

# THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

## *Baptism of Christ Sunday*

**January 8, 2012**

***PLEASE NOTE: Wheelchairs are welcome in any aisle of the church.  
Large print bulletins and hymnals as well as wireless hearing devices  
are available from the ushers as needed.***

**+ GATHER IN GOD'S NAME +**

**The Prelude**

SARABANDE AND GROUND

William Crost

*The prelude is a time to **silently** prepare yourself for worship with prayer and meditation. You are encouraged to read over the words of the Scripture passages, the words of the hymns and the prayers for the service in order that you can participate fully in worship.*

*The Baptism of Christ Sunday falls on the Sunday after Epiphany. On this day we celebrate not only Jesus' baptism, but our own as well, for our baptism is rooted in Christ. Baptism joins us to Christ and to his church. With all of the baptized we are called to share in Jesus' ministry. In the waters of baptism we are buried with Christ, cleansed of our sins, and raised to share in Christ's resurrection.*

*On this Sunday we not only come to communion, we also come to the font as we reaffirm our baptismal vows and once again commit ourselves to following Jesus. **EVERYONE** in worship is invited to participate in both communion and the reaffirmation of baptismal vows.*

## **The Opening Sentences**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying,

**“I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”**

But Jesus answered him,

**“Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.”**

Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said,

**“This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”**

Matthew 3:13-17

**\*The Hymn #461**

GOD IS HERE!

Abbot's Leigh

## **The Welcome and News of Congregational Life**

*Visitors and members are asked to sign the Ministry of Friendship Book, including address and phone number, and pass it back to the center aisle. If you would like to receive the weekly E-pistle from the pastor, include your email address. If you are looking for a church home, you may talk with the pastor following the service.*

*You may fill out a **yellow card** with your prayer requests and place it in the collection plate during the Offering. The prayer requests will be included in the Prayers of the People later in the service.*

## **The Call to Confession**

### **The Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God,  
in baptism you grafted us into the body of Christ—the bread of heaven--  
promising us forgiveness of sin and newness of life.  
But we fail to live as forgiven people.  
We keep destructive habits and hold grudges.  
We allow our past to hold us hostage,  
and are reluctant to welcome newness.**

**In your loving kindness, have mercy on us,  
and free us from sin.  
Remind us of the promises you have made to us in baptism  
so that we may live as your people,  
claimed in the waters of promise. Amen.**

*Liturgical Year: The Worship of God, Supplemental Resource # 7, PCUSA*

### **The Assurance of Pardon**

*As the assurance of pardon is proclaimed, water will be poured into the font as a reminder that it is through the waters of baptism that God's boundless grace is offered to us. The assurance will end with the words:*

In baptism we are claimed by God,  
our sins are washed away,  
and we are upheld, throughout all our days,  
by the grace and providence of God.

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

### **\*The Response**

**Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit,  
Cleansed and forgiven, all of our days:  
Born of the Spirit, We are God's children,  
Joyfully now God's praises we raise.**

Bunessan

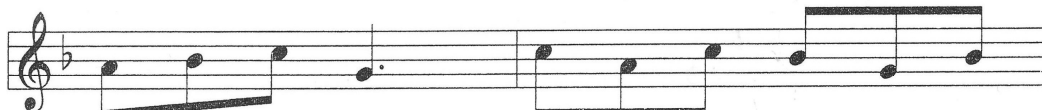
+ PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD +

**A Sacred Space for Children**

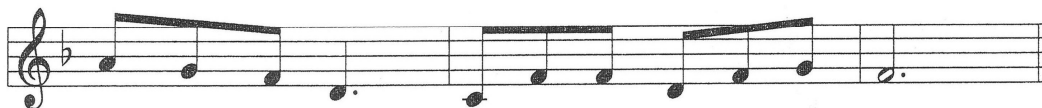
*As the music begins and the congregation sings, the children are invited to come forward for sacred space.*



This, this is where chil-dren be-long, wel-comed as part of the



wor - ship - ing thron-g. Wa - ter, God's Word, bread and



cup, prayer, and song: This is where chil-dren be - long.

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*Children, **kindergarten and younger**, are invited to go to the Activity Room after Sacred Space. Older children are encouraged to remain with the community at worship/communion.*

**The Children's Recessional**

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**Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit,  
Marked with the sign of Christ, our Lord;  
Born of the Spirit, We are God's children,  
Joyfully now God's name we adore.**

**The Anthem** TAKE ME TO THE WATER African-American Spiritual  
Take me to the water to be baptized....  
None but the righteous shall see God.....  
I love Jesus, oh yes, I do....  
He's my Savior, oh yes, He is.... *-African-American Spiritual*

### **The Prayer for Illumination**

**The Gospel** John 6:30-35  
So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**The Homily** BAPTISMAL VOWS AND THE BREAD OF LIFE Julie March

**+ GATHER AT THE FONT+**

**\*The Hymn** WASH, O GOD, YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS Beach Spring

**Wash, O God, your sons and daughters, newborn creatures of your womb,  
Number them among your people, raised like Christ from death and tomb.  
Weave them garments bright and sparkling;  
compass them with love and light.  
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.**

**Ev'ry day we need your nurture; by your manna we are fed.  
Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread.  
God, renew us; guide our footsteps;**

free from sin and all its snares,  
One with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.

O how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways!  
To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise!  
We your people stand before you,  
water-washed and Spirit-born.  
By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God, transform!

**\*The Reaffirmation of our Baptismal Covenant**

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 renounce them.**

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.**

Will you continue to devote yourself  
to the church's teaching and fellowship,  
to the breaking of bread and the prayers?

**I will, with God's help.**

**+ RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD +**

**The Call to Commitment and Offering**

*As many of us contribute electronically or by a check in the mail, your holding  
and passing the offering plate is an act of blessing and dedication to our life  
together in Jesus Christ.*

**The Offertory**                      OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN      13<sup>th</sup> century Plainsong  
Of the Father's love begotten, Ere the worlds began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He;

Of the things that are, that have been,  
And that future years shall see, Evermore and evermore!

O that birth forever blessed, When the Virgin, full of grace,  
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, Bore the Savior of our race;  
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer,  
First revealed His sacred face, Evermore and evermore!

O ye heights of Heaven adore Him; Angel hosts, His praises sing;  
Powers, dominions, bow before Him, And extol our God and King;  
Let no tongue on earth be silent,  
Every voice in concert ring, Evermore and evermore!

*-Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348-413; translated John M. Neale, 1854*

**\*The Response**      FOR THE BREAD WHICH YOU HAVE BROKEN      Kingdom  
**In Your service, Lord, defend us;**  
**In our hearts keep watch and ward;**  
**In the world to which You send us**  
**Let Your kingdom come, O Lord.**

**+GATHER AT THE TABLE+**

*The baptismal font has been moved to the center of the aisle. As you come forward for communion, you are invited to dip your hand in the water and make the sign of the cross on your forehead.*

**The Invitation**

**The Prayer of 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 God thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy  
to give you thanks and praise,

O God of mercy and might.  
Your goodness is beyond measure.  
Therefore we praise you,  
joining our voices with the choirs of heaven  
and with all the faithful of every time and place,  
who forever sing to the glory of your name.

*(The congregation will sing the Sanctus #581)*

You are holy, O God of majesty  
and blessed in Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
in whom you revealed yourself,  
our light and our salvation.

**Baptized in Jordan's waters,  
Jesus took his place with sinners  
and your voice proclaimed him your beloved.  
Your Spirit anointed him  
to bring good news to the poor,  
to proclaim release to the captives,  
to restore sight to the blind,  
to free the oppressed.**

He lived among us in power and grace,  
touching broken lives with your healing peace.  
Broken himself, he became the Bread of Life,  
you gave birth to your church,  
and made with us a new covenant  
by water and the Spirit.

**Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine  
that the bread we eat  
and the cup we bless  
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.  
In your Spirit unite us with the living Christ  
and with all who are baptized in Christ's name  
that we may be one in ministry in every place.**

Hear us as we pray as Jesus teaches us to pray:

**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 sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
And lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **The Words of Institution**

### **The Sharing of the Bread and Cup**

*Communion is open to all who put their trust in Jesus Christ. There are a number of stations for receiving communion. The station on the far left is a kneeling station for those who wish to receive communion on their knees. You may also stand at that station. The station to the right will include gluten-free wafers. The pastor will be at the baptismal font for those who wish personal prayer.*

### **The Prayer of Dedication**

**+GO IN GOD'S NAME+**

**\*The Hymn #502**      BREAD OF THE WORLD IN MERCY BROKEN      Rendez a Dieu

### **\*The Charge and Benediction**

### **\*The Sharing of the Peace of Christ**

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

**\*The Postlude**

FINALE ON "HYMN TO JOY"

