



# Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church

## Worship Service for the Lord's Day

January 14, 2024  
8:15 AM  
Baptism of the Lord Sunday

**Prelude** Variations on *Crusaders' Hymn* Curt Oliver

**Welcome and Invitations** Rev. Ginger Thomas

**Call to Worship** Rev. Rebecca DePoe

The heavens opened, the Spirit descended,  
**and a voice sounded, "This is my Beloved Son."**

Let us pray.

**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 in his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; for he lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**\*Hymn 630** Fairest Lord Jesus *Crusaders' Hymn*

**Call to Confession and Silent Prayer**

**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 one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us captive. In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together with love and peace. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so, in Christ, God speaks to us:, "You are my child, my beloved; with you I am well pleased." In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God!**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*All are invited to exchange signs of reconciliation and peace with others.*

**Scripture Readings**

Psalm 29 (OT, pg. 504)

Mark 1:1-15 (NT, pg. 34)

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** Rev. Roger Owens

The asterisk (\*) in the bulletin invites you to rise in body or spirit.  
Words printed in **bold** are for the congregation to speak in unison.

## Offering

*Please complete a connect card and place it in the offering plate.*

**Hymn 492** (sing twice)

You Belong to Christ

Robert A. Hobby

## Renewal of Baptism

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

**In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.**

Beloved people of God, our baptism is the sign and seal of our cleansing from sin, and of our being united with Christ. Through our baptism we were made citizens of God's kingdom, and freed from the bondage of sin. Let us celebrate that freedom and redemption through the renewal of the promises made at our baptism.

I ask you to confess again the faith expressed at your baptism and confirmation.

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.**

Who is your Lord and Savior?

**Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

**I will, with God's help.**

Let us pray.

Glory to you, O God, for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks and praise for all you have done in your Son, Jesus Christ, and that by the grace of our baptism, you have claimed us and poured out the gifts of your Spirit so that we might be dead to sin and alive to you in Christ Jesus. Continue to pour out your Spirit upon us. Empower us to love and serve you and live as your faithful people. **Amen.**

*The pastor lifts water from the font.*

Remember your baptism and be thankful, and know that the Holy Spirit is at work within you.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## Invitation to the Lord's Table

This is Christ's table, and all who seek to follow Christ are welcome at this table, regardless of their age or understanding. Parents are encouraged to bring their children to participate in the sacrament. The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love.

## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Praise to you, O God, for all your works...

...Therefore with all creation we sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

Thank you, O God, for sending us your Son...

...to live for him in joy and praise. Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts...  
...all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

### **Sharing the Bread and Cup**

Today we will receive by intinction. Starting with the front row, come forward by the middle aisle with open hands. Receive a piece of bread, dip it into the juice, and eat. Gluten-free sealed elements are available on the table.

### **Prayer after Communion**

**God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### **\*Benediction**

### **Postlude**

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

*Lani Smith*

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### **Participants Today**

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