



January 10, 2021
GATHERING TO WORSHIP

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PRELUDE
WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the beginning, God created the world, and God blessed it:

People: "It is good."

Leader: In the beginning, God created light, and God blessed it:

People: "It is good."

Leader: In the beginning, God created life, and God blessed it:

People: "It is good."

Leader: Since the beginning, God has not stopped creating,

People: calling us closer to all that is good.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of heaven and earth, you call us to come in humility before you, bringing the offering of our very selves. As you revealed Jesus to be your Son in his baptism at the hand of John, so you claimed our lives in baptism, that we might die to sin and be raised with him to new life. By your Spirit, confirm in our hearts the witness that Christ is Savior of the world and our Lord. Accept all we have and are, O God, in the service of Jesus Christ, and strengthen us with your Spirit's power, now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Hymnal 475

**RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM
GOD AND EACH OTHER**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Nothing can be hidden from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth, whose wisdom is endless, whose mercy is great. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *Spoken and Silent (After the corporate Prayer of Confession, please take a few moments of silence to individually confess our sins to God.)* **Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and**

new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us captive. In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Those who trust in God will renew their strength. They will run and not be weary, they will walk and not grow faint.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HEARING THE WORD

PSALM OF THE DAY	Psalm 29
SCRIPTURE	Genesis 1:1-5 Mark 1:4-11 Acts 19:1-7

SERMON *Epiphany Series: Created Anew*
God Created: Now What?

Rev. Piper Cartland

HYMN "Breathe On Me, Breath of God" Hymnal 286

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Leader: Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

People: For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

PROFESSION OF FAITH *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.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER, followed by The Lord's Prayer (we say *sin*)

MINUTES FOR MINISTRY

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

HYMN "Baptized in Water" Hymnal 482

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Announcements

The prayer deacon this week is Emily Berry. You can email her any prayer requests that you'd like Piper to mention during the pastoral prayer.

Wednesday night Bible study will resume on January 13th with a four-week study on Great Themes of the Bible. This is a great way to begin our new year together! If you'd like to join us let the office know and we will email you the curriculum.

Lay leaders are needed for January. Please let Piper or the office know if you can record the Call to Worship, Prayer of Invocation, and Psalm.

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