

## Go Out as God's People in the World

✦ Closing Hymn **HB #108**: "God of Our Lives thru All the Circling Years"

✦ **BENEDICTION**: by *Pastor Janet*

✦ **POSTLUDE** by *Yi-Chieh Chiu*

Following today's service please join us in the upstairs hall for coffee & conversation.



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The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford at 412-877-9310

Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account.



Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

Hebrews 13:17 niv

### Today's Worship Leaders:

Pianist: Yi-Chieh Chiu

Officer Assisting: Leslie Crawford

Pastor: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Hufford

# The Lord's Day Worship

January 9, 2022 – **Baptism of Jesus** - Worship, 11am

Assisted Listening Devices are available in the Sanctuary during Worship.

If you need instructions, please see the Greeter.

*(Those not wanting to be seen on the video recording, please sit under the balcony.)*

*Hymnals: HB is "The Hymnbook" (burgundy) & HoF is "Hymns of Faith" (scarlet)*

## Gathering of God's People

*After the chimes, please be in quiet reverence & silence cell phones.*

**3 RINGS OF THE STEEPLE BELL & CHIMES**

**WELCOME** by Leslie Crawford

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** (See insert.)

**PRELUDE** by Yi-Chiech Chiu (Anita)

† stand as able

† **CALL To WORSHIP:** Psalm 29:10-11 *(responsively):*

*The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;*

*the Lord is enthroned as King forever.*

**The Lord gives strength to his people;**

**the Lord blesses his people with peace.**

† **Opening Hymn HB #515:** "God of Our Fathers"

† **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** *(responsively):*

*John the Baptist was able to discern between what was holy and what was not. He recognized and named the sin of Herod & Herodias. In contrast, he knew and affirmed Jesus as the Messiah, the Christ, the Anointed One. His both naming and affirming put his life at risk.*

**Forgive our sin, O Lord, when we do not recognize your holiness and when we neglect to call out unholiness. Forgive us, when we put our comfort above you. Please set our hearts, thoughts and deeds aright.**

*(Pause in silent confession.)*

† **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:** *(responsively)*

*Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.*

**Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.**

**The Old life had gone; a new life has begun.**

*Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.*

**Amen.**

† **GLORIA PATRI / RESPONSE:** *(unison)* Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen, Amen.

## Proclamation of God's Word

† **CALL TO GOD'S WORD:** John 10:35 & Romans 4:3 *(unison)*

"Scripture cannot be set aside... What does Scripture say?"

† **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:** *(unison)*

Lord, through your Spirit enable us to consider your Word, and to enact it in our lives to bring you glory and praise. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE:** Luke 3:1-22 N.T. pg. 1460-1

**SERMON Takeaway: "Make Straight Paths for Him"**

*by the Reverend Janet Hufford.*

## Response to God's Word

† **Hymn of Response HB #18:** "We Gather Together"

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS** *see insert*

**PRAYERS of JOYS & CONCERNS** followed by **LORD'S PRAYER** *(unison)*

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.

**CALL TO STEWARDSHIP** *(along with tithing, consider giving to Gravehaven to work against human trafficking of youth in Ohio)*

**OFFERTORY** to prayerfully consider giving in thankfulness

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

† **DOXOLOGY:** *(unison)* 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.

*(Pastor pours & consecrates the baptismal fount water.)*

## **STATEMENT ON BAPTISM** *Responsively*

*As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ,*

**There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.**

*In baptism, officers-elect were clothed with Christ, and are now called by God through the voice of the church to enter into ministries of service and governance, announcing in word and deed the good news of Jesus Christ.*

**We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we celebrate God's particular call to our brothers and sisters.**

### ✠ **REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT** *Pastor*

*Q: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? Do you?* **Response: I do.**

*Q: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? Do you?* **Response: I do.**

*Q: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? Will you, with God's help?* **Response: I will with God's help.**

✠ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** *Unison* "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. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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!

## **STATEMENT OF ORDINATION & INSTALLATION** *Responsively*

*There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.*

**There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

*God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.*

**To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

*Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it. We are all called into the church of Jesus Christ by baptism, and marked as Christ's own by the Holy Spirit. This is our common calling, to be disciples and servants of our servant Lord. Within the community of the church, some are called to particular service as deacons, as ruling elders, and as ministers of the Word & Sacrament. Ordination is Christ's gift to the church, assuring that his ministry*

*continues among us, providing for ministries of caring and compassion in the world, ordering the governance of the church, and preaching the Word and administering the sacraments.*

*(Officers-elect come to the baptismal fount as their names are called.)*

## **PRESENTATION OF OFFICER ELECTS FOR ORDINATION & INSTALLATION**

*Leslie Crawford, Assistant Clerk of Session*

Representing the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, the session of FPCP now ordains *Rob Rawls* to office of deacon and installs him along with *Genie Dixon & Tami Conrad* to active service as deacons and as ruling elders *Linda Glenn & Sally Kean* along with *Chuck Long* in February.

