

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD
GATHER IN GOD’S NAME**

(*=**please stand if you are able**)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 43:1)

L: But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

P: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

Rev. Jeniffer Rodriguez

HYMN OF THE MONTH GTG #137

“HE CAME DOWN”

CALL TO CONFESSION

We belong to God. Nothing can break this covenant. Let us, then, with confidence approach God to honestly confess our sins in prayer.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you call us to beloved community with you and with each other. But we exclude and reject those we deem different. You claim us as beloved, but we turn against each other in anger and hate. You liberate us and lead us in Christ’s path of peace, but we build walls and invest in guns and dismiss peace as impractical and unrealistic. Redeeming God, forgive our worldly ways. Call us and claim us once again for the work of building your beloved community. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Our God is loving, just and merciful. God delivers us from sin and restores us by grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

“HIGHLY EXALTED”

Glory to God in the highest; Glory to God in the highest place;

You are the Lord God Almighty; You are highly exalted.

Glory to God in the highest; Glory to God in the highest place;

You are the Lord God Almighty; You are highly exalted over all the earth

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Help us, Holy God, to connect to your word anew. Open the Scriptures to us in a way that is life-giving. Encourage us to listen to the message your Spirit makes known in word and worship. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

ISAIAH 43:1-7

But now, says the Lord—the one who created you, Jacob, the one who formed you, Israel: Don’t fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; when through the rivers, they won’t sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you won’t be scorched and flame won’t burn you. I am the Lord your God, the holy one of Israel, your savior. I have given Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in your place. Because you are precious in my eyes, you are honored, and I love you. I give people in your place, and nations in exchange for your life. Don’t fear, I am with you. From the east I’ll bring your children; from the west I’ll gather you. I’ll say to the north, “Give them back!” and to the south, “Don’t detain them.” Bring my sons from far away, and my daughters from the end of the earth, everyone who is called by my name and whom I created for my glory, whom I have formed and made.

L: This is the word of God. **P: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM:

SCRIPTURE READING

LUKE 3:15-17; 21-22

The people were filled with expectation, and everyone wondered whether John might be the Christ. John replied to them all, “I baptize you with water, but the one who is more powerful than me is coming. I’m not worthy to loosen the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. The shovel he uses to sift the wheat from the husks is in his hands. He will clean out his threshing area and bring the wheat into his barn. But he will burn the husks with a fire that can’t be put out.” When everyone was being baptized, Jesus also was

baptized. While he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit came down on him in bodily form like a dove. And there was a voice from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness.”

L: This is the word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“DON’T FEAR, I AM WITH YOU”

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HYMN GTG #475

“COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING”

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

A generous God calls us to live generous lives. Let us present our tithes and offerings to further Christ’s mission and ministry.

RESPOND IN GRACE

“YOU ARE MINE”

I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear

You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice,

Be still and know I am here.

Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.

Come and follow me, I will bring you home;

I love you and you are mine

*** DOXOLOGY**

“PRAISE YOU GOD”

Praise You, God, Praise You, God; Praise You, God,

Praise You, God, great, great, great, great God.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Bless and multiply these gifts, God, that they may be a blessing to others. May whoever benefits from these offerings know of your love for them and our desire to serve. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (See Insert)

***LORD’S PRAYER**

HYMN (See Insert)

“LA FAMILIA DE DIOS / THE FAMILY OF GOD”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

God is Good! **All the time!** All the Time! **God is Good!**

Remember, you are God’s beloved, called and claimed to love as you have been loved. May God bless you and keep you, this day and in the days to come. Amen.

THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

AMEN

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Before we are born, before we do anything or make something of ourselves, before we make our first mistake or confess our first sin or fail majorly, you claim us, God our Creator, and call us beloved. We give you thanks and praise this Sunday for Jesus' baptism and for ours, for the sign and seal of your claim on us and the sacred water from which we emerge newly born in Christ.

That you come so close, Holy God, close enough to kiss our forehead with holy water and Holy Spirit, is astonishing. How can we comprehend a love such as this? How could we ever earn this amazing grace? You call us to you in love, O God, and send us to love others in Christ's name. Hear our prayers this day as we hold the weary and the suffering in our hearts and minds.

We pray for those recovering and rebuilding from hurricanes and natural disasters. Shelter and protect those who have lost loved ones and homes, God. Be their refuge and their strength.

We pray for refugees, for children and families, mothers, fathers, aunts and uncles seeking asylum, safety and opportunity. Your love knows no boundary or border, Holy God. Help us to love as you love.

We pray for the sick and their caregivers. We pray for first responders and hospital personnel. Give hope to those who are called to help and heal. May our world know well-being.

We pray for countries and communities struggling for safety and freedom. We pray for those without access to healthcare, food or shelter. Help us, Holy God, to dismantle oppressive systems that privilege and hoard. Help us build new and just systems for our collective flourishing.

We pray for those who, in this new year, feel helpless and hopeless. Remind them, Savior God, that the night is not night to you. Remind them, Covenant God, that you have called them by name, that they belong to you, that none of us is alone.

United as the Body of Christ we lift these prayers to you, Savior God. Hear us now, as we pray the prayer Christ taught us by saying together, **"Our Father..."**.

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***"We are an intercultural congregation worshipping together
where Jesus Christ is Lord; where people of God share in leadership;
and where the strength of our fellowship builds bridges to the community."***

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EVENTS HAPPENING IN 2024

In person hybrid worship is at 11AM in the Sanctuary

Zoom link is as follows:

By Computer

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 870 270 865

One tap mobile

+16465588656

Hybrid English Bible Study will be Thursdays at 11AM in the Fellowship Hall or feel free to join us through zoom.

Zoom Link bible study

By computer

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 376 838 854

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Spanish Bible Study will be on Wednesdays

The next Session Meeting will be January 13th at 7PM

The next Worship Team Meeting will be February 11th at 9:30AM

Coffee Hour following worship today.

Church Leaders Retreat February 8th 9:30AM – 12:30PM at FPCO

Please Share your tithes and offerings using the QR code below



Prayers and Praise

Please prayer for our Nation

Please pray for everyone in leadership

Please pray for children/ families

Please pray for the Otu family

Please pray for the Supina/Ruess family

Please pray for the Sevilla family

Please pray for people struggling with cancer for healing

Please pray for people struggling with mental health

Please pray for leaders, people in a position of authority

Please pray for the Denzer Family

Please pray for Heather Blenkinsopp

Please pray for the Carretta family

Please pray for the Yumart family

Pleaser pray for the Sippel family

Please pray for the Quinoy family

Please pray for Joy and Teresa Zeiden

Please pray for Boateng family

Please pray for Kiara Taylor's family

Please pray for Bruce and family

Please pray for Nancy Marin

Please pray for Bob

Please pray for Curtis

Please pray for the Bonapace family

Please pray for peace in the world

Please pray for Warren's family

Please pray for Diana Behan and family.

Praise Songs and Hymns

HE CAME DOWN

He came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have light;
he came down that we may have light;
he came down that we may have light;
hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have peace;
hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have joy;
he came down that we may have joy;
he came down that we may have joy;
hallelujah forevermore.

COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

LA FAMILIA DE DIOS / THE FAMILY OF GOD

Soy Feliz porque soy de la familia de Dios;
Me lavó en la sangre mi Salvador. Heredero con
Cristo, hijo soy por su amor;
Soy Feliz en la familia, la familia de Dios.

I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God
I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood!
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod;
For I'm part of the family, the family of God.