

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CELL PHONES ARE TURNED OFF.

Welcome and Announcements

Pat Mesta, Lay Reader

Prelude

“Title”

Composer

Pouring the Waters of Baptism: a reminder that we are baptized children of God.

*Call to Worship

Pat Mesta

L: The voice of God resounds upon the water.
ALL: The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.
L: The Son of God is named, “Beloved.”
ALL: And all who worship shout, “Glory!”

*Hymn

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

Pat Mesta

L: God loves us and calls us each by name.
Knowing we are eternally forgiven and infinitely loved,
let us boldly confess our sins before God.

ALL: Gracious God, we know that we are precious in your sight, yet we often forget that we and the people we meet are your beloved. We are sorry and we want to change. Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve, reconcile us to one another, and bless us with your peace. Amen.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

*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.”

Prayer for Illumination

Pat Mesta

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 translate your word into deed and follow Jesus in paths of justice, right relationship, and peace. Amen.

First Scripture Reading:

Psalms 29

Pat Mesta

Special Music: *Frank Armato*

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Scripture Reading and Homily:

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Pastor Betsy

Moment for Meditation

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.

Offertory

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January/February Dollars for Mission will support Appalachian Animal Rescue.

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Pastor Betsy

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS, CLASS OF 2027

Sentences of Scripture (1 Corinthians 12)

Gail Lehman

L: There are varieties of gifts,
but it is the same Spirit who gives them.
**ALL: There are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.**

Statement on Ordination and Installation

Gail Lehman and Brenda Kraft

*Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

Pastor Betsy

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

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day, he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayer

Constitutional Questions to the Elders/Candidates

Pastor Betsy

Constitutional Questions to the Congregation

Brenda Kraft

Laying on of Hands and Prayer of Ordination

Pastor Betsy

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

Welcome

Charge to the Elders

*Hymn

“Will You Come and Follow Me?” (v. 1, 4, and 5)

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*Blessing

Pastor Betsy

*Postlude

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Frank Armato, Church Musician

*Stand as you are able. Lael Wilson or Dixie Ramsdell, “the waters;” Dennis Dalglish, candle lighting; Jerry Blaydes, sound system. The congregation is invited to read the print in **BOLD**.

First Presbyterian Church

growing in Faith, serving with Hope, sharing God’s Love

January 12, 2025 10:00 a.m.

***Baptism of the Lord
Ordination and Installation of Elders***

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