## **CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS OF OFFICERS ELECT** *Pastor*

Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions? Will you?

**Officers Elect: I will.**

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit? Will you?

**Officers Elect: I will.**

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world? Will you?

**Officers Elect: I will.**

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, & purity of the church? Do you?

**Officers Elect: I do.**

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? Will You?

**Officers Elect: I will.**

Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need? In your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? Will you?

**Deacons Elect: I will.**

Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? Will you?

**Ruling Elders Elect: I will.**

*(While Pastor prays, Officer Elects for Ordination kneel  
& Ruling Elders extend hands.)*

### **PRAYER OF ORDINATION:**

Eternal and gracious God, we give you thanks for your steadfast faithfulness to us. In every age you have called forth leaders to serve you and equipped them with your gifts. Among your people Israel, you anointed prophets, priests, and rulers. Alongside the apostles, deacons cared for all in need. In the church, deacons, ruling elders, and pastors serve together, so that your whole people might be equipped for ministry, and built up into the full unity of Christ. For your servants in every age, O God, and for the church of Jesus Christ, we give you all thanks and praise.

*(Pastor anoints with oil.)* God of grace, pour out your Holy Spirit on Rob, that *he* may be faithful deacons in the church. Give *him* openness to the Holy Spirit's leading that *he* may see and serve wherever there is need. Train *him* in the school of prayer that *he* may express the compassion of Christ to the poor and friendless, the sick, the grieving, and the troubled. Equip *him* with courage to bear the gospel into the halls of power, and to communicate your presence and might among those who are powerless. In everything, give *him* the mind of Christ, who did not grasp at greatness but emptied himself, to become a servant of your reign. Give *him* joy in *his* walk of faith and a sure sense of your abiding presence for *his* work of ministry.

Gracious God, pour out your Spirit of power and truth upon the whole church that we may be for you a holy people, baptized to serve you in the world. Sustain this congregation in ministry. Ground us in the gospel, secure our hope in Christ, strengthen our service to the outcast, and increase our love for one another. Show us the transforming power of your grace in our life together, that we may be servants of the gospel, offering a compelling witness in the world to the good news of Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

*(Ordained officer stands.)*

### ✠ **CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION**

*Leslie Crawford, Assistant Clerk of Session*

Do members of the church, accept *Chuck, Genie, Linda, Rob, Sally, & Tami* as ruling elders & deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead you in the way of Jesus Christ? Do you? **We do.**  
Do you agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide you, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church? Do you? **We do.**

### ✠ **DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION & CHARGE**

*Pastor*

You are ruling elders & deacons in the church of Jesus Christ & for this congregation. Be faithful & true in your ministry so that your whole life will

bear witness to the crucified & risen Christ. As directed in *2 Timothy 2:15*: Do your best to present yourself to God as one appointed by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

### ✠ **WELCOME TO OFFICERS**

*Pastor*

and distribution of certificates of ordination and installation

### **BOARD OF RULING ELDERS:**

#### **Class of 2024:**

Linda Glenn (1<sup>st</sup> term); Sally Kean (2<sup>nd</sup> term); Chuck Long (1<sup>st</sup> term)

#### **Class of 2023:**

Catherine Baird (2<sup>nd</sup> term); Leslie Crawford (2<sup>nd</sup> term);  
Roger Cruse (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

#### **Class of 2022:**

Jim Charles (2<sup>nd</sup> term); Nancy Lord (1<sup>st</sup> term); Kathy Wallace (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

### **BOARD OF DEACONS:**

#### **Class of 2024:**

Tami Conrad (1<sup>st</sup> term); Genie Dixon (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

#### **Class of 2023:**

Sherri Mauger (1<sup>st</sup> term); Rob Rawls (1<sup>st</sup> term)

#### **Class of 2022:**

Faith Harvell (2<sup>nd</sup> term); Susan Baird Rawls (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

### **2022 CONGREGATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE:**

**Session Minority:** **Chair:** Nancy Lord (2<sup>nd</sup> year);  
**Assistant:** Roger Cruse (1<sup>st</sup> year)

#### **Congregational**

**Majority:** **Deacon:** Sherri Mauger (1<sup>st</sup> year)

#### **Members-at-large:**

Jamie Bowlby (1<sup>st</sup> year) & Marshall Glenn (1<sup>st</sup> year)

### **2022 CORPORATE OFFICERS**

**Clerk of Session:** Sally Kean

**Assistant Clerk:** Leslie Crawford

**Treasurer:** Don Crawford

**Assistant Treasurer:** Tom Johnston

**Co-Financial Secretaries:** Linda Glenn & Chuck Long