Charles Callahan

*You are invited to join with those who remain in the Sanctuary to hear the Postlude. You are also invited to Niccolls Hall for coffee and an opportunity to visit. Recycling boxes are in Memorial Hall and the Narthex for your used bulletin.*

**Liturgists**

Mary Gene Boteler and Mark O'Brien

**Harpist**

Megan Stout

**Soloist**

Tammy Campbell

**Ushers**

Chuck Miller, Nancy Quigley, Deb Maltby, Josh Brettmann

**Communion Servers**

Barbara Anderson, Bob Bruce, Gayle Justis, Henry Kaltenthaler,  
Booker Shaw, Marion Stevens, Nancy Quigley

**Fellowship Hosts**

Stephen and Laura Duntley

**Childcare**

Ruby Lockett

**"Classics for Communion"**

Today we welcome guest harpist, Megan Stout, to our service. Ms. Stout plays harp with the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra. "Classics for Communion" is a monthly series when we welcome a guest musician from the area to a worship service on a Communion Sunday. This series is underwritten by the generosity of Samuel and Eileen Glasser.

### **Choir Concert**

The Doane College Choir of Nebraska will sing a concert on Saturday, January 21 at 7:30 pm at Second Presbyterian Church. They will sing a varied and exciting program. For further information, call 314-367-0366. The concert is free and open to the public.

### **Joys and Concerns**

If you have joys or concerns for the bulletin, please e-mail them to [office@secondchurch.net](mailto:office@secondchurch.net). Joys and concerns will continue in the bulletin for one week. Please make sure that you have permission from those you list.

### **Sunday, January 8**

- 9:30am Christian Forum – Portrait Lounge -1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
*Dr. Frank C. Flinn, Retired Adjunct Professor of Religious Studies at Washington Univ. in St. Louis, discusses "Looking at Genesis Today."*
- 9:30am Adult Bible Study – Niccolls Hall – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor
- 9:30am Children's Sunday School – Activity Room – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor
- 10:10am Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor
- 11:00am Worship/Communion – Sanctuary - 1<sup>st</sup> Floor
- 12:15pm Fellowship – Niccolls Hall – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor
- 12:15pm Deaconess Meeting – Compton Lounge – Lower Level
- 12:15pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation/s/ Lunch – Upper Room – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor
- 5:00pm Choir and Handbells Party – Dining Room – Lower Level

### **Monday, January 9**

- 9:00am Staff and Volunteer Morning Prayer – Office – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

### **Tuesday, January 10**

- 9:00am Staff and Volunteer Morning Prayer – Office – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor
- 7:00pm Mission Teams – Niccolls Hall – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

### **Wednesday, January 11**

- 9:00am Staff and Volunteer Morning Prayer – Office – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
11:30am Staff Meeting – Conference Room – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
6:15pm Handbells Rehearsal – Handbells Room – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
6:30pm Table Talk – Everest Café – 4105 Manchester (The Grove)  
7:15pm Choir Rehearsal – Niccolls Hall – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

### **Thursday, January 12**

- 9:00am Staff and Volunteer Morning Prayer – Office – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
7:30pm GAMMA – Compton Lounge – Lower Level

### **Friday, January 13**

- 9:00am Staff and Volunteer Morning Prayer – Office – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
10:30am Knitting Ourselves to God – Portrait Lounge – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

### **Saturday, January 14**

- 8:45am-12:30pm “*Race and the Criminal Justice System: The New Jim Crow?*”  
Workshop - Cote Brilliante Pres. Church, 4673 Labadie Ave.  
9:30am 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation/s/ at Good Ground Pantry  
10:00am Good Ground Pantry  
10:00am Lenten Planning  
1:30pm Mary Ryder Birthday Party

### **Sunday, January 15**

- 9:30am Christian Forum – Portrait Lounge -1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
*Dr. Frank C. Flinn, Retired Adjunct Professor of Religious Studies at Washington University in St. Louis, continues the discussion on "Looking at Genesis Today."*  
9:30am Adult Bible Study – Niccolls Hall – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
9:30am Children’s Sunday School – Activity Room – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
10:10am Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
11:00am Worship – Sanctuary - 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
12:15pm Fellowship – Niccolls Hall – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
12:15pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation/s/ Lunch – Upper Room – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
3:00pm Worship Service to Honor Martin Luther King, Jr. - Cote Brilliante Presbyterian Church, 4673 Labadie Ave.

