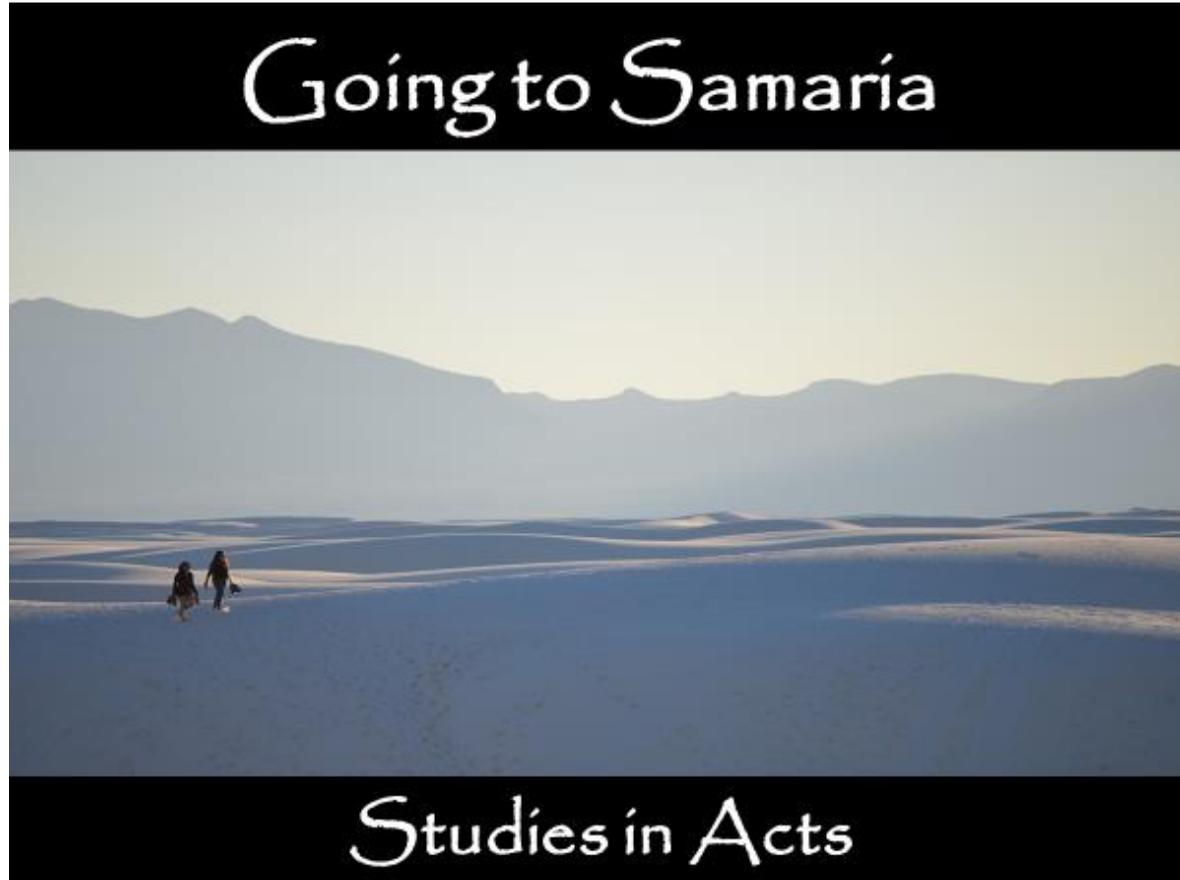


# CHRIST CHURCH PRESBYTERIAN

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## Christ Church Presbyterian Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 2019

10:30 A.M.

*Called to love, serve and witness.*

Thought as we enter worship

*Hardships often prepare ordinary people for an extraordinary destiny.* -- C.S. Lewis

### GATHERING

*Quiet meditation time (Please fill out a blue or pink card with any prayer requests and put it in the collection plate.) – Thanks*

### PRELUDE

*Welcome & Announcements*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;

**My flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

**Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.**

So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

**My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips**

When I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

**For you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.** *Psalm 63:1-8,*

\*HYMN GREEN #20 “You Are Holy”

### \*INVOCATION (Opening Prayer)

O Lord, we praise you. We thank you for calling us to be your community. Accept now our adoration and tribute. May our lives reflect your glory, our words your grace and our actions your love. **Amen.**

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin, or pretend it's not that big a deal, the only people we're fooling are ourselves, because God and everyone else knows that we sin.

**Despite this, Jesus loved us enough to come and take care of our sin.**

The good news is that if we confess – call our wrong actions and inactions the same thing God does – then because of Jesus, God is faithful and just, forgiving us our sins and cleansing us from all that gets in the way of following Jesus.

**Trusting in God's mercy and love, let us confess our sins.**

**\*CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

O God, you gave up your comfort to create our comfort in your love and grace,

**You came to us in grace, pouring out your life so that we could be made alive.**

Yet, O God, we bask in your love, but find ways to minimize your rule in our lives -

**We want your comfort, but somehow find ways to keep from sharing your comfort with others.**

We are astounded when we find mercy and grace exceed our wildness actions.

**So, O God, forgive us for all the times we doubt your goodness and love, striking out on our own to solve things rather than following your rule in our lives.**

Grant us the courage to give up being comfortable in following you

**So that others will come to know your comfort and choose to be a part of your kingdom sharing your love and grace.**

Hear the good news of God's amazing grace. In Christ we are made new; we are loved.

**Therefore, rejoice in the LORD because through God's grace we are forgiven!**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

May the peace, love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us greet one another in the name of the Lord.

**\*BLUE #579 "Gloria Patri"**

**THE PEOPLE OF GOD HEAR THE WORD****CHILDREN'S SERMON****HEARING GOD'S WORD: Acts 8:1-25****The Church Persecuted and Scattered**

On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison.

**Philip in Samaria**

Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went. Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah there. When the crowds heard Philip and saw the signs he performed, they all paid close attention to what he said. For with shrieks, impure spirits came out of many, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. So there was great joy in that city.

**Simon the Sorcerer**

Now for some time a man named Simon had practiced sorcery in the city and amazed all the people of Samaria. He boasted that he was someone great, and all the people, both high and low, gave him their attention and exclaimed, "This man is rightly called the Great Power of God." <sup>11</sup> They followed him because he had amazed them for a long time with his sorcery. But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Simon himself believed and was baptized. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money and said, "Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

Peter answered: "May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money! You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right before God. Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord in the hope that he may forgive you for having such a thought in your heart. For I see that you are full of bitterness and captive to sin."

Then Simon answered, "Pray to the Lord for me so that nothing you have said may happen to me."

After they had further proclaimed the word of the Lord and testified about Jesus, Peter and John returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel in many Samaritan villages.

**MESSAGE**

**"Going to Samaria"**

**THE WORD THROUGH MUSIC – ANTHEM (Congregation can join in on the chores)****THE PEOPLE OF GOD RESPOND****MINUTE FOR MISSION – Chains Interrupted - Rae Rochester****THE OFFERING**

**\*LIFTING PRAISE TO GOD – HYMN #593 The Doxology**

**\*Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**O God, in giving these gifts to you we are stating that we trust you to care for us. May we be as generous with your gifts to us as you are in giving them. This we ask in the name of the one who died for us, Amen.**

## COMMUNION

Words of Invitation

\*HYMN INSERT *“Behold the Lamb”*

The Great Thanksgiving:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

Let us remember our Lord’s love for us.

**We remember that our God demonstrated his love for us through his death on the cross.**

*It is our joy and our peace, at all times and in all places to give thanks to you, Almighty, everlasting God, through Christ Jesus, our Lord.*

**We bless you for your continual love and care for every creature.**

**We praise you for forming us in your image and calling us to be your people.**

We thank you that you did not abandon us in our rebellion against your love,

But sent prophets and teachers to lead us into the way of salvation.

