

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

*January 09, 2022 at 10 am  
Baptism of the Lord*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

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### ISAIAH 43:1-5A

But now thus says the Lord,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
<sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.  
<sup>3</sup> For I am the Lord your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.  
<sup>4</sup> Because you are precious in my eyes,  
and