

Trinity Presbyterian Church  
January 8, 2023 A.D.

*Rev. Dr. Murray Joseph Thompson - Pastor*

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

L: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly being, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

***P: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.***

L: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

***P: May the Lord give strength to God's people! May the Lord bless God's people with peace!***

L: Let us worship God with joy on this day! Amen!

The Morning Anthem

Call to Confession

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God.

***All: You in Christ have assured redemption, hear our confession and forgive our sin. Christ proclaims your goodwill toward all people, yet we pursue vengeance. Those who mourn go uncomforted, as warfare continues on the earth. Captives without***

***number await deliverance while we take freedom for granted. The afflicted await some sign of good news. Amid the ruin of cities and clamor of protesting voices, we confess our disobedience. Save your people, O God, and cleanse us of our sin, for the sake of your Anointed One, Jesus Christ. Amen.***

## Assurance of Pardon

Recall John's words, "I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming . . . (who) will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." As we repent of our wickedness, Christ, who knows the intentions of our hearts, cleanses us of all sin. The threshing floor is stirred and sifted so the wheat can be gathered. May the unquenchable fire of the Spirit purge our beings and prepare us for the reign of God. Amen.

\*Our Response      ***What a Friend We have in Jesus***

***What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what  
peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because  
we do not carry everything to God in prayer!***

Sharing Our Faith with Our Children

Installation of Elder & Deacons

\*Hymn - ***Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing #466***

The Morning Scripture Lesson: Matthew 3:13-17

## The Baptism of Jesus

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. <sup>14</sup> But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

<sup>15</sup> Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.

<sup>16</sup> As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went 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. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

Sermon: ***Baptism & New Life in Christ***

\*Hymn - ***In Christ there is no East or West #439***

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology (Hymn #592)

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

\*Sending forth and Benediction

\*Choral response      ***God be with You Till We Meet Again***

***God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide, uphold you, with His sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet; till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.***

Postlude

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Liturgist: Ken Jones

Sololist: Jessica Starcher

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The flowers today are dedicated to the glory of God in loving memory of our son Ryan. Given by: Ken & Cathy Jones



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