**Above all we thank you for sending Jesus, your Son, to deliver us from the way of sin and death by the obedience of his life, by his suffering upon the cross, and by his resurrection from the dead.**

*We praise you that he now reigns with you in glory and ever lives to pray for us. We thank you for the Holy Spirit, who leads us into truth, defends us in adversity, and out of every people unites us into one holy church. Therefore with the whole company of saints in heaven and on earth we worship and glorify you, God most holy, and we sing with joy.*

**(Blue Hymnbook #138 vs. 4)**

***Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!***

***All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.***

***Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!***

We give thanks to God the Father that our Savior, Jesus Christ, before he suffered, gave us this memorial of his sacrifice until he comes again. The Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way, he took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

**We shall do as our Lord commands.**

**We proclaim that our Lord Jesus was sent by the Father into the world, that he took upon himself our flesh and blood and bore the wrath of God against our sin.**

*Heavenly Father, show forth among us the presence of your life-giving Word and Holy Spirit, sanctify us through this sacrament. As we remember our Lord’s sacrifice for us, may we be one in him, remaining faithful in faith, hope and love*

**As our Lord became poor so that we could become rich, may we as his followers be willing, like him, to sacrifice our comfort and our well-being so that others will be made rich through his grace and love until that day when your church will be gathered with you in glory.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

We give you praise and thanks, O Lord that you have called us to be your children. We are grateful for your love that led you to die for us and offer ourselves as your servants to be conduits of your love and grace in the world. With joy we thank you for the ways our congregation has shown your love this week. We praise you for your grace, honor you for your love and rejoice in your mercy. With deepest gratitude we proclaim you God.

*[Time for Silent Congregational Prayer]*

O God of compassion, we ask that our hearts be moved to show compassion for others. We especially pray for those who have suffered the loss of loved ones, home, food and shelter. We pray for all those who are prisoners, those who suffer addictions, and those who suffer daily. We remember before you the sick and dying, those who are lonely, those who are victims of war, terror, and injustice. We ask for mercy for those who suffer abuse especially those who are enslaved and grace for those who oppress others. We recall all those who have worshipped with us in the past and are unable to do so today.

*[Time for Silent Congregational Prayer]*

O Lord of the nations, we pray for all those who exercise authority over others. May they remember that their power is granted them to care for their people. May they pursue peace and justice as they seek first your kingdom and your righteousness. Help us all remember we need your love and grace. Grant us the courage to model your mercy to those around us.

*[Time for Silent Congregational Prayer]*

O Lord Jesus, you are the head of the church, the beginning and the end of all things. Grant to the church universal your mercy as we struggle to follow you. Look on also upon the ministry of this congregation which you have called together with grace and kindness. Increase our courage, strengthen our faith, and inspire our witness to all people, even to the ends of the earth

*[Time for Silent Congregational Prayer]*

Author of grace and God of love, send your Holy Spirit’s blessing to your children here present. Keep our hearts and thoughts in Jesus Christ, your Son, our only Savior, for you, Almighty God, Father,

Son and Holy Spirit are worthy of our praise and adoration as we sing together the hymn "Thou Are Worthy":

*Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy, O Lord,  
To receive glory, glory and honor, Glory and honor and pow'r.  
For Thou has created, hast all things created, Thou hast created all things,  
And for Thy pleasure they are created: Thou art worthy, O Lord!*

**SERVING OF THE ELEMENTS**

*Communion is by Intinction. Please come forward to receive the elements, coming down the center aisle and returning to your seat along the outside aisles. We will have separate cups available if for any reason you are unable to dip the bread in the common cup.*

**CLOSING PRAYER**

**We bless you, O God, for the gift of new life in you. As we live new lives may this communion remind us of the hope we have in you, your call for us to be your children and your sustaining power. Uphold us, we pray, as we serve you with lives of witness and worship in the world. This we ask in Jesus' name, Amen.**

**Church office hours: 8 am to Noon Monday through Thursday.  
For emergencies call The Rev. Tim Dyck 319-321-4154**

**SENDING OUT IN SERVICE**

**\*CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE**

**\*BENEDICTION**

Because of our God's tender mercy

**The dawn has broken upon us from on high**

To give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,

**And to guide our feet into the way of peace**

That we, being rescued, may serve him without fear,

**In holiness and righteousness before him for as long as we live.**

Glory to God in the highest

**And on earth, peace to all people.** (Cf. Luke 2:14, 1:74,75,78,79)

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**\*HYMN BLUE #41 CHORUS ONLY "O Come Let Us Adore Him"**

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