

January 10th, 2021 Jesus' Baptism Sunday

Worship Link: <https://youtu.be/-NwStjINQro>

PRELUDE #184 *What king would wade through murky streams?*

OPENING WORDS:

CHILDREN'S TIME & SONG: #373 *Jesus loves me*

by Anna Bartlett

& SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:23-3:23 (selected verses recalling Jesus' early life)

This is the word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God.**

♫ Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

**Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

Jesus loves me this I know, as he loved so long ago,
Taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me." **Refrain:**

Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way,
Wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live. **Refrain:**

WHAT WE BELIEVE: *Baptism* Section 7.6 Living Faith

(Living Faith is a document adopted by the PCC to declare our faith)

On this day of Jesus' baptism, might you join me in declaring what we believe within the Presbyterian Church in Canada, about the sacrament of Baptism.

Baptism is a sign and seal of our union with Christ and with his church. Through it we share in the death and resurrection of Christ and are commissioned to his service.

In Baptism, water is administered in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. The water signifies the washing away of sin, the start of new life in Christ, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

By the power of the Holy Spirit God acts through Baptism. It is the sacrament **not of what we do** but of what **God has done** for us in **Christ**. God's grace and our response to it are not tied to the moment of Baptism, but continue and deepen throughout life. It is a sacrament meant for those who profess their faith **and for** their children. Together we are the family of God.

Baptism is also an act of discipleship that requires commitment and looks towards growth in Christ. Those baptized in infancy are called in later years to make personal profession of Christ. What is born may die. What is grafted may wither. Congregations and those baptized must strive to nurture life in Christ.

Baptism assures us that we belong to God. In life and in death our greatest comfort is that we belong to our faithful Saviour Jesus Christ.

PRAYER: Refrain: #673 *A bush bursts into flame (vs 2)*

by Andrew Donaldson

Thanks kindly to Donna-Michelle Rancoeur (sustaining elder) for writing and leading in prayer today as a comfort for Carolyn in her grief.

♫ *Son of Man stands in the river. John the Baptist lays hands on him in love, as a dove -the Spirit- comes on him. I come to the water, celebrate the new life flowing through me, Christ beside me to guide me, renew me. I know that God has called me by name. In the company of all who call on the Lord, I come to the water. In the company of all who call on the Lord, I come, I come to the water.*

SERMON: *So so so BELOVED!!!*

CLOSING HYMN: #403 *She comes sailing*

By Gordon Light - arranged by Andrew Donaldson

(This is a hymn of the Holy Spirit – The Dove – The Wind - we sing verses 3 & 4 appropriate for this day & season)

Refrain: She comes sailing on the wind, her wings flashing in the sun, on a journey just begun she flies on. And in the passage of her flight, her song rings out through the night, full of laughter, full of light, she flies on!

To a gentle girl in Galilee, a gentle breeze she came,
a whisper softly calling in the dark,
the promise of a child of peace whose reign would never end,
Mary sang the Spirit song within her heart. ***Refrain:***

Flying to the river, she waited circling high
above the child now grown so full of grace.
As he rose up from the water, she swept down from the sky,
and she carried him away in her embrace. ***Refrain:***

BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE #27 *As the deer*

by Martin Nystrom