

Orangewood Presbyterian Church

January 9, 2022

Baptism of Our Lord



A river of God's love flowing into the dry places of our communities

- **Jesus Christ is already at work in our communities; we seek to join that work.**
- **Our communities are wherever God plants us: Monday through Saturday—as well as Sunday.**
- **We create servant relationships with our communities, to become better disciples of Jesus Christ.**

On the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.
Ezekiel 47:12

Welcome to Orangewood! We are delighted that you chose to worship with us today. At the conclusion of the service, Please visit the welcome table on the patio so that we might know more about you. We also have a gift for you. There is fellowship on the patio where you can also learn more about church activities.

The Nursery is open for children through age 5.

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The Gathering

Congregation responsively reads lines in bold text
*All who are able, please stand

Prelude

Words of Welcome

*Call to Worship

Leader: The heavens open. The Spirit descends.

People: Jesus emerges from the water.

Leader: And a voice echoes through the blue expanse.

People: "This is my child, the Beloved, with whom I am well-pleased."

Leader: Jesus is named. Claimed.

People: We come to the water. We remember we are named. Claimed.

Leader: Can it be so? What a thing to be named. Claimed.

All: Let us worship the one who names and claims us still.

*Hymn #156

Sing of God Made Manifest

Prayer of Confession

**Creator of the universe,
we stand amazed at your power and glory.
We are eager to worship you and offer our praise,
but we are often reluctant to answer
when we hear you calling our name.
We sing our songs of tribute in the sanctuary,
but shy away from the river,
lest we be baptized
with the fire of the Holy Spirit.
Forgive us when we forget your promise
to be with us always, O God.
Renew us with the power of your ever-present love,
and strengthen us to proclaim your justice
throughout the world. Amen.**

(moment of silence)

Leader: Lord, hear our prayer.

Assurance of Pardon

*Passing the Peace

"The peace of Christ be with you . . . **And also with you.**"

God's Word

Children's Message

Moment for Mission

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Luke 3:15-17; 21-22

"The Word of the Lord . . . **Thanks be to God.**"

*Song

What a Beautiful Name

Second Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

"The Word of the Lord . . . **Thanks be to God.**"

Sermon

"Passing Through the Waters"
The Rev. Kenneth G. Page

Our Response to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God

**who speaks through the prophets
and lifts our gaze up to high and beautiful paths and peaks.**

I believe in Christ Jesus,

**free of corruption yet willingly numbered among the sinners,
baptized in the waters of the Jordan.**

I believe in the Spirit

**who rested on Jesus like a dove,
and who inspired him with such love
as the world has not seen before or since.**

I believe that those who are baptized into Christ

**shall share his Spirit, his mission
and his ultimate victory over sin and death.**

**I believe that there is no human ability that cannot be enlarged,
and no weakness that cannot be used by Christ to the praise of God.**

I believe that this believing is a gift from God,

**not to be used for self-gratification
but for the building up of the church
and for humble service the world**

I believe in myself as a baptized child of God,

**the recipient of a healing grace
which precedes and supersedes all my efforts to be true.**

With the help of God,

**I will attempt to live my belief all the days of my life,
and by his grace, dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Amen!

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Offering

Christ Be Magnified

*Doxology

**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.**

Prayers of the People and the 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.

*Hymn #697

Take My Life and Let It Be

*Benediction

*Postlude

Announcements

Presbyterians Today

There are NEW copies of "Presbyterians Today" magazine on the table in the back of the Sanctuary; for you to pick up.

"These Days" Devotionals

Finally, there are copies of "These Day" devotionals on the table in back of the Sanctuary for you to pick up.

"Standing on the Shoulders of Empowered Women"

Saturday, January 29, at 10:00 am Orangewood Presbyterian Women is hosting speaker Carol Main. Carol represented the Synod of the Southwest on a USA Mission Experience exploring the beginning of women's rights in upper New York. Following her presentation the Pot Luck Luncheon is scheduled at 11:30. All the women who worship on the Orangewood campus are encouraged to bring friends, neighbors, and relatives. Reservations may be made on the patio starting January 9 or by calling the church office (602-944-1508).

Pastoral Care Notes

Ron Carmichael, Kryarlee Enas, Joan Fenton, Mae Hicks, Molly Lawson, Carol Mandile, Lois Manning, Brenda Moser, Suzanne Norling, Gloria Olsen, Pam White and Family.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Ken Page	Preacher
Chuck Sedgwick	Organist
Brady Putzke	Guitar & Vocals
Sammi Burkhart	Children's Message
Dennis Daniel	Liturgist

ORANGEWOOD STAFF

Pastor	The Rev. Kenneth G. Page
Director of Music	Dr. Charles N. Sedgwick
Children & Youth Director	Samantha Burkhart
Band Leader	Brady Putzke
Office & Facilities Manager	Pam White
Set-Up Assistant	Addison Case