

WORSHIP
REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM SUNDAY
SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021
10:30 A.M.



Prelude and the Lighting of the Christ Candle
“Come to the Water” Choplin

Welcome and Greeting Rev. Dan Schumacher

Call to Worship Genesis 1:1-5 (NRSV) Bill and Linda White

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Baptism Lauren Niemann

I grew up in a multi-generational Christian household where we were taught to pray to God in any situation and to trust that God knows how to protect you. As a kid I followed my parents leading, because that’s what I was taught to do. But as I grew older, it was understood that I could either stick to the path of faith that my family had laid for me or find my own path. What I have experienced, is that the original path was never closed. It was just a matter of how I found my way back.

Although I regularly attended church as a teenager, I chose to go my own way. Like many young people might say, I was caught up in the notion that I had “my life figured out on my own.” Now (although I know I still have much more life ahead of me), I am learning to appreciate the growth I’ve already come to in life.

As a younger person, my pastor had the gift of prophesying to our congregation, and one day he prophesied to me to always read Psalm 91

and keep it close to my heart. At the time I did not understand what he meant and wouldn’t remember it until I was in the sickbay of United States Marine Corps boot camp, sitting on a wooden footlocker praying and wondering what Psalm I needed to read. Little did I know that his words would be for years down the road, when I was experiencing a dark time – a time when God’s protection and faith was needed more than ever. Since then, Psalm 91 has come to sustain me.

In my studying of Jesus’ baptism and baptism in itself, it spoke so much of baptism as a repentance of sins. As I read it, I began to consider how suppressing emotions (which is my biggest downfall) is just the opposite of what repenting is. Suppressing keeps it in, while repentance lets it out. In order to seek what I need in life, I need to repent of my sins and let go of the emotions that I hold in – and most of all forgive. It’s not an overnight process but I trust that with God’s healing hand, he will continue to guide my way towards the light.

As I do, I look forward to continuing my journey with God with my FBC family!

Musical Offering “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”
Arr. Carol Tornquist

Invocation and the Lord’s Prayer Pastor Katie Hambrick
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.

Scripture Reading Mark 1:1-11 (NRSV) Kelsey Evans
The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’” John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming

a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Sermon "Just the Beginning" Rev. Dan Schumacher

Remembrance of Baptism "River" Leon Bridges

Benediction Rev. Dan Schumacher

"While our worship is now ending,
our service in and to the world is about to begin again.
As you a go, remember:
it is by the goodness of God
that you have been brought into this world;
it is by the grace of God
that you have been kept all the day long, even unto this
hour;
and it is by the mercy of God,
fully revealed in the face of Jesus Christ,
that you are being redeemed."

Amen. — *John Claypool*

Postlude "Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Devine" Smith

Call for Meals for Family Promise IHN Families

The Family Promise of Colorado Springs Interfaith Hospitality Network's (IHN) Host Weeks at FBC will continue to look different into 2021. In the past FBC would welcome four families into the building for the week, where they would stay overnight and be provided with three meals.

This January FBC will not be hosting in person, but will still have the opportunity to support our ministry partner and the four families they serve. During the week of January 31- February 5 the families will be housed by Family Promise and FBC volunteers are needed each evening to prepare dinner and make a no-contact delivery.

Please consider how you might support FBC's first Host Week of 2021. If interested please contact Myra Cobb or Linda Hutchison.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

2021 WORD STARS

Have you received your 2021 Word Star, yet?

A new year's tradition at FBC is "word stars" — foil-wrapped stars with a single word written on it. In the past, stars were handed out to each individual during Sunday worship beginning on Epiphany Sunday. We invited you to spend the year reflecting on how that one word guides or impacts you in the upcoming months. For 2021 a single word star was mailed for your entire household. You are encouraged to give thought to how this one word could shape or direct your household in the year to come. Place your "word star" in a prominent location in your home and make time each week to reflect on and share about how your word is shaping you and your family, guiding your interactions with others, or how God might be calling you to serve through the ministries of your church.

2021 FBC DIRECTORY

A new directory is in the works. If since August 2019 you have moved, changed phone numbers, or would like to be included in this year's directory please provide your changes to Emilia at office@firstbaptist-cs.org by January 15. New directories will be available at the end of the month.

PRAYER UPDATES

For our teachers, educators, school staff, and students and their families as they navigate the start of a new semester filled with continued challenges and uncertainty.

Kathleen Harmon, as she prepares for surgery on Thursday, January 14.

For **Harold and Karen Miskel** in the passing of their sister-in-law, Patricia Miskel, on January 6 from COVID-19.

For the son-in-law of **Harold and Karen Miskel** as he is in the hospital addressing severe health issues

Claire Brodeur, as she continues her chemotherapy and radiation treatment

Marisol Maddaford, as she continues her recovery from a recent surgery to repair some damages from a brain aneurysm last year

Pastor Naas, former pastor of **Charles and Caroline Ecklund**, as he undergoes treatment for health issues.