

The First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 2009

GOD CALLS THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Two Versets on Bunesan

RICHARD PROULX

TO CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WITH PRAISE

+CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the beginning God created heaven and earth.
People: **The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep.**
One: And God said, "Let there be light,"
People: **And there was light.**
One: And God saw that the light was good.
People: **Very good.**
One: And God said, "Let there be a sky."
People: **So God made a sky.**
One: And then the dry ground was made, continents and islands.
People: **And it was good.**
One: Then God said, "Let the land produce trees and flowers and all sorts of growing things."
People: **And beauty filled the planet.**
One: And it was good.
People: **Very good.**
One: Then came sun, moon, and stars.
People: **The shimmering living things that fill the sea.**
One: The feathery beauties of the air.
People: **The dazzling array of animals walking the earth,**
One: And finally,
People: **Finally,**
One: Us! Men and women made in the image of God.
People: **God is greatly to be praised for the glory of creation.**
One: Let us praise God!

+HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 455

All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

TO CONFESS OUR SINS AND HEAR GOD'S FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

How can we not hear this God-Voice that thunders and crashes; that twists and shakes into the very heart of creation? How can we not hear the God-Voice to Jesus saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."? O God, you speak and we don't recognize your voice. You speak and we don't listen. You speak and we don't believe. You speak and we don't respond. Forgive us, O God, for failing to hear and failing to heed your voice. Open our ears and help us to hear. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION (*We pause now in silence to confess our personal sins before God*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear and believe the Good News: Even when we do not listen to God, God listens to us. As often as we turn to God in repentance, God is ever turned toward us in love. Let us be glad in this great love and know in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
All: Thanks be to God forever more. Amen.

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

TO HEAR AND PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

GENESIS 1:1-5

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

READINGS FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

MARK 1:4-11

SERMON

John vs Jesus, Prophet vs Savior

AMY HOWE

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Confession of 1967)

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of *humanity's* mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals *God's* love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful *people*. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of love.

+HYMN NO. 72

When Jesus Came to Jordan

DE EERSTEN ZIJN DE LAATSTEN

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.

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord

LUTHER/WALTHER

+DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDRETH

**Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen**

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S LEADING

+HYMN NO. 288

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE CMD

+INVITATION, CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 70 VS 4 *Christ, When For Us You Were Baptized*

+POSTLUDE

When Jesus Came to Jordan

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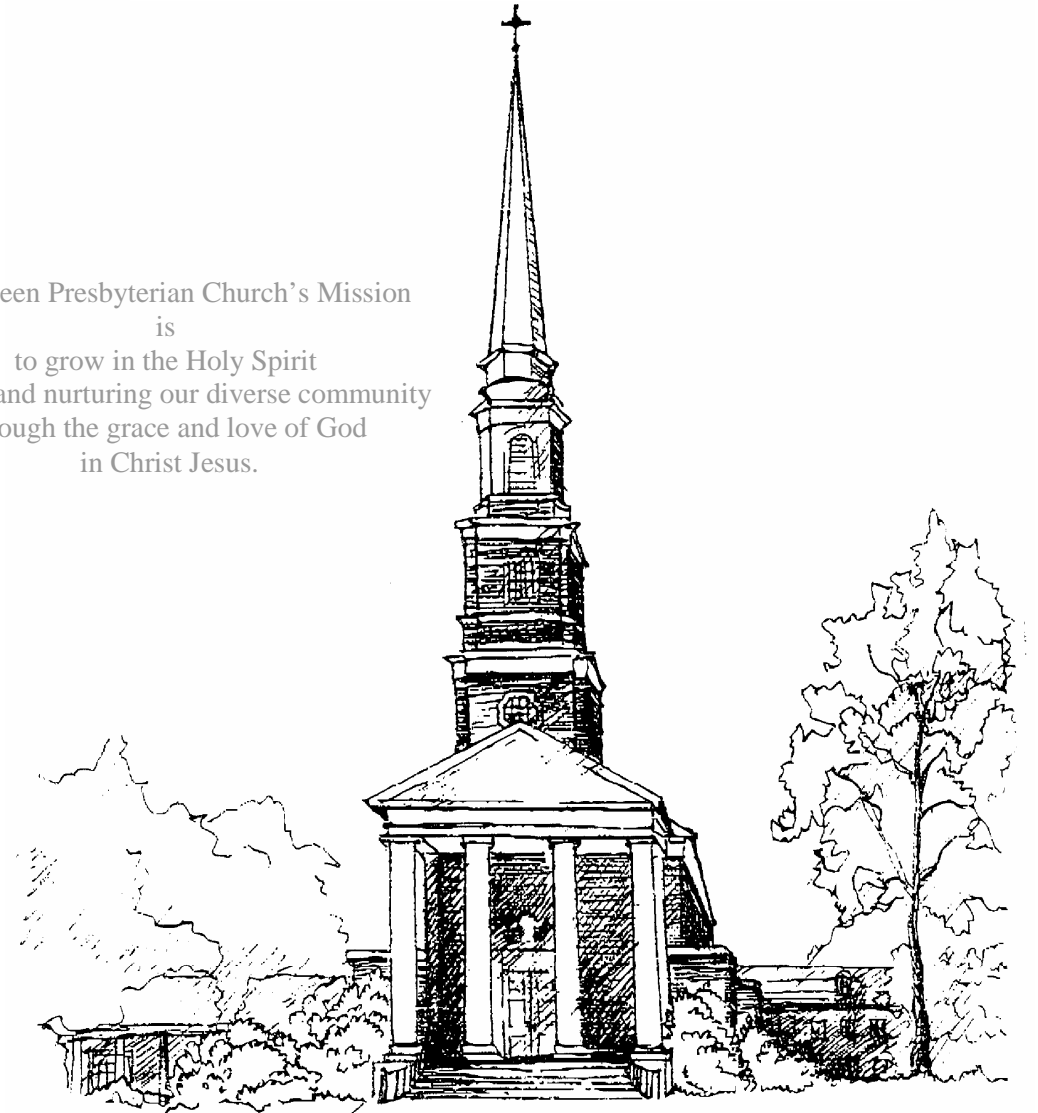


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to grow in the Holy Spirit
serving and nurturing our diverse community
through the grace and love of God
in Christ Jesus.



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