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Sermon The Rev. Dr. Edie A. Gause
PASSING THROUGH

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 463 *Foundation*
“How Firm a Foundation”

Affirmation of Faith Confession of Belhar Opening
10:1-3b

We believe in the triune God, Father , Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done from the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe in only holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

We believe that Christ’s work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God’s Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought; one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain.

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 arr. Gilbert M. Martin
“Prelude on *Simple Gifts*”

*Doxology 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 22 *Roeder*
“God of the Sparrow”

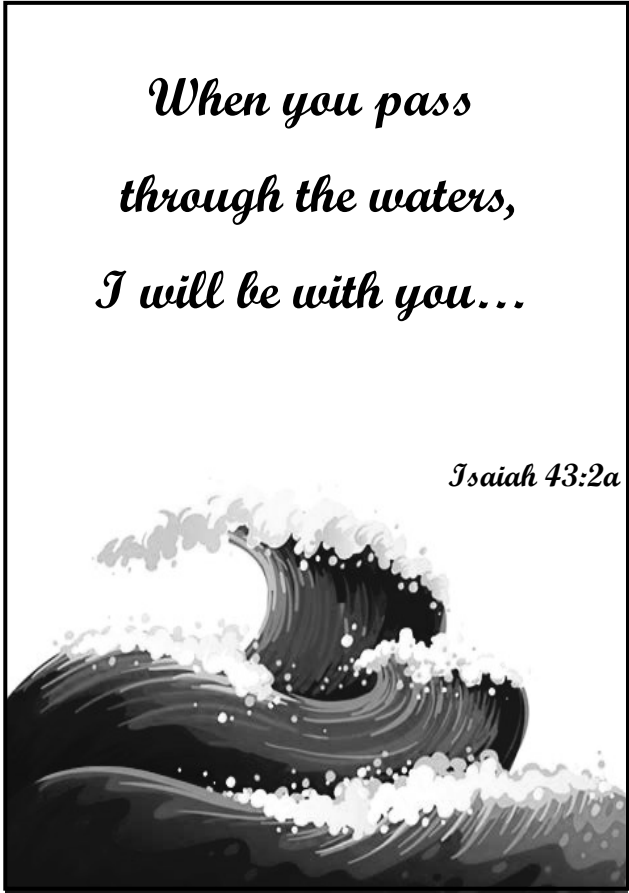
*Invitation to Discipleship

*Charge and Benediction (Responsive)
We thank You, O God, for the nourishment and strength we have received at Your table.
We thank You, O Christ, for the new life that we enjoy, and which we now take into the world. We thank You, Holy Spirit, for feeding our souls with this simple meal, and for equipping us to be Your hands to feed others.
May Your grace, love and friendship surround us and flow through us all now and forever. In the name of Christ. Amen.

*Closing Choral Response *Green Tyler*
“God Be the Love”
Sanctuary Choir

God, be the love to search and keep me;
God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me

*Closing Voluntary Johann Pachelbel
“Fugue in D”



*When you pass
through the waters,
I will be with you...*

Isaiah 43:2a

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THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

January 13, 2019

10:40 A.M.

Baptism of the Lord

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

Welcome and Announcements

Welcome to worship at Grace First Presbyterian Church! Let us lift up our voices in song and prayer that we may be refreshed, and our hearts in praise and adoration that we may “walk in the newness of life” (Romans 6:4) as we joyously worship our Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer. **(Please sign the attendance register, pass it down the pew, and then back so everyone can greet those worshipping in their pew.)**

Gathering Around the Word

Opening Voluntary Dale Wood
“Pastorale”

Entrance of Baptismal Water and The Christ Light
Chimes and the Entrance of the Bible

Call to Worship (Responsive)

God spoke through the prophet, “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.”

God calls us by name, we belong to God.

“When you pass through the waters”

God will be with us.

“When you pass through the rivers”

God will be with us.

“When you walk through the fire”

God will be with us.

God is our Savior, we are precious in God’s sight.

Come let us worship our Savior, who leads us into life.

Prayer of Invocation (Unison)

God we belong to you. As we worship together this day and celebrate your Baptism, may we know the power you give, the comfort you give, the assurance you give. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn 482

Bunessan

“Baptized in Water”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God who Delivers and Redeems, we have failed to live into the promise of new life. We have been afraid to enter troubled waters to help the poor and downtrodden. We have been afraid to walk with those burned by the system of sin and oppression. We have sought ease and comfort in exchange for ignoring the hungry and sick in our world. Forgive us when we have seen our faith in such narrowness, thinking of only our own salvation. Forgive us when we have not lived for others, when we have not been willing to risk ourselves for the sake of others. Call us into new life, a life that is lived in the promise of Your love for the whole world. In Jesus’ name.

Silent Confession...

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Congregational Response Hymn 15 *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

**All who for love of God forgive,
All who in pain or sorrow grieve,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
Even in the midst of tears,
Sing praises!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Music Ministry

Irish Folk song
arr. Carlton Young

“Be Thou My Vision”

Sanctuary Choir

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art,
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word,
I ever with Thee, and Thou with me Lord.
Thou my Great Father, and I Thy true son.
O Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

High King of Heaven my victory won.
May I reach Heaven’s joys, O bright heav’n’s sun!
Heart of my own heart what ever befall.
O still be my vision, Thou ruler of all.

Scripture Reading

Luke 3:15-17,21-22

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This is a reading from the Gospel of Luke.
Thanks be to God.

Children’s Time

Pastor Edie

Children’s Worship

*Children up through 5th grade may go to
Children’s Worship. All others stay in the sanctuary.*

Psalms 29

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Cantor: Rusty Crownover

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