.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Recall John's words, "I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...(who) will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." As we repent our wickedness, Christ, who knows the intents of our hearts, cleanses us of all sin. The threshing floor is stirred and sifted so the wheat can be gathered. May the unquenchable fire of the Spirit purge our beings and prepare us for the reign of God. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI #581: **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.**

GIFT OF THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT TEXT

Galatians 4:4-7

4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. 6 And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" 7 So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Joys Seven

Stephen Cleobury

The first good joy that Mary had it was the joy of one, to see the blessed Jesus Christ, when he was first her son
When he was first her son, good man, and blessed may he be, Both Father, Son and Holy Ghost, through all eternity.

The next good Joy that Mary had it was the joy of two, to see her own son, Jesus Christ, to make the lame to go,
To make the lame to go, good man, and blessed may he be, Both Father, Son and Holy Ghost, through all eternity.

The next good joy that Mary had it was the joy of three, to see her own son Jesus Christ to make the blind to see.
To make the blind to see, good man, and blessed may he be, Both Father, Son and Holy Ghost, through all eternity.

The next good joy that Mary had it was the joy of four, to see her own son Jesus Christ to read the bible o'er.
To read the bible o'er, good man, and blessed may he be, Both Father, Son and Holy Ghost, through all eternity.

The next good joy that Mary had it was the joy of five, to see her own son Jesus Christ to bring the dead alive.
To bring the dead alive, good man, and blessed may he be, Both Father, Son and Holy Ghost, through all eternity.

The next good joy that Mary had it was the joy of six, to see her own son Jesus Christ upon the crucifix,
Upon the crucifix, good man, and blessed may he be, Both Father, Son and Holy Ghost, through all eternity.

The next good joy that Mary had it was the joy of seven, to see her own son Jesus Christ to wear the Crown of Heaven.
To wear the Crown of Heaven, good man, and blessed may he be, Both Father, Son and Holy Ghost, through all eternity.

SERMON

Abba's Child

Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of 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, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. 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.

CLOSING HYMN #481

I Believe in God the Father

GENEVAN 42

I believe in God the Father, merciful and mighty Lord, maker of the earth and heavens, whom we worship and adore; and in Jesus Christ the Son, only Savior, sovereign one, by the Holy Spirit given, born of Mary, blessed virgin.

Under Pilate, Jesus suffered, faithful to his final breath.

He was crucified and buried, and descended into death.

From the grave he did arise; he ascended through the skies; now enthroned with God in heaven, he will judge the dead and living.

I believe in God the Spirit, and the church in every place; saints in glorious communion, all forgiven, full of grace;

flesh and blood will live again; life in Christ will never end.

Holy Spirit, Son and Father: I will praise your name forever.

BENEDICTION

Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda

POSTLUDE

Noel - Claude Daquin

Theresa Merrill

The flowers today are given by Lynn Adams to the Glory of God in loving memory of Eloise Fix, and beloved wife, Trish.

6 WEEK BOOK STUDY

Beginning January 23rd, Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda is leading a 6 Week Book Study "*The Sunflower: On the Possibilities and Limits of Forgiveness*" by Simon Wiesenthal, in the **Sanctuary: 9:30-10:15 am**. No book orders will be placed by PRPC, but you are welcome to purchase one on Amazon. Whether you purchase the book or not- you are welcome to join us!

Discussion Schedule:

1/23	1-45 pgs
1/30	45-90 pgs
2/6	90-135 pgs
2/13	135-180 pgs
2/20	180- 225 pgs
2/27	225-end

REMEMBER THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

New Prayer Concerns:

- **All Families who have suffered a loss**

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

- **Darryl Davis**, health concerns, brother of Diana Hargrave
- **Dorothy Fisher**, Health concerns
- **Jen Hargrave**, daughter of Diana, sister of Wes, health concerns
- **George Horning**, Health concerns
- **Vera Lambert**, Health concerns
- **Glenn Montague**, Hospice

- **Marilyn Perry**, Health concerns, friend of Linda Baden
- **Dan Snow**, Cancer diagnosis, father of Rev. Amy Snow
- **Tom Wise**, Health concerns
- **Sharon Yee**, Surgery, friend of Linda Baden

Serving in the Armed Forces:

- **Zachary Huffman**, Friend of Barb Imm
- **Brian Montague**, grandson of Glenn Montague

Mission Coworkers:

- **Jim McGill**, in Africa

****Please notify the church office of any prayer requests you may have including those of you who have loved ones in the Armed Forces or in Mission.**

BLESSED BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Month of January: 2 James Todd, 3 Maddy McGrath, 7 Nathan Record, 8 Cynthia Fesmire, Steve Hammelrath, 9 Barbara Stringer
10 Richard Record, 16 Beatrice Lampkin, Kenneth Suer, 17 Charles Studley, 30 Glenn Montague.