



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Baptism of Jesus Sunday, January 8, 2012

Service Colour: White

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP

10:30 a.m.

Prelude (a time for prayer and reflection)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Placing of the Bible by the Beadle (All who are able are invited to stand)

One: The Lord be with you **All: And also with you**

Doxology (830) and Bible Sentence

Hymn: 136 (vs. 3-6)

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace (in unison):

Creating and restoring God, we come together this day to celebrate the baptism by John of your Son, the Beloved. We thank you for the gift of baptism, for through it we are assured that we are precious to you, that we belong to you forever, and that we are appointed to be your arms, feet, hands, eyes, ears, and lips in your world.

O God, who has given us the example of Jesus, we sometimes hesitate to follow that example. Wash from us anything that would make us deaf to your voice. Cleanse us from anything that would close our minds to your wisdom. Purify us of anything that would dim our vision of your peace. Take from us anything that would distract our hearts from your will for us. Remind us of the promises that you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

All (sung): Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

M. The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

C. And also with you. *Hallelujah* (Hymn 294) will be sung.

Prayer for Understanding

Hymn: 173 (**all seated**) Children's time and prayer (children 3-6)

Lessons: Isaiah 60: 1-6 (p. 649); Psalm 29; (*Glory be to the Father... hymn book 594*); Acts 19: 1-7 (p. 122); Mark 1: 4-11 (p. 30)

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: 147 (unannounced)

Sermon—Ascription of Glory

The Offertory Hymn: 183; The Creed (hymn book – inside front cover) &

Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Others (beginning with):

M. Lift up your hearts.

C. We lift them to the Lord.

M. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer (hymn book 831) (debts, debtors)

Hymn: 164 (unannounced)

The Commissioning, Benediction, Choral Amen & Silent Prayer

Song: *Go Now In Peace (all seated)* (hymn book – inside back cover)

Postlude: The greeting of those nearby in the pews/aisles

Greeting Elder: Susan Burris **Usher:** John Stone

Beadle: Kathy Sloan **Elevator Guide:** Chris McDonald

Organist: Dr. Kenneth Cameron **Reader:** Kathy Sloan

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Today: 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion; 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Youth Group

Tues: 7:00 p.m. Guild; Finance & Stewardship Committee

Wed: 4:30 p.m. Hope Cottage Ministry; 7:00 p.m. Choir

Thurs: 6:30 p.m. Kilted Choir

Sun: 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion; 10:30 a.m. - Worship, Church School and Nursery.

Readings for January 15: 1 Samuel 3: 1-20; Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20; John 1: 43-51.

Annual Meeting followed by Potluck Luncheon: Sunday, January 29, 2012 at 10:30 a.m.; the worship and meeting will be combined; this has been done in the last four meetings. Luncheon: Bring finger food ready to serve (i.e.: sandwiches, cheese, veggies, fruit or cookies). Birthday cake will be served.

2012 Offering Envelope boxes are in the lobby. If you wish to have one, call Naomi Walker 466-2919.

Furniture Bank: If you have furniture to contribute, call 463-9074 (no appliances)

Please take a moment after the service to greet those who have been sitting near you during the service