



1711 Whiskey Road
Aiken, SC 29803

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

January 10, 2021

8:45 am and 11:00 am

(Please stand, if able when indicated by an *)

Prelude

Scott Chappell

(While you hear the music, know you are in the presence of God, begin to open your mind, emotions, and body to encounter our Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer revealed by faith in Jesus Christ)

Welcome & Announcements

Chrystie Weimer

(Due to low bandwidth, please turn off any device that connects to the South Aiken Presbyterian Church's WiFi for all services, thank you.)

The Chiming *(Handbell rung three times, one for God the Father, for the Son, and for the Holy Spirit)*

Introit

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord

Ensemble Choir

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship** *(Psalm 29:1-4 from the NLT) (Read responsively)*

One: Honor the LORD, you heavenly beings; honor the LORD for the Lord's glory and strength.

Many: **Honor the LORD for the glory of Lord's name. Worship the LORD in the splendor of the Lord's holiness.**

One: The voice of the LORD echoes above the sea. The God of glory thunders. The LORD thunders over the mighty sea.

ALL: **The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is majestic.**

***Hymn**

As the Deer (sung as Director leads)

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield;

To you alone may my spirit yield.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*): Gracious God, we confess that you claimed us in baptism, yet we still struggle with not listening to your Holy Spirit. We have our own minds with selfish intent and ambition. O God, open us to your Spirit to encounter and to obey so that we can surrender more to your will through our Lord Jesus Christ.

(Pause and confess your personal sin in silence to God)

One: And all God's people said. "Amen"

Assurance of Forgiveness

The Font *(As the water is poured into the font, remember that God claims you in baptism through faith. Let us walk by the Spirit of the Living God)*

The Passing of the Peace *(8:45 share in comments online and by gestures in the sanctuary)*

(11:00 with smiling eyes and gestures of peace)

The Children's Moment

Michelle Lorio

***Hymn**

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

"I was there to hear your borning cry; I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child with a faith to suit you well;

In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell."

"When you heard the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on.

You were raised to praise the living Lord to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,

I'll be there to make the verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun."

"In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,

I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,

I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise."

"I was there to hear your borning cry; I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold."

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Ensemble Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons:

Old Testament Lesson:

Genesis 1: 1-5

New Testament Lesson:

Acts 19: 1-7

Gospel Lesson:

Mark 1: 4-11

One: Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Born of the Spirit”

Rev. Jason Hammersley

***Hymn**

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed** (Traditional) (*Unison*)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead and buried;
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy catholic church;
The communion of saints;
The forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body;
And the life everlasting. Amen**

Hymn

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

Prayer of Intercession

Offering of Gifts (*online or place your gifts in the plates in the Narthex*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving with the 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**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

***Hymn**

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

**Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us,
Traveling through this wilderness.**

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

**Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.**