



First Presbyterian Church PC (U.S.A.)  
[Starkville Presbyterian Church PC (U.S.A.)]  
Starkville, Mississippi  
January 10, 2021  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
Baptism of the Lord

*Order of Worship*

Prelude        *Like the Murmur of a Dove Song*

Greeting (From Isaiah 43:1)

One: Do not fear, for the Lord has spoken:

**All: I have called you by name; you are mine!**

Hymn #664    *Morning Has Broken*

Morning has broken like the first morning,  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing, Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,  
Born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation; Praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Merciful God, in baptism You promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to love one another. We allow the past to hold us captive. In Your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life and live together in grace.** (Silent confession may be offered...)

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

Scripture            Mark 1:4-11

The Affirmation of Faith

*The Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father, through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in on holly catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Sermon

“What About Baptism?”

Rev. Ron McDougald

The Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

Receiving the Bread and the Cup

Prayer after Communion/The Lord’s Prayer

Postlude      *Come, Holy Spirit*

## INVITATION

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: O Lord, when the earth was a formless void you called creation into being ... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

One: Holy God, you so loved us ... Great is the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

One: ... make this and all our prayers.

**All: Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## PRAYER LIST:

Here are the most recent additions: **Martha Lancaster** (COVID); **Family of Steve Stricklin** (husband of Nancy Bryson's best friend); **Teachers, Students and their families** at all levels of education as they adjust to learning in this time of COVID 19. Please keep these and all those on the list below in your prayers.

**If you would like to add a request or removal to our list, please contact Nancy Bryson (324-6320 or [nancybryson68@gmail.com](mailto:nancybryson68@gmail.com)) or Rev. Ron McDougald (601-942-8040 or [chaplain.mcdougald@gmail.com](mailto:chaplain.mcdougald@gmail.com))**

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Rev. Jerry Long	Inez Mathis	Johnny McReynolds
Richard Mullenax	Jeff O'Rourke	Malone Phillips
Family of Nell Prather	Elizabeth Richardson	Bettye Seepe
Elizabeth Vance	Clyde Williams	Josephine Zitta

Please be in constant prayer for those suffering with COVID 19, and those who care for them, those with addictions, homelessness, loneliness, hunger, mental illness, the unemployed, prisoners and the poor.

**SUSPENSION OF 'FACE TO FACE' SERVICES.** Out of an abundance of caution, and with love and care for our community and congregation, we continue to suspend all face-to-face services (worship, social, choir, etc.) for the immediate future. The Session reviews this decision at each stated meeting. **Our next meeting is Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>.** Please contact any Elder or Ron, if you have questions or comments

### Session

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