



**HOLY BAPTISM OF
Ava Rose Lindley
Parents: Katie and Justin Lindley**

**First Presbyterian Church PCUSA
Starkville, Mississippi
Sunday, October 4, 2020
Celebrant: Rev. Ron McDougald**

PRELUDE *Come Thou Font of Every Blessing*

GREETING (Ephesians 4:4-6)

One: There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,

All: One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

HYMN *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

PRESENTATION BY THE ELDERS

On behalf of the Session I present Ava Rose Lindley, daughter of Katie and Justin Lindley, to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

VOWS OF THE PARENTS

Minister: Do you desire that Ava Rose be baptized?

Parents: We do

Minister: Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith, to teach that faith to your child, and to raise Ava Rose in the nurture and love of the Lord Jesus Christ?

Parents: We do.

VOWS OF THE CONGREGATION, asked by the Elder

Elder: Do we, as members of the Church of Jesus Christ promise to guide and nurture Ava Rose by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of his Church?

***Congregation** (stands and responds): **We do.**

SPECIAL MUSIC *Surely the Presence of the Lord*

PARENTS AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Minister: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

Parents: We do.

Minister: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

Parents: We do.

Minister: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

Parents: We will, with God's help.

***OUR BELIEF AS THE CHURCH (*Apostles' Creed*, ecumenical version)**

Elder: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

Elder: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended to into hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

Elder: Do you believe in the Holy Ghost?

All: I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***THANKSGIVING PRAYER**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

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

Minister: We give you thanks, Eternal God, for you nourish and sustain all living things by the gift of water. We praise you that in Baptism you give us your Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Spirit upon us in ways that all of us, as parents and the church, will be faithful to your call to raise Ava Rose in the ways of your son Jesus Christ. Give us all the love it takes, all the energy it takes, all the devotion it takes, so that she will believe, love and serve you all of his life.

Seal her to the household of faith and bless her with your joy, peace and love until the day you make all things new.

To you be all praise, honor, and glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reign forever.

People: Amen.

***THE BAPTISM**

Minister: Ava Rose Lindley, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

BLESSING

(All present, please extend your hands in a gesture of blessing!)

Minister: Ever-living God, in Your mercy You promised to not only be our God, but also the God of our children. We thank You for receiving Ava Rose by baptism. Keep her always in Your love. Guide her as she grows in faith. Protect her in all the dangers and temptations of life. Bring her to confess Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior and be His faithful disciple to her life's end; in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Minister: Ava Rose, child of the covenant, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit in baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF THE CHILD BY THE MINSITER

THE WELCOME

Minister: Ava Rose, you have been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through Baptism. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into the body of Christ.

All: Alleluia! Amen!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Bless Be the Tie That Binds*

Pianist: Linda Karen Smith
Soloist: Nancy Bryson