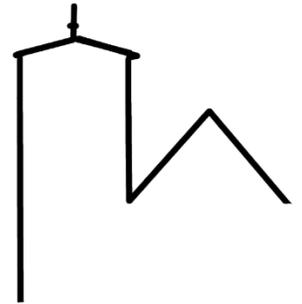


WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1420 West Moss Avenue
Peoria, Illinois 61606



THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

13 January 2019

Ten O'clock

THE PREPARATION

**Das alte Jahr vergangen ist
Christ under Herr, zum Jordan Kam**

*J. S. Bach
Friedrich Wilhelm Zachow*

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Denise Clark-Jones

One: *God spoke through the prophet, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you."*

All: **God calls us by name, we belong to God.**

One: *"When you pass through the waters"*

All: **God will be with us.**

One: *"When you pass through the rivers"*

All: **God will be with us.**

One: *"When you walk through the fire"*

All: **God will be with us.**

One: *God is our Savior, we are precious in God's sight.*

*HYMN 495

We Know That Christ Is Raised

Engleberg

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Joyce Hakes, liturgist

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(praying together)*

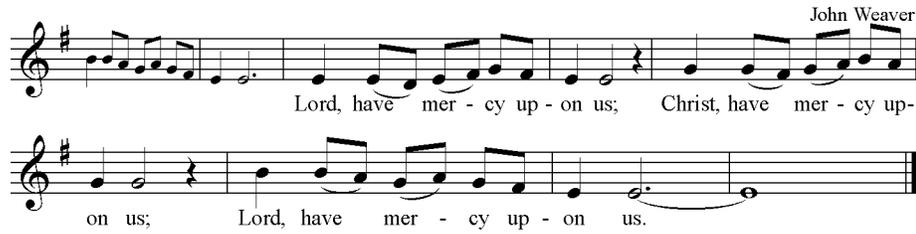
Merciful God, You know our tangled motives and our times of open disobedience. You understand our weaknesses and our strengths much better than we do. Open our eyes to the truth, no matter how unwelcome it may be for us. Give us a moment of spiritual clarity and honesty. Forgive us for all our failings as a church community, and for all our private sins of commission and omission; bless us with your freeing, healing grace. Revive our stodgy spirits and bring under control our unruly wants and anxieties. Let us make a new beginning, rid of oppressive guilt and self-pitying regret.

*TIME OF SILENCE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

**indicates all who are able may stand.*

***KYRIE**

John Weaver

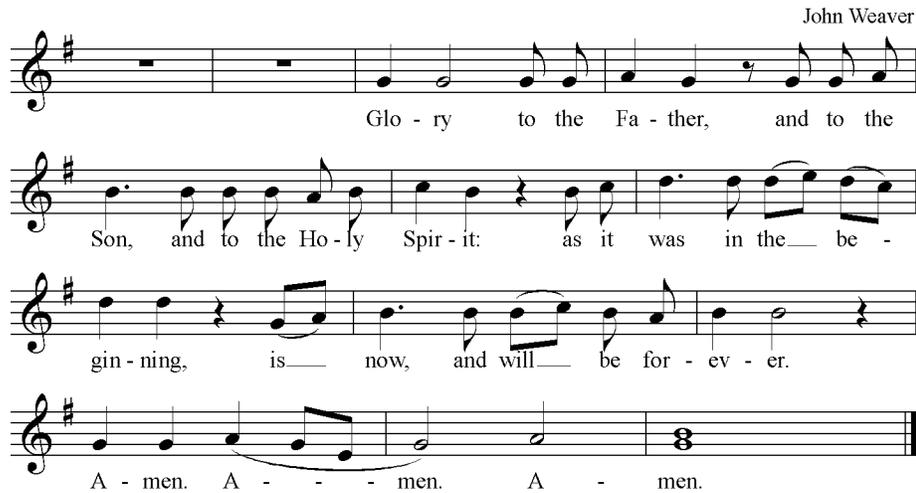


Lord, have mer - cy up - on us; Christ, have mer - cy up - on us;
 on us; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***GLORIA PATRI**

John Weaver



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the
 Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it: as it was in the be -
 gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er.
 A - men. A - - - men. A - - - men.

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament: Isaiah 43:1-7

p. 672 NRSV

The Psalter (Hymnal 180)

Psalm 29

Glory

New Testament: Acts 8:14-17

p. 126 NRSV

Gospel: Luke 3:15-17; 21-22

p. 60 NRSV

SERMON

Rev. Denise Clark-Jones

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 326**

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Morecambe

***PROFESSION OF FAITH** *(Reading together)*

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

THE OFFERTORY

William H. Harris

**Come Down, O Love Divine
The Westminster Choir**

Come down, O love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, And visit it with thine own ardor glowing. O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing. O let it freely burn, til earthly passions turn To dust and ashes in its heat consuming; And clothe me round, the while my path illuming. Let holy charity mine outward vesture be, And lowliness become mine inner clothing; True lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part, And o'er its own short comings weeps with loathing. And so, the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, Shall far out pass the power of human telling; For none can guess its grace, till he become the place Wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

***DOXOLOGY**

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(please be seated at the end of the prayer)*

PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS **(In your mercy ... Lord hear our prayer)**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *[praying together]*

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.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 494

Rustington

Out of Deep, Unordered Water

*COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Belmont (William Gardiner)

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Denise M. Clark-Jones, *Pastor*

Joyce Hakes, *Liturgist*

The Choir of Westminster Church

Dr. J. Douglas McQueen, *Guest Organist-Choirmaster*

JAZZ VESPERS will be celebrated this afternoon at four o'clock. During 2019, the Vesper Service, which has been a weekly event for the past three and a half years goes to a once monthly celebration on the second Sunday of each month. We hope that with just one Jazz Vesper service each month you will make a very special effort to attend. This informal service with superb jazz music has the ability to transform your worship life. Come, and bring a friend. This is an important ministry of our church and we wish for it to be successful, even if it is not a weekly event.

A REMINDER ... The Gretchen R. Iben Arts Series will present the first concert of 2019 on February 22nd at 7:30 p.m. Duo-pianists Chee Hyeon Choi and John Orfe will present a program of music for duo-pianos. The rich textures of two keyboard instruments working together is indeed unique and inspiring. There is a rich repertoire created by master composers over the history of the piano. On this evening, sure to thrill, music from Rachmaninoff to Bernstein will be performed by these two master musicians. Set the date aside now.

LITURGICAL NOTE ... Because of the late date for Easter this year, we get to explore the full range of the texts and music of the Epiphany Season. Having a full number of Epiphany Sundays is a rare happening ... and this year we get to celebrate all seven weeks of the season before turning to the Feast of the Transfiguration, Ash Wednesday and the ensuing Lenten season.

OPEN HANDS, OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS