



Church of the Hills
Presbyterian Church (USA)

Baptism of the Lord

“The Gift of the Holy Spirit”

Isaiah 43:1-7

Acts 8:14-17

Pastor Richard Aylor

January 12, 2025

We are a vibrant family of faith rooted in God's Word, gathering together to worship and equipped to share the love of Christ in the world.

Prelude

Opening Chant

“You Belong to Christ”

Purple Hymnal 492

“You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia”

Welcome

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****Call to Worship**

Leader: The voice of God resounds upon the water.

People: The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.

Leader: The Son of God is named, “Beloved”.

People: And all who worship shout out, “Glory!”

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.

People: Let us worship God in holy splendor.

****Opening Hymn**

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Purple Hymnal 475

Come thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of God’s unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I’m come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here’s my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

** Please stand if you are able

****Invitation to Confession**

Sue Brown

Leader: God loves us and calls us each by name.

All: Knowing we are eternally forgiven and infinitely loved, let us boldly confess our sins before God.

****Prayer of Confession**

Leader: We are precious in your sight, yet we often forget that we are your beloved.

People: We confess that our love is fickle and inconstant.

Leader: We follow selfish goals and deny that our way of life harms others and hurts your world.

People: We are sorry and we want to change. Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve, reconcile us one to another, and bless us with your peace. Amen.

**** Declaration of Forgiveness and the Peace of Christ**

Leader: Beloved, God forgives your sins; know that you are pardoned and be at peace to love the Lord and serve the world.

People: May your Spirit, moving like a stream of water flowing from its source, work in us this day to realize your vision of a world made new in Christ, in whose name we pray.

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with those gathered here and those watching from home.

People: And, also with you.

Leader: Share the Peace of Christ with one another.

** Please stand if you are able

****Response to Forgiveness**

“Baptized in Water”

Purple Hymnal 482 (v. 1)

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
heirs of salvation, trusting the promise,
faithfully now God’s praises we sing.

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Please join me in the Prayer for Illumination.

All: Glorious God, when Jesus was baptized for your healing mission the heavens opened in a flash of glory as vision and voice blazed upon the waters. May your Spirit so burn in us that we hear your word translated into deed and follow Jesus in paths of justice, right relationship, and peace. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

43 But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name; you are mine.
²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
³For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.
⁴Because you are precious in my sight
and honored and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
⁵Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
⁶I will say to the north, “Give them up,”
and to the south, “Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—

Invitation to the Offering

Prayer of Dedication

****Doxology** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” Purple Hymnal 606

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

Prayers of the People and 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.

****Closing Hymn** “Take Me to the Water” Purple Hymnal 480

Take me to the water. Take me to the water.
Take me to the water to be baptized.

I love Jesus. I love Jesus.
I love Jesus, yes, I do.

He’s my Savior. He’s my Savior.
He’s my Savior, yes, he is.

Glory hallelujah. Glory hallelujah.
Glory hallelujah to be baptized.

****Charge and Blessing**

Leader: And all the people of God say

People: Alleluia. Amen.

**** Please stand if you are able**

Postlude

Please join us for Fellowship Time in the Narthex immediately following the Worship Service. To all of our visitors, you are welcome to join us, and we look forward to getting to know you during this time.

For Pastoral Care:

Please contact Pastor Richard at 303-828-8263

A General Note regarding Financial Solicitations:

Please remember that a church leader will never directly solicit you for funds or the transfer of funds. We will only ask for your support of the church through the traditional process of filling out pledge cards and fulfilling that pledge accordingly.

Office Hours:

The Church Office is open Tuesday – Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Peg and Toby normally go to lunch between 12:30 and 1:00 and are back by 2:00). Friday from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Deadlines:

The deadline for all Church Communication Publications and notifications is Wednesday at 2:30 p.m.

Additionally, please provide advance notice for any special projects you may have, so that time can be accurately allocated, supplies ordered, and quality and fairness can be provided for all parties concerned.

Please be aware that any items received after the deadline will go into the following week's communication publications and job tasks.

Church Officers:

Pastor – Richard Aylor
Office Administrator – Peggy Farnham (and Toby)
Director of Music – Nancy Church
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Yellow - “Hymns for the Family of God”

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