

Second Reading                      Matthew 3:13-17  
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The Word of God for the People of God  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon                                      The Rev. David A. Slyter

**Responding to the Word**

\*Hymn 482                                      *Bunessan*  
"Baptized in Water"

\*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)              The Apostles' 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.**

Pastoral Joys and Concerns of the Church

Prayer for the People and Lord's Prayer      Choral Amen  
**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.**

Call to Stewardship  
*All undesignated cash goes to the Compassion Fund.*

Offertory                                      Gilbert Martin  
"In Dulci Jubilo"

\*Congregational Response      Hymn 606      *Old Hundredth*  
**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. Amen.**

\*Offertory Prayer

**Bearing and Following the Word into the World**

\*Hymn 837                                      *Showalter*  
"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

\*Invitation to Discipleship

\*Charge and Benediction

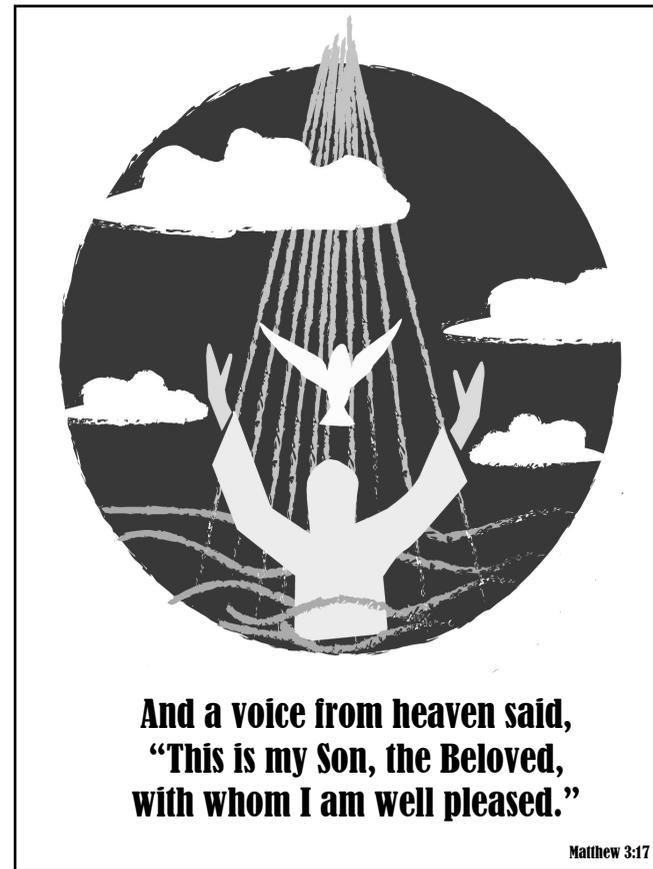
\*Closing Choral Response                      David H. Williams  
Sanctuary Choir

Peace I leave with you,  
my peace I give unto you.  
Amen.

\*Peace of Christ  
The peace of Christ be with you  
**And also with you**

\*Closing Voluntary                                      Marcel Dupré  
"In Thee Is Joy"

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**THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP**

January 12, 2020

10:40 A.M.

Baptism of the Lord

*\*The congregation is invited to stand as music begins.  
Additional worshipers may enter as the congregation sings.*

Welcome and Announcements

Welcome to worship at Grace First Presbyterian Church! As we light the Christ Candle, we are reminded that Jesus is the light of the world. As we pour the Baptismal Waters in the Font, we recall our baptism and newness of life. As we bring in the Bible, we remember the centrality of the Word. We worship our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. ***(Please sign the attendance register, pass it down the pew, and then back so everyone can greet those worshipping near you.)***

**Gathering Around the Word**

Opening Voluntary *Morning Star*/arr. John M. Rasley  
"Brightest and Best"

Entrance of Baptismal Water, the Christ Light,  
and the Bible

Call to Worship (Responsive) Seth Goeldner

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
**My chosen, in whom my soul delights;**  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
**He will bring forth justice to the nations.**  
He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
**Or make it heard in the street;**  
A bruised reed he will not break,  
**And a dimly burning wick he will not quench;**  
**He will faithfully bring forth justice.**

Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn 475 *Nettleton*  
"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)  
**Sometimes, Lord, I stand on the edge of the water of life afraid to step into its healing grace. I confess that I do not always trust that I will be loved, that I will be comforted, or that I will know peace. So I resist and head the other way. I go in a different direction, because I am afraid of what you will ask of me. Strengthen my faith. Increase my trust. Lead me to the water of salvation.**

Silent Confession...

Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Congregational Response Hymn 442 v. 3 *Woodworth*  
**Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!**

**Proclaiming the Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Music Ministry Paul Sjolund  
"Brightest and Best"  
Sanctuary Choir

*Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,  
dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;  
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,  
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.*

Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are shining;  
low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;  
Angels adore Him in slumber reclining,  
Maker, and Monarch, and Savior of all.

Shall we now give Him, in costly devotion,  
incense and offerings divine;  
gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,  
myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer the rarest oblation;  
vainly with gifts would His favor secure;  
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,  
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.  
Alleluia!

Children's Moment The Rev. Ashley Drake Mertz  
*Following the Children's Moment, pre-k through 5<sup>th</sup> grade may leave the Sanctuary for Children's worship. Following worship, parents should pick up their child in room 6.*

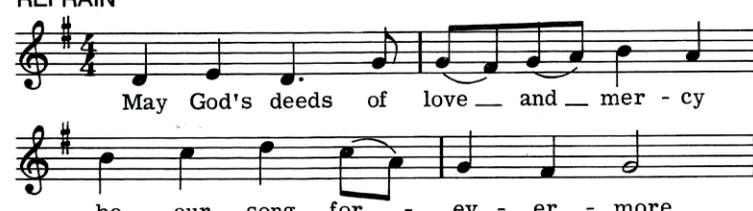
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Psalm 29 Pew Bible Page 504 Cantor: John Fields

**John Hughes**  
Arr. Hal H. Hopson

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May God's deeds of love and mercy  
be our song for - ev - er - more.

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