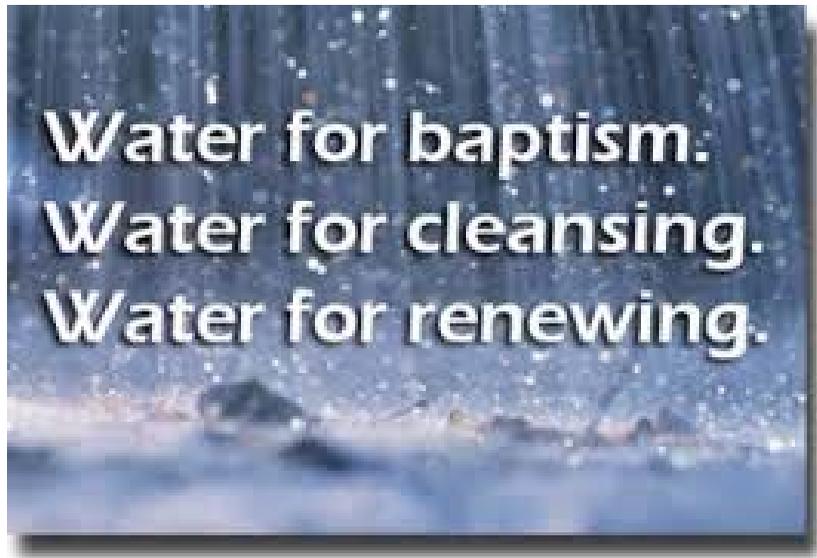


First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas



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EPIC Renewal Sunday

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Prelude

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

John Innes

**Entering with the Candles of Presence

Zach Blessant & Samantha Gales

Greetings

*Call to Worship

Leader: In the beginning,

People: God created the heavens and the earth.

Leader: The Spirit of God

People: swept over the face of the waters;

Leader: then God said: Let there be light,

People: and God saw that it was good.

Leader: At the beginning of his ministry,

People: Jesus was baptized by John.

Leader: The heavens opened,

People: and the Spirit descended like a dove;

Leader: then God said: This is my beloved Son,

People: in whom I am well pleased.

*Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*Hymn

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

No. 10

Prayer of Confession

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 sisters and brothers in Christ.**

**We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,
and show reluctance to welcome one another;
we allow the past to hold us hostage.**

In your loving kindness, have mercy on us,

Sermon

“Baptism of the Lord and Our Baptism”

The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

Renewing Our Baptismal Vows

Sentences of Scripture

Profession of Faith

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I do.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

I do.

Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God’s help.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the
right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the
living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, Eternal God...

Celebrating the Baptism of Jesus

(All those who would like to celebrate the baptism of Jesus are invited to come forward to dip their hand into the baptismal waters.)

**and free us from sin.
Remind us of the promises you make in baptism
so that we may rise to new life,
and live together in grace. Amen.**

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

[Lifting water from the font]

Hear the good news of the gospel: *Mark 1:11*

As a voice from heaven said to Jesus,

so God says to each of us:

You are my beloved child,

and with you I am well pleased.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

*Song of Thanksgiving

Gloria Patri

No. 579

*The Peace

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The
peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

*** (The children may come forward during the greeting.)*

**Time with the Children

First Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

Anthem

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

arr. Roy Ringwald

Precious Lord, take my hand, bring me home through the night,

Through the dark, through the storm, to Thy light.

I have been to the mount, I have seen the Promised Land:

Precious Lord, take my hand.

Precious Lord, take my hand, bring Thy child home at last,

Where the strife and the pain all are past:

I have dreamed a great dream that Thy love shall rule our land:

Precious Lord, take my hand.

Second Reading

Mark 1:4-11

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

