



North Raleigh Presbyterian Church

Baptism of the Lord
January 10, 2021

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*a congregation of the
PC(USA)*



God of heaven and earth, we gather in the name of Jesus to hear your holy Word and to be immersed in your Spirit. Speak to us with grace and truth and pour out your love upon us so that your people may resound with joyful shouts of glory; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The mission of North Raleigh Presbyterian Church is to be a welcoming community serving Jesus Christ through engaged discipleship.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 29

One: Ascribe to the LORD, heavenly host,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**All: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's
name; worship the LORD in the beauty of
holiness.**

One: The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon
the mighty waters.

**All: The voice of the LORD is a powerful
voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of
splendor.**

One: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar
trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**All: the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

One: The voice of the LORD bursts forth in
lightning flashes.

All: The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

One: The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

All: And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, “Glory!”

One: The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as sovereign for evermore.

All: O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

HYMN 408 *There's a Sweet, Sweet, Spirit*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God whose spirit moved over the waters, you have washed us in your mercy, claimed us as your own, bound us in community, and called us to lives of baptismal grace.

Forgive us, O God, for we have not lived as if we were your baptized people. We stumble over opportunities for forgiveness. We prioritize our own selfish interests. We are slow to disrupt the status quo, even when it means ignoring our neighbors' suffering.

Forgive us, O God, and by your forgiveness,
lead us back to your waters of transformation.
Amen.

DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS

One: Friends, in the name of Jesus Christ,
we are loved and accepted,
forgiven and freed!

All: Thanks be to God.

THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

PROCLAIMING

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 1:1-5

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:4-11

SHARING THE FAITH WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

SERMON

RESPONDING

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Confession of 1967, 9.20*

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP &

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

HYMN 476 *Crashing Waters at Creation*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Voluntary in D* H. Purcell



Preacher: Lisa Hebacker

Liturgist: Brandon Melton, John Minor

Music Leadership: Terri Nicotera

Pianist/Organist: Ju Hyun Kim

Tithes and offerings may be presented by mail
or by way of online giving
(click 'Give online' at northraleighpc.org).

Liturgy adapted from *Call to Worship* and *Feasting on the Word
Worship Companion*

NRPC NEWS AND EVENTS

DIGITAL CHURCH EDITION

Birthdays: Jeanne Goodwell, 1/10; Marie-Louise Bennett, 1/11; Linda Christensen, 1/11; Mirna Alexander, 1/12; Rick Jenkins, 1/12

One Warm Coat Drive continues until January 18th

Thanks to your generous donations, 71 coats are now keeping members of our community warm as our weather turns truly wintry! Coats may be donated until Monday, January 18. Any size clean, new or gently used coat is needed. You may bring your donations to the church office weekdays between 9-1.

Our devotional book for 2021 is *The Courage to See*, by Greg Garrett and Sabrina Fountain. This devotional guide pairs a short reading from literature with a short reading from scripture and a prayer. The brief offerings in the book invite your reflection on how the readings interpret each other.

Stewardship Update We are grateful for all the families within our church who have presented 2021 commitment cards. To date we have received 85 pledges, totaling \$312,582. If you have not returned your pledge card you may do so online as well as by dropping off your cards at the church office blue mailbox.

2021 Virtual Yard Sale Drop off will be Saturday, January 16, 11-2 outside the FMB. Please review enews and website for more details.

Prayer Ministry e-mails are distributed on Wednesdays. Send requests to BrandonMelton@NRaleighPC.org

THIS WEEK AT NRPC DIGITAL CHURCH EDITION

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| Sunday 1/10 | 6:00 AM | Worship Video delivery (V link via C) |
| | 9:00 AM | Cornerstone Sunday School (Z) |
| | 9:30 AM | CSI Sunday School (S) |
| | 4:30 PM | Youth Group (F) |
| Monday 1/11 | 8:00 AM | Sharing God's Story (C) |
| | 4:30 PM | Christian Education Meeting (Z) |
| | 6:30 PM | Deacon Meeting (Z) |
| Tuesday 1/12 | 10:30 AM | Tuesday Morning Bible Study (F) |
| | 4:15 PM | Staff Meeting (Z) |
| | 5:45 PM | Worship Committee (Z) |
| | 7:00 PM | Pioneer Sunday School(O) |
| Wednesday 1/13 | | Prayer Ministry (C) |
| Thursday 1/14 | | |
| Friday 1/15 | 7:00 AM | Men's Bible Study (Z) |
| | 10:00 AM | Women's Spirituality (Z) |
| Saturday 1/16 | 11:00 AM | Yard Sale Drop Off (F) |
| Sunday 1/17 | 6:00 AM | Worship Video delivery (V link via C) |
| | 9:00 AM | Cornerstone Sunday School (Z) |
| | 9:30 AM | CSI Sunday School (S) |

Legend:

V=Vimeo. All videos available at vimeo.com/user109687503

C=Constant Contact. E-mails delivered to your inbox. Subscribe on the homepage of our website at www.northraleighpc.org

Please note: you do not have to sign up again if you already receive the Friday news.

Z=ZOOM. Visit zoom.us for information or the app.

O= Outdoors

S=Skype

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The Confession of 1967

9.20 God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in human life. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which people are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables people to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. In spite of their sin, the Spirit gives people power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all.

408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I
2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are
know him in his full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I
one to prof - it when you say, "I am

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
going to walk with Je - sus all the way."

This gospel hymn grew out of this African American author and composer's intense experience of prayer with her interracial choir in Los Angeles one Sunday morning before worship. She recalled that sense of "a sweet, sweet Spirit" when she sat down at her piano the next day.

Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en - ly Dove, stay right here

with us, fill - ing us with your love; and for these bless - ings we

lift our hearts in praise; with - out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

476 Crashing Waters at Creation

Capo 1: (Em)

(F#dim7)

(Em)



1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered
 2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the
 3 Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a -
 4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the

(D#dim7)

Edim7

(Em)

Fm



by the Spir - it's breath, first to wit - ness
 cap - tives passed on through, wash - ing off the
 round the One fore - told, o - pened to re -
 thirst and flood the soul. Well - spring, Source of

(F#dim7)

Gdim7

(Em)

Fm

(Am)

B^bm

(B)

C

(Em)

Fm



day's be - gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death.
 chains of bond - age: chan - nel to a life made new.
 veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.
 life e - ter - nal, drench our dry - ness; make us whole.

Like the Thanksgiving Over the Water in the rite of Baptism, this text by a United Church of Canada minister recalls significant events in salvation history involving water. The final stanza is a prayer to Christ, the Living Water (John 4:10, 14), to quench our spiritual thirst.