

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Baptism of the Lord

January 14, 2018

10:30 AM

** Stand if you are able*

Bold: *Said by all*

All hymns, scriptures and congregational prayers are projected.

Musical Prelude

CALL TO WORSHIP

* Entry of the Word

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

* Gathering Hymn: *"Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"*

(#394)

Prayer of Approach:

Prayer of Confession (in unison):

God of all glory, you look from heaven

and see us as we are—

not worthy to kneel at your feet,

not ready to welcome your way.

Forgive us, gracious God.

In Christ, stoop down to save us;

loosen the ties that bind us to sin

and set us free to love and serve you

in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Sharing the Peace of Christ:

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Anthem: *"A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester"*

(L.J. White)

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination (in unison):

Send down your Holy Spirit, O God—

tear open the veil of heaven

and speak to us as beloved children

so that we may hear and believe

the good news of your Word made flesh,

Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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MINISTER: Rev. Mikal Schomburg

ORGANIST: Mr. Ian Madge

Scripture

Mark 1:4-11

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Children's Hymn:

"What King Would Wade Through Murky Streams" (#184)

Children's Story

(Grade 9 & under leave for Sunday School)

Scriptures

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalms 29

Acts 19:1-7

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Silent Reflection

OUR RESPONSE

* Hymn of Response: *"O Holy Dove of God Descending"* (#392)

Declaration of Faith (responsive)

(Bruce Prewer)

I believe in God
who speaks through the prophets
and lifts our gaze up to high and beautiful paths and peaks.

**I believe in Christ Jesus,
free of corruption yet willingly numbered among the sinners,
baptised in the waters of the Jordan.**

I believe in the Spirit
who rested on Jesus like a dove,
and who inspired him with such love
as the world has not seen before or since.

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**I believe that those who are baptised into Christ
shall share his Spirit, his mission
and his ultimate victory over sin and death.**

I believe that there is no human ability that cannot be enlarged,
and no weakness that cannot be used by Christ to the praise of God.

**I believe that this believing is a gift from God,
not to be used for self-gratification
but for the building up of the church
and for humble service in the world**

I believe that as a baptised child of God,
I am the recipient of a healing grace
which precedes and supersedes all my efforts to be true.

**With the help of God,
I will attempt to live my belief all the days of my life,
and by his grace, dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
Amen**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings, Offertory

* Doxology (#79)

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

SENDING

* Parting Hymn: *"A Bush Bursts into Flame"* (#673)

* Benediction:

* *"Go Now In Peace"*

* Exit of the Word Musical Postlude