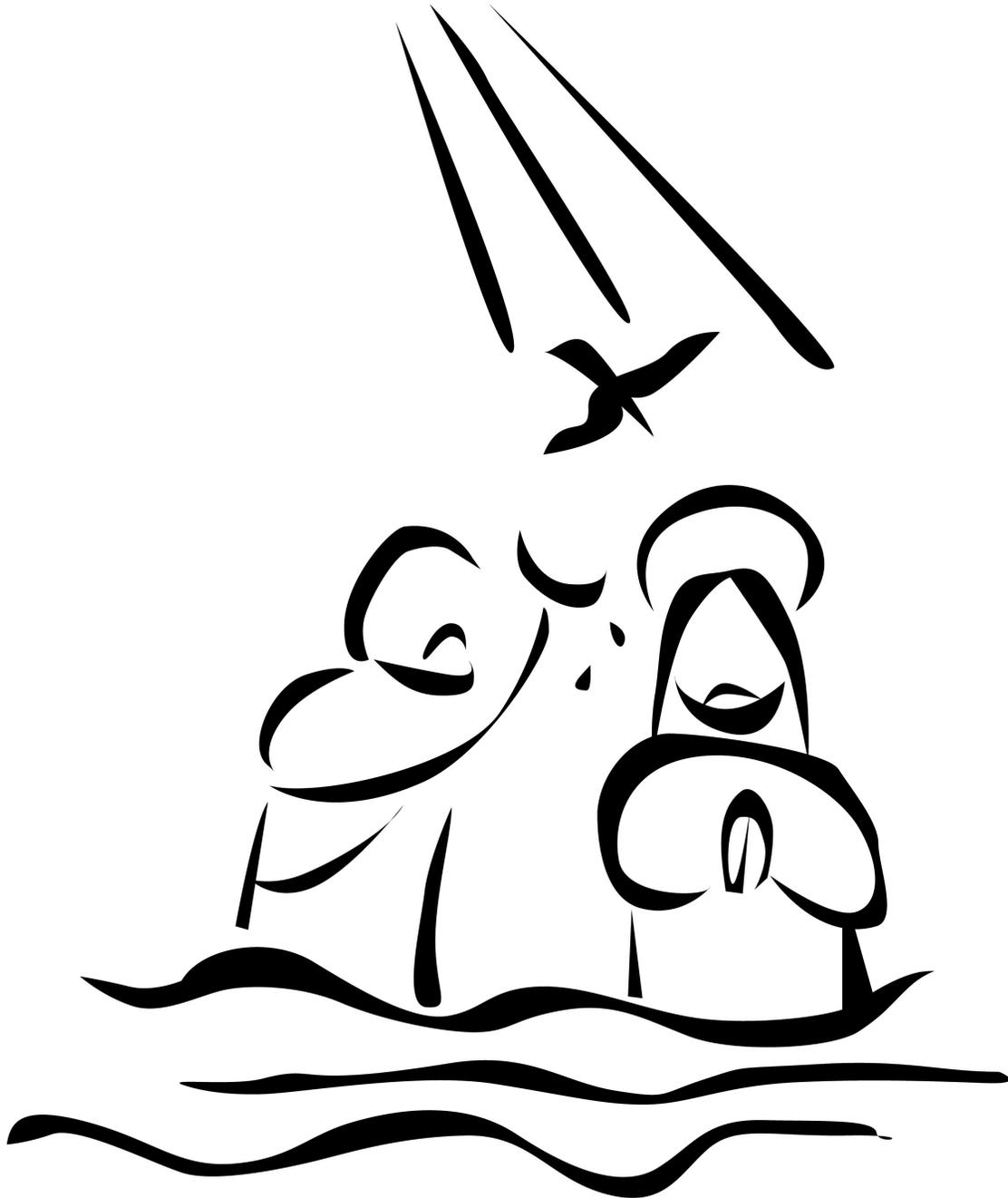


# Westminster Presbyterian Church

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*This church welcomes you no matter who you are, where you come from, or why you are here. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors open wide. If you are passing through, Godspeed. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to join the Westminster Presbyterian Church family. If you are interested in church membership, please speak with Pastor Chip about your interest.*

### **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS, GREETINGS AND OPENING PRAYER**

God of heaven and earth, you call us to bring before you humbly the offering of our very selves. As you revealed Jesus to be your Son at his baptism, so you claim our lives in baptism, that we might die to sin and be raised with Christ to new life. Confirming in our hearts the truth that Christ is the Savior of the world and Lord of our lives, name us this day as your beloved, O God, as we serve Jesus the Christ, and strengthen us by your Spirit's power, now and forever. Amen.

#### **PRELUDE**

*Nearer, My God, to Thee*

Arr. Joel Raney

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP from Matthew 3:1, 11, 17**

Billie Wetzler

**ONE:** John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

**ALL:** He prophesied, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me... I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

**ONE:** Just as Jesus came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him.

**ALL:** And a voice came from heaven, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with whom I am well pleased."

#### **\*HYMN**

*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

No. 688

<sup>1</sup>Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;  
stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,  
and make me love thee as I ought to love.

<sup>5</sup>Teach me to love thee as thy angels love,  
one holy passion filling all my frame;  
the baptism of the heaven-descended Dove,  
my heart an altar, and they love the flame.

## REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

### SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

ONE: There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the on  
hope of your calling,

ALL: **One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is  
above all and through all and in all.**

### REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

ONE: I ask you to respond to these questions:

Do you renounce all evil, and powers in the world which defy God's  
righteousness and love?

ALL: **I renounce them.**

ONE: Do renounce the ways of sin that separate you from the love of  
God?

ALL: **I renounce them.**

ONE: Will you turn to Jesus Christ and trust him as your Lord and Savior?

ALL: **I will, with God's help.**

ONE: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing  
his love?

ALL: **I will, with God's help.**

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from the Apostle's Creed

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

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

Do believe in Jesus Christ?

**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 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.**

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

We thank you, O God, for the gift of baptism. In the waters of new life you confirm that we are your beloved children, that we are covered with Christ in his death, raised to share in his resurrection, and are being transformed by the Holy Spirit.

Pour out upon us and on your whole church the gift of your Holy Spirit, so that all who have passed through the waters of baptism might be renewed and alive to God in Christ Jesus, through whom we pray, Amen

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

MOMENT WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

*Pigeon Needs a Bath*  
By Mo Willem

ANTHEM

Catie Canu, Vocalist

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 3:13-17

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

*SERMON*

*Baptized and Beloved*

Pastor Chip Hatcher

## RESPONDING TO AND SEALING OF THE WORD

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.**

<sup>1</sup>I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
 All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
 I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
 Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

(Refrain) **Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
 I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

<sup>2</sup>I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
 I will give my life for them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

#### BENEDICTION

Go now as a minister of the Lord Jesus Christ. Honor the Lord who calls you, proclaim with your lips and your lives what you know of the risen Christ, and fulfill all righteousness. And may God strengthen you and bless you with peace; May Christ Jesus bring forth justice for you and among you; And may the Holy Spirit alight on you and affirm you as God's own beloved. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, in the name of Christ. Amen.

#### POSTLUDE

*Meditation on the 8th Tone*

*Joseph W. Clokey*

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*\*Congregation standing, if comfortable to do so.*

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**INVITATION TO JOIN THE WESTMINSTER FAMILY:** A person may become a member of this church family by one of the following methods:

- Transfer of letter from another church.
- Affirmation of Faith if you have not joined a church before.
- Re-affirmation of Faith if you haven't been active in church recently.

The **Presbyterian Church** recognizes the baptisms of other Christian denominations. We are an "Open Communion" church. You are encouraged to talk with our Pastor about becoming a part of the Westminster church family. If you need more information, please contact our Minister, Rev. Chip Hatcher or call the church office at 525.1367, or e-mail us at [wpchsar@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wpchsar@sbcglobal.net). The temporary church office hours are Mon.-Thurs., 9:00 a.m. —3:00 p.m.

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**OUR MISSION STATEMENT:**

*Striving to share Christ's love with all of God's people.*

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

The congregation is asked to pray for the members listed each week, and those listed are asked to pray for our congregation. This week, please pray for **Alex DeGrasse, Stephen, Bailey, & Preston DeGrasse, Katrina Taylor, Melodee Dillingham, Jim & Sybil Dowds, Lamonte Efir, and Theresa Ekema.**

Arkansas Presbytery requests prayers for **First Presbyterian Church** of Clarksville and for **Park Hill Presbyterian Church** of North Little Rock.

REMEMBER **Our Country, our Leaders, our military, Erik Knebel and Adam Howell, and Missionaries Jeff and Christi Boyd, Congo.**

**MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN LONG-TERM RETIREMENT & HEALTH-CARE FACILITIES**

Lake Hamilton Health & Rehab ..... **Marjorie Springston**  
West Shores ..... **Jim & Sybil Dowds, Juanita Winn,**  
..... **Rev. Jim Chaffin, and Ann Wood**  
GCEH ..... **Donna Leach**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**JANUARY 2021** dollar giving is designated to purchase ceramic heaters for Jackson House to distribute to individuals with heating needs for the winter.

**LIMITED IN-PERSON WORSHIP**, The Session is asking that you make reservations for attendance to the **January 17** worship service by calling the church office **Monday, January 11, 2021, through noon Thursday, January 14**. The In-Person worship will be limited to 50 individuals. **YOU MUST REGISTER** by calling or e-mailing the church office prior to noon Thursday. **Reservations must be made every week by everyone**.

**PER THE GOVERNORS'S REVISED GUIDELINES, PLEASE REMEMBER** for safety's sake at in-person worship that you wear your mask, disinfect on entering and on leaving the building, maintain a six-foot distance both indoors and outdoors, sit only where the usher seats you, dismiss quickly and quietly by usher after the postlude without removing your mask until you are in your vehicle, and move outdoors without lingering in the narthex or the doorway. Thank you!!

**2021 GIVING ENVELOPES** are available on the welcome table. If you would like to utilize the envelopes and there is not one with your name on the box, please take an unmarked box and then notify the church office as to which number you took. **PLEASE USE ONLY ENVELOPES FOR THE CURRENT YEAR! THROW AWAY OLD (PAST YEARS) ENVELOPES.**

**THE SESSION HAS RESET** Sunday, January 24, 2021, to hold a congregational meeting for the purpose of reviewing Pastor Chip's call.