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"In Christ, Always Praising, Serving, Growing."

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Call-to-Worship: *Refrain from 470 "There is a Longing in Our Hearts"*

There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for You to reveal Yourself to us.

There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in You, Our God.

Scriptural Call-to-Worship: Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness... ¹¹ The Lord gives strength to His people; the Lord blesses His people with peace. (Ps 29:1-2, 11)

*Hymn of Praise: 164

"Down Galilee's Slow Roadway"

*Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

*The Apostle's Creed

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Bible Reading:

Isaiah 42:1-9

This is what the Lord says: "Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on Him, and He will bring justice to the nations. He will not shout or cry out, or raise His voice in the streets. A bruised reed He will not break, and a smoldering wick He will not snuff out. In faithfulness He will bring forth justice; He will not falter or be discouraged till He establishes justice on earth. In His teaching the islands will put their hope."

⁵ The Lord, the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it, says: "I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

⁸ "I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols. See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you."

Hymn: 482

"Baptized in Water"

Children's Sermon

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 3:11-17

John declared to the people, "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes One who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will clear His threshing floor, gathering His wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?" Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

¹⁶ As soon as Jesus was baptized, He came up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on Him. And a voice from heaven said, "***This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased.***"

Sermon:

Baptism in the Lord

*Hymn: 475

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

*Benediction:

*Gloria Patri: *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.*

**As you are able, please stand.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Welcome to Third Presbyterian Church! If you are visiting, please complete the guest information card.

- The session will meet at the church tomorrow, January 13, at 6:30 PM for discernment.
- Sadie and Christos Kushell are presenting their child, Scarlett Virginia Kushell, for Holy Baptism. Church members Wayne and Ginger Setzer are proud great-grandparents.
- Pick up the 2025 Bible reading and teaching program: The Revised Common Lectionary.
- Please place your financial gifts in the offering plates up front.
- The Wednesday Share Life Bible study group meets at 10:30 AM in the library.
- Sunday services are streamed at thirdpresbyterian.com and on our Facebook page.
- Thanks to everyone who helped take down the Advent and Christmas decorations.