

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MT. PLEASANT, MI**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
January 10, 2021
Baptism of the Lord Sunday
10:30 AM Worship Service**

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PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

PRELUDE

**“Down to the River to Pray”
Mary Jo Cox, organ**

Mark Hayes

WORDS OF GREETING

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Martha Miller

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION WITH MUSIC

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Silent Confession)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God whose spirit moved over the waters, you have washed us in your mercy, claimed us as your own, bound us in community, and called for us to lives of baptismal grace. Forgive us, O God, for we have not lived as if we were your baptized people. We stumble over opportunities for forgiveness. We prioritize our own selfish interests. We are slow to disrupt the status quo, even when it means ignoring our neighbors’ suffering. Forgive us, O God, and by your forgiveness, lead us back to your waters of transformation. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Pass the peace if able by posting a comment on the church's Facebook Page.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Mark 1:4-11

4 John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 6 Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 7 He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. 8 I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." 9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. 11 And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

"The Water of Baptism"

Andrew Miller

Question of the Day: What does baptism mean to you?

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *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 Ghost,
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 life everlasting. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Shall We Gather at the River"
Mark Cox, tuba

Paul Basler

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Prayers and Concern of the Congregation are extended to:

Bob Long (son-in-law of Connie and Don Holland), Dottie Theunissen, Kim Patton,
(David Patton's Father), Rick Aultman (Nicole Patton father), Janie Smith (Candy

Baker's Great Aunt), Alice O'fferall (friend of Andrew Miller), Carly Kirkland (friend of Andrew Miller's mother), Rick Rodriguez (friend of Tim Fitzgerald), Joe Cavazos (Andrew Miller's brothers father-in-law), The Morrison Family (friends of Sheli Rhodes), Mike Mitchell & JT Schmitt (Barb Lindley's son-in-laws), Jim Bidwell, Linda Rose, The Belanger family (friends of Judy and Kim DeWitt), Linnet Stevens, Dottie Graham (friend of Jim and Marilyn Bidwell), Charles Loubert, Jim Gilbert, Peter Russell, David Neyer, Lois Kerr, Sarah Gilbert, Joyce McNabb, Colleen Long, Lavona Osborne, Richard Shugert. Mission Co-Workers Michael and Rachel Ludwig, Cathy Chang, Juan Lopez, and Noah Lapp, Vowles Elementary, Fairgrove Presbyterian, Fairgrove, MI, Protestant Church in the Moluccas and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

MORNING PRAYER 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 sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Grand Choeur”

Jean-Jacques Beauvorlet-Charpentier

Notes:

Worship Leaders: Mary Jo Cox, Mark Cox, Martha Miller, and Andrew Miller

Offering:

You can give your offering by mailing it to the church office: First Presbyterian Church, 1250 Watson Road, Mt. Pleasant, 48858. You can also give an offering by going to the church's website, www@fpcmp.org and hit the “Give Now” button or use the QR Code,



Phone calls to the church office are being transferred to Andrew Miller's cellphone.

Ways to stay connected: phone calls, Facebook, Facetime, Skype, Zoom, send a card or note, pray with and for one another, join an Outreach Cluster.

At this time, the church will not be collecting plastic grocery bags or plastic containers. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Annual Meeting

The Session has called for the Annual Meeting to be on Sunday, January 31, 2021 at the end of the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the 2020 Annual Report and to approve the Terms of Call for the pastor.