

Doylestown Presbyterian Church
Baptism of the Lord
January 9, 2022 – 8:30 am
John Willingham preaching, Becca Bateman assisting

Prelude *Shall We Gather at the River?* arr. Thomas W. Jefferson

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Through water, the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

Left side: **Through water, you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise.**

Right side: **Through water, your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah.**

All: **Through water... we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Congregational Response 288

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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Prayer of Confession

Creator God, of the earth, water, land, creatures, and us. We confess that we live at times as if you are far away. When we live as if you are above us, distant in a cloud, we have forgotten the humanness of your life, that you were born as messy as we were. You were baptized as we are baptized, in water from this earth you created. In baptism you united us, yet we foster division and refuse to live as one people. We live in discord with all you have made, others and the earth. We cover up the mess that is our lives. Remind us that you are very near to us, not only in Spirit but in experience. Guide and direct us, Lord, so that we might rely on your ways and not the ways of the world.

(Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News, we rise to new life in Christ and are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

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Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

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Scripture Lesson: Luke 3:15-22

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 60

Special Music

Allemande from Suite No. 1

J.S. Bach

Beth Vandersall, Cello

(Ushers will collect any prayer request cards at this time.)

Sermon

“A Reminder of Why We Baptize”

*Reaffirmation of Baptism for a Congregation

Sentences of Scripture

*Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. **For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free— and we were made to drink of one Spirit.***

Profession of Faith

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Who is your Lord and Savior? **Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciples, obeying his word and showing his love? **I will, with God's help.**

**Those who are able are invited to stand*

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

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

Do you 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 sin, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Remember your baptism and be thankful. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Concerns of the Church

(Persons nearest the aisles are asked to sign and pass the Act of Friendship pad toward the middle of the pew. Please keep the cover open as the pad is returned toward the aisles.)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

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 482

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

*Benediction

*Postlude

Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam, BWV 240

J.S. Bach

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New Life! The rose on the Communion Table celebrates the birth of Raegan Hill Shaw, born on January 2, to Stephen and Katie Shaw. The proud DPC grandparents are Dave and Sharon Shaw, and Craig Sutton and Sue Sutton.

The **flowers** are given today in loving memory of Eleanor Mill by Carl, Dianne, Adrienne and Ryan Mill; in loving memory of our parents by Tom and Ginny Swartley; and in loving memory of husband/father Richard D. Fister and in loving memory of grandson/nephew Richard G. Fister from Betty and Diane Fister.

Let's Connect! Do you have a prayer request or want to share a joy or concern? You can either use the card handed to you by an usher this morning or visit www.dtownnpc.org and click "Connect" at the top of the page to contact us or scan this QR code with your smart phone camera.



SCAN ME

Environmental Discussion Series: The Peace & Justice Committee presents a series on Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si*. Join us in Andrews Hall 213 on Wednesdays **Jan. 19-Feb. 9** at 6-7:30 pm as we reflect on our role in addressing climate change.

DPC will be hosting the **Code Blue shelter** in February and many volunteers are needed to make it happen! For those who have not already attended a volunteer training, there will be an in-person opportunity on Sunday, **January 16 from 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm** at Doylestown United Methodist in Overholt Hall, or they can access the training virtually at <https://co2ssh.org/volunteer-training>.