

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Princeton, Kentucky
Baptism of the Lord

January 7, 2024

10:45 AM

Gathering Around the Word

CHIMES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRELUDE *"Go Tell It On the Mountain"* arr by Victor Labenske

*CALL TO WORSHIP Shane Fortner

L: God spoke the creative Word into the formless void.

P: The cosmos cries, "Glory!"

L: From the wilderness, God brought forth new life and liberation.

**P: The plants and animals that inhabit
the wild places cry, "Glory!"**

L: A messenger in the wilderness brings good news.

P: God's people cry, "Glory!"

L: In baptism, we are united to God through Jesus Christ.

**P: With all of creation, we cry "Glory!"
Let us worship God together!**

*HYMN *"To God Be the Glory"* #634

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creating God, we cannot look at our lives, our communities, or the world around us without seeing the fractures and brokenness that reflect the reality of sin. You created the earth and called it good, but it now groans, awaiting redemption and re-creation under the weight of our greed, abuse and carelessness. You created humanity in your image, and called us very good, but we have ignored the image of God in each other. You poured out your love in Jesus Christ, who showed us how to live and how to love, but we continue to make our own path, follow our own desires, and neglect to love others as Christ loves us. Lord, have mercy. Amen

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: Friends, believe the good news.

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

Proclaiming the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Shane Fortner

FIRST LESSON Mark 1:4-11 (*p.812*) Shane Fortner
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON Genesis 1:1-5 (*p.1*) Rev. Fortenberry
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "God's Video Game?" Rev. Fortenberry

Responding to the Word

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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

*HYMN *"Let All Things Now Living"* #37

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS
"Shall We Gather At the River" arr by Robert Lowry

*DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SPECIAL MUSIC *"The Star Is Shining Still"* Melissa McDaniel

Receiving the Lord's Supper

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION Rev. Fortenberry

Bearing and Following the Word Into the World

*HYMN *"How Great Thou Art"* #625
(verses 1 - 3)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Fortenberry

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

verse 4

#625

POSTLUDE *“Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine”* arr by Cindy Berry

*Will those who are able, please stand.

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Tyler Beshear, Judy Bishop, Rich Burris, Diane Chaudoin,
Jack Crawford, Abby Cummins, Sarah Dickinson, Jude East,
Doug Edrington, Joe Falder, Harvey Grasser, Libby Griggs,
Brian Guthrie, Becky Hartigan, Collin Hughes, Morgan McDaniels,
Brenda Pepper, Bill Peyton, Layne Ramey, Angie Teutsch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today	7 th	Adult Sunday School 9:45 AM Youth Sunday School 9:45 AM 1 st Sunday Coffee 10:15 AM Morning Worship with Communion 10:45 AM
Thursday	11 th	Children's Choir 3:00 PM
Sunday	14 th	Adult Sunday School 9:45 AM Youth Sunday School 9:45 AM Morning Worship 10:45 AM

The Special Offering for January will benefit Christ Tabernacle's Community Food Pantry. The Food Pantry helps to feed over 300 families each month.

After worship today, the session committee will have a brief meeting in the church parlor.

Our annual congregational meeting will be next Sunday, immediately after worship, to elect officers and approve the pastor's terms of call.

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