**Monday, January 16**

**Church Office Closed – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

**Annual Reports due**

***Seconds Deadline***

**A Soldier's Wish**

Today, Lt. Bryan Langley (our contact person at A Soldier's Wish) and his family are visiting Second Church to meet the people who sent his Company the care packages last summer. Please meet them in Niccolls Hall after the worship service.

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Weekend**

Cote Brillante Presbyterian Church, 4673 Labadie Avenue, St. Louis

(314) 381-2770      [www.cotebrilliantepc.com](http://www.cotebrilliantepc.com)

Sponsored by the Dismantling Racism Committee of the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy (Presbyterian Church USA)

No cost

Saturday, January 14 Workshop: 8:45am – 12:30pm

Breakfast served 8:45-9:30am

“Race and the Criminal Justice System: The New Jim Crow?”

Panel members:

Bevy Beimdiek, MO State Defender Capital Litigation Unit

Doug Burris, Chief U.S. Probation Officer, Eastern District of MO

Clark Porter, U.S. Probation Office, Eastern District of MO

Booker T. Shaw, Former Chief Judge of the MO Court of Appeals

Sunday, January 15 Worship: 3:00pm

Preaching: Jan Good, Senior Litigator for Federal Defender

All are invited to both events to not only celebrate Dr. King, but to work on ways to continue his legacy of freedom, equality, and justice for all. For more information, contact Cindy Corley at (314) 772-2395 or [ccorley@glpby.org](mailto:ccorley@glpby.org).

### **Christian Forum Class**

Sundays, Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29 at 9:30am – Portrait Lounge

The topic for January is “*Looking at Genesis Today*,” led by Dr. Frank Flinn, Retired Adjunct Professor of Religious Studies at Washington University in St. Louis. He has a Bachelor of Divinity, magna cum laude, from Harvard Divinity School and a Ph.D. in Special Religious Studies from St. Michael’s College, University of Toronto.

## **Congregational Meeting and Luncheon Sunday, January 29, 2012**

Following worship the congregation will gather in the Dining Room to review the work of the church in 2011 and to elect officers.

### **A Good Ground Pantry Christmas Thank You!!!**

Thanks to all those who helped make the 2011 Good Ground Pantry Christmas party a huge success. All the efforts of those who participated are greatly appreciated. One hundred forty-eight clients representing four hundred eighty-one family members were served a superb chili lunch and received groceries and /or Schnucks gift cards as a Christmas present from Second Church.

Good Ground Pantry is a long-standing and widely-supported outreach program of this church. The members of the congregation cannot be thanked often or loudly enough for this endeavor. Since the names of all those who helped are too numerous to list here, let us thank everyone who helped prepare and serve food, distribute groceries and gift cards, and organize both the set up and clean up. These include regular Good Ground Pantry volunteers, Second Generations and Second Helpings members, and all those who provided fruit or treats for the lunch. You are a real blessing to this mission effort.



### **Souper Bowl of Caring**

Join the fun on **Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**, Super Bowl Sunday, to support Good Ground Pantry. Bring cans of soup to worship that day and place them in the box of the team you think will win the Super Bowl that evening. Boxes labeled for the teams will be located in the Narthex and Memorial Hall.

In 1990, a Super Bowl Sunday prayer inspired a group of young people (at a Presbyterian Church in South Carolina) to do something more than celebrate a football game. They created the *Souper Bowl of Caring* and mobilized youth across the country to raise more than \$71 million for people in need. For more info, visit [www.souperbowl.org](http://www.souperbowl.org)

### **2012 Mission Yearbook Features Second Church**

The 2012 Presbyterian Mission Yearbooks for Prayer and Study are available for \$10 each from the church office. This year's book is green, and the Second Church community garden is featured on page 210 for Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Renovation Journey**

Second Church is called to be a steward of great beauty and a steward of great pain. In the midst of our calling to renew human life and dignity, we also have the challenge of maintaining and renovating this historic building. A task force is hard at work, and the Session has plans to refurbish the sanctuary during the summer of 2012.

### **Make Tax Free Distributions From Your IRA**

A new law signed into effect on December 17, 2010, allows tax free distributions from your IRA to Second Church for those individuals who are 70-1/2 years of age or older. These distributions count toward your required minimum distribution in 2011. Consult your tax and/or financial advisor for details.