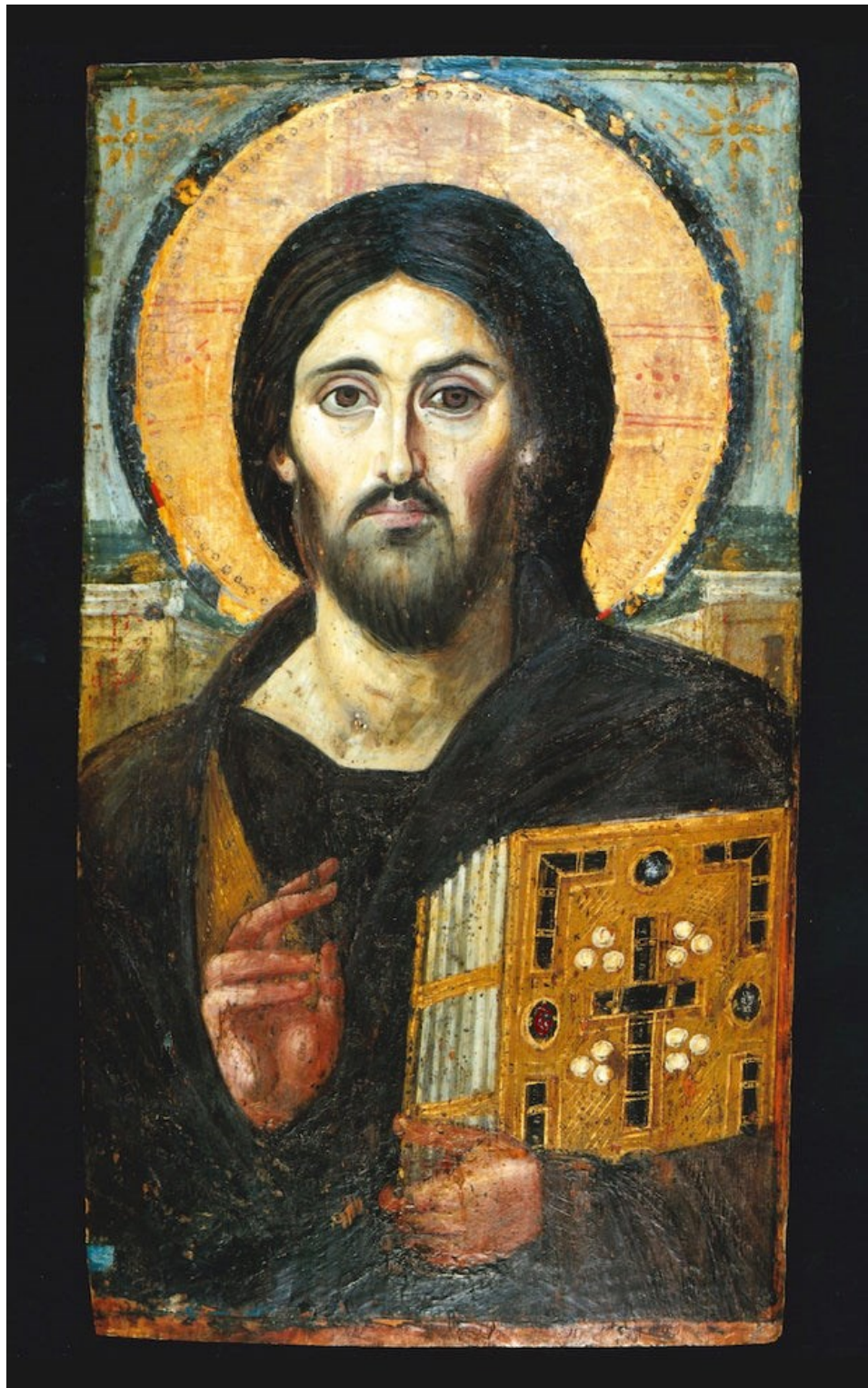


**Fox Chapel
Presbyterian Church**
Worship Service for the Lord's Day

January 14, 2024
11:00 AM
Baptism of the Lord Sunday



Prelude	Bright and Glorious is the Sky Carol of the Bells Fox Chapel Ringers	<i>Danish Carol, arr. Moklebust</i> <i>Ukrainian Carol, arr. Wissinger</i>
Welcome and Invitations		Rev. Ginger Thomas
Introit	When Jesus Came to Jordan <i>When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John, he did not come for pardon, but as God's Holy One.</i>	Frederik Mehrtens
*Call to Worship		Rev. Rebecca DePoe
<p>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.</p>		
*Hymn 630	Fairest Lord Jesus	<i>Crusaders' Hymn</i>
Call to Confession and Silent Prayer		
Prayer of Confession		
<p>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.</p>		
Assurance of Pardon		
<p>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!</p>		
*Passing of the Peace		
<p>The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. And also with you. <i>All are invited to exchange signs of reconciliation and peace with others.</i></p>		
Scripture Reading	Psalm 29 (OT, pg. 504)	
<p>This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.</p>		
Children's Message	<i>Children attending Kids' Church may follow Pastor Lori.</i>	Rev. Lori Bass-Riley
Scripture Reading	Mark 1:1-15 (NT, pg. 34)	
<p>This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.</p>		
Bell Anthem	As with Gladness Men of Old	<i>Dix, arr. Page</i>
Sermon		Rev. Roger Owens
Hymn 492 (sing twice)	You Belong to Christ	<i>Robert A. Hobby</i>

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.

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.

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 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.

Hymn 492 (sing twice)

You Belong to Christ

Robert A. Hobby

Offering

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

Offertory Anthem

The Crown of Roses

Peter Ilich Tchaikovsky

When Jesus Christ was yet a child he had a garden small and wild. Wherein he cherished roses fair, and wove them into garlands there. Now once, as summertime drew nigh, there came a troop of children by, and seeing roses on the tree, with shouts they plucked them merrily. "Do you bind roses in your hair?" They cried, in scorn, to Jesus there. The boy said humbly, "Take, I pray, all but the naked thorns away." Then of the thorns they made a crown, and with rough fingers pressed it down, till on his forehead fair and young red drops of blood like roses sprung.

