



*January 12, 2025  
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# COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: White

January 12, 2025

11:00am Worship

**Baptism of the Lord/Elder Ordination & Installation**

**GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

PREPARATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

From the waters of Creation, the earth sprang forth.

**From the waters of a womb, God's blessed Son was given to us.**

From the waters of a river, people were baptized and marked as God's children.

**Praise be to God, whose loving gifts and presence have called us together.**

**Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN 475

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

NETTLETON

CALL TO CONFESSION

*Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

**Lord, you have blessed us with life. What we have done with our lives has both delighted and perplexed you. We are far too often inclined to be stubborn and arrogant, believing that we are all powerful, that we have no need for you. But there is an emptiness in us - a place where we are raw and hurting, bleeding, and bruised. We have tried our own healing methods, and they have not worked. We feel as though we are an oar-less, sail-less boat drifting in water, unable to see the shore. But from across these waters, you have called us, and through the waters of baptism you have blessed us. As you have adopted us as your beloved children, cleanse us and forgive us. Help us to live as children of the light, serving you faithfully all our days. We pray in Jesus' name. (*Silent prayers of confession*)**



ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS (*Responsive*)

In baptism, we are claimed by Christ and marked as his own forever.

**As his own, we are embraced in an everlasting love.**

My friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*PRAISE HYMN 435 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" IN BABILONE

(VERSE 1) **There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.**

**There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.**

**There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.**

**There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.**

**LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 1: 1-5

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1: 4-11

PROCLAMATION

*"In the Deep End"*

Rev. Tom Buchanan

\*HYMN 726

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

KELVINGROVE

**RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS**

ORDINATION and INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

*-Sentences of Scripture & Statement of Ordination*

*-Presentation of Candidates—Karl Barnett, Melissa Cobb, Warren Combs,  
Caly DePalma, Pamella Thompson*

*-Re-affirmation of Baptismal Vows & Confession of Faith*

**Apostle's Creed—I believe in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*-Constitutional Questions (see insert)*

*-Prayer of Ordination and Installation—*

Those being ordained may kneel or sit facing the congregation. All who have served as elders or ministers in the Presbyterian Church are invited to come forward for the laying on of hands as a sign of blessing. Note that the laying on of hands is not repeated at the installation of one who has been previously ordained.

*-Declaration of Ordination and Installation*

*-Charge to the Newly Ordained and Installed*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.**

OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY 606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD HUNDREDTH

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN 749 "Come! Live in the Light" WE ARE CALLED

\*BENEDICTION

\*SENDING HYMN "Walk In the Light" George D. Elderkin  
**We'll walk in the light, beautiful light, Come where the dew-drops  
of mercy are bright; Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus,  
the light of the world.**

\*POSTLUDE

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