



THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENID

JANUARY 7, 2024 — 10:50AM
BAPTISM OF OUR LORD SUNDAY

REV. ALISON BURCHETT, PREACHING

Childcare is available in our nursery for infants and young children.

Texts in bold indicate places where the congregation reads together.

**Asterisks (stars) indicate places where the congregation is invited to rise in body or spirit.*

———— GATHERING ————

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING HYMN: “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” #475**

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN—A LITANY

Sovereign God,
in baptism you called us to turn from sin and to turn to Jesus Christ;
but we stray from his ways and do not heed your call.

A time of silence confession.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

In baptism you joined us to Christ in his death that we might be raised
with Christ in new life; but we cherish old ways and fail to embrace the
risen life of righteousness, justice, and love.

A time of silence.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

In baptism you united us with all the baptized who confess your name; but we foster division in the church. We refuse to live as one people, and so fail to witness to your reconciling love before the world.

A time of silence.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

In baptism you call us to ministry in all realms of life, but we refuse the struggle to know your will; we do not nurture the ways of peace; we allow enmity and hatred to grow among us, putting neighbor against neighbor, and nation against nation. We abuse the earth you entrust to our care, and live in discord with all you made.

A time of silence.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

In baptism you sent us to serve with compassion all for whom Christ died; but we ignore the suffering of the oppressed and the plight of the poor. We take bread from the hungry, and will not listen to cries for justice.

A time of silence.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

In baptism you gave us the Holy Spirit to teach and guide us, but we rely on ourselves, and refuse to trust your direction. We spurn your eternal

wisdom, preferring the luring ways of the world.

A time of silence.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy on us. Remember the promises you made to us in our baptism, forgive our sinful ways and heal our brokenness. Set us free from all that enslaves us, and raise us to new life in Jesus Christ, that we may be your faithful servants, showing forth your healing love to the world, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

———— THE WORD ————

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Creator Spirit, who hovered over the waters at creation's birth,
who descended in the form of a dove at Jesus' baptism,
who was poured out under the signs of fire and wind at Pentecost:
Come to us, open our hearts and minds, so that we may hear the Word
of life and be renewed by your power, for you live and reign with the
Father and the Son, now and forever. **Amen.**

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Mark 1:4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Anthem**"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"****FPC Choir****CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

SERMON—PIGEONS AND DOVES

Rev. Alison Burchett

***HYMN: “THERE’S A SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT” #408**

— REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT —

RENUNCIATIONS

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.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—APOSTLE’S CREED

**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 Pontious Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;**

the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
 a 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.

————— THE EUCHARIST —————

INVITATION TO OFFERING

To make a gift online, visit www.FPCEnid.com

***THE DOXOLOGY #606**

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

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

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. Lead us not into temptation, and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All people are invited to take communion at FPC.
Certified gluten-free communion is available at all serving stations.
If you are not able to come forward or would like to receive communion from your seat,
please raise a hand and a server will bring the elements to you.*

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

————— SENDING —————

***HYMN: I'LL FLY AWAY**

SOME GLAD MORNING WHEN THIS LIFE IS OVER
I'LL FLY AWAY
TO A HOME ON GOD'S CELESTIAL SHORE
I'LL FLY AWAY

I'LL FLY AWAY, OH, GLORY
I'LL FLY AWAY
WHEN I DIE, HALLELUJAH, BY AND BY
I'LL FLY AWAY

JUST A FEW MORE WEARY DAYS AND THEN

I'LL FLY AWAY

TO A LAND WHERE JOY SHALL NEVER END

I'LL FLY AWAY

I'LL FLY AWAY, OH, GLORY

I'LL FLY AWAY

WHEN I DIE, HALLELUJAH, BY AND BY

I'LL FLY AWAY

YEAH, WHEN I DIE, HALLELUJAH, BY AND BY

I'LL FLY AWAY

***BENEDICTION & BLESSING**

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

*Words and Music reprinted under ONE LICENSE A-736526 and CCLI Acct: 1634924
Today's liturgy adapted from "Call to Worship" and The Book of Common Worship, both
published by the Presbyterian Church (USA).*