***Doxology**

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn 156**

Sing of God Made Manifest

Salzburg

***Benediction and Choral Response**

He Came to Share Repentance

Frederik Mehrtens

*He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins,
to speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.*

Postlude

Toccata on Salzburg

Robert A. Hobby

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All are invited to remain for the postlude.

For Children and Families during 11:00 AM Worship

Children of all ages are welcome to remain in worship with their families, and we provide the following opportunities for children and families:

Children age 3 to 5th grade are invited to sign up for Kids' Church prior to worship near the entry to the Sanctuary. Children may join Pastor Lori at the front of the Sanctuary for a Children's Message during worship (except on the first Sunday of the month). Following the Children's Message, children are led to the lower level Kids' Space, where parents/guardians can pick them up following worship. The lower level is accessed via the elevator in the Atrium or the staircase near the main entrance to the building.

Nursery care is available for ages 0-3 in Room 109 (near the main entrance).

The Comfort Space is available in Room 107 (next to the nursery) to comfort or feed a child and watch the worship service via livestream.

Participants Today

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Chancel Choir

Andrew Boag, Don Boyd, Nick Graef, Margaret Groninger, David Houggy, Helen Houggy, Dee Hoyt, June Hurh, Zelene Hutchison, Fran Jetcyk, Beth Lockwood, Kelly Lynch, Brian Miller, Scott Miller, Gwen Minshall, Jerry Minshall, Logan Newman, Barbara O'Connell, Jack Oehrle, Ray Overmyer, Takako Petek, Wilberta Pickett, Audrey Russo, Polly Swanson, Terry Thompson, Louise van Mook, Tommy Walters, Joanne Welsh

Fox Chapel Ringers

Glenn Baldwin, Emy Boag, Joan Brozick, Marie Cornelius, Cynthia Lackey, Ray Overmyer, Bob Patterson, Connie Phillips, Diane Tung, Zelene Hutchison

Chancel Flowers

The chancel flowers today are given for the glory of God and in loving memory of Lola Morrow, wife and mother, by Bob Morrow and family, and in memory of Eleanor Crago by her family.

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