

SUN 11 AM  
JANUARY 12, 2025

*Worship Service* for THE LORD'S DAY  
BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

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**FOX CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*As a community of Christ's disciples, we joyfully participate  
in Christ's mission of love and peace, transformation and hope.*

# Welcome to Worship

Words printed in **bold** are for the congregation to speak in unison.

\* An invitation to rise in body or spirit.

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND INVITATIONS

Rev. Ginger Thomas

## INTROIT

Together We Serve

*Together we serve, united by love, inviting God's world to the glorious feast. We work and we pray through sorrow and joy, extending God's love to the last and the least.*

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rebecca DePoe

The heavens opened, the Spirit descended,  
**and a voice sounded: This is my Beloved Son.**

Let us pray:

**Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; for he lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## \*HYMN 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*HYMN TO JOY*

## INVITATION TO SILENT PRAYER AND CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us captive. In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so, in Christ, God speaks to us: You are my child, my beloved; with you I am well pleased. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*All are invited to exchange signs of reconciliation and peace with others.*

### SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:1-7 (OT, pg. 672)

Judy Grune

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Lori Bass-Riley

*Children attending Kids' Church may follow Pastor Lori.*

### SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (NT, pg. 60)

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

On the Team

Rev. Roger Owens

### \*CHORAL RESPONSE

You Belong to Christ

*YOU BELONG TO CHRIST*

*You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

## CONGREGATIONAL RENEWAL OF BAPTISM

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.

**In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.**

Beloved people of God, our baptism is the sign and seal of our cleansing from sin, and of our being united with Christ. Through our baptism we were made citizens of God's kingdom, and freed from the bondage of sin. Let us celebrate that freedom and redemption through the renewal of the promises made at our baptism.

I ask you to confess again the faith expressed at your baptism and confirmation.

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 disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

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

Let us pray.

Glory to you, O God, for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks and praise for all you have done in your Son, Jesus Christ, and that by the grace of our baptism, you have claimed us and poured out the gifts of your Spirit so that we might be dead to sin and alive to you in Christ Jesus. Continue to pour out your Spirit upon us. Empower us to love and serve you and live as your faithful people.

**Amen.**

*The pastor invites the congregation to come forward, touch the water, and remember their baptism.*

## HYMN 492

You Belong to Christ

YOU BELONG TO CHRIST

*You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

## 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.**

## MINISTRY MINUTE

Many Gifts in the Body of Christ

Cate Mettenburg

## OFFERING

*Please complete a connect card and place it in the offering plate.*

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Borning Cry

arr. Daniel Kallman

*I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold. I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell. When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on; you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong. If you find someone to share your time and your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun. In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun. When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes, I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise. I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold. I was there to hear your cry, to see your life unfold.*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN 321**

The Church's One Foundation

AURELLA

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

*We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on the road. We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.*

**\*POSTLUDE**

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## Participants Today

Rev. Ginger Thomas, Co-Senior Pastor (ginger@fcpc.us)  
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## For Children and Families during 11:00 AM Worship

Children of all ages are welcome to remain in worship with their families, and we provide the following opportunities for children and families:

**Children age 3 to 5th grade** are invited to sign up for Kids' Church prior to worship near the entry to the Sanctuary. Children may join Pastor Lori at the front of the Sanctuary for a Children's Message during worship (except on the first Sunday of the month). Following the Children's Message, children are led to the Lowest Level, where parents/guardians can pick them up following worship.

**Nursery care** is available for ages 0-3 in Room 109 (near the main entrance).

**The Comfort Space** is available in Room 107 (next to the Nursery) to comfort or feed a child and watch the worship service via livestream.

**HEARING DEVICES** are available in the Sanctuary. Ask an usher for assistance. If you have a hearing aid that has the T-Coil activated, please ask for a T-Coil neckloop receiver.

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