

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
Baptism of the Lord

January 8, 2017

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music

Concerns of the Church

Prelude "Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters" arr. Wood

Call to Worship

Sing to the Lord a new song;

sing to the Lord, all the earth.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters,

and in the temple God's people say: Glory!

Let us worship God.

* Hymn 10 "Sing Glory to the Name of God" (Psalm 29)
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

God, you show no partiality,

yet we are not always as tolerant and accepting.

Forgive our intolerance,

and help us to see as you see,

that we may be found acceptable in your sight

through Jesus our Christ.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Passing of the Peace

* Response 583 "Glory to God"

Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory in the highest!
Glory to God! Glory to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Matthew 3:15-17 (NT p. 3)

A Time with Children

Anthem "Dancing Day" arr. David Wilcocks

Second Lesson: Acts 10:34-43 (NT p. 129)

Sermon: "Did They Baptize the Wrong People?" Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 487 "These Treasured Children"

The Sacrament of Baptism (Hymnal, p. 14)

Presentation of Jillian Deborah Shane

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 17)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. Callahan

* Doxology (606)

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 156 "Sing of God Made Manifest"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "In Christ Called to Baptize" arr. Schnabl

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given by Nancy Owens to the glory of God, in honor of her grandchildren, Olivia, Henry and Carolyn, and in loving memory of her husband, Steve.

Being baptized today is Jillian Deborah Shane, daughter of Holly and Kevin Shane, sister of Dean Shane, and granddaughter of Debbie and Tim Shane and Chris and Linda Woodley. Her aunt, Briar Woodley, is the assisting elder for the baptism.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Tabbi Miller-Scandle
Ushers	Gwynne Gilbert, Greg Matthews
Welcomers	Char and Fred Lyon



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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“This is
my **SON,**
the
Beloved,
with whom
I am
well pleased.”
Matthew 3:17

Matthew 3:15-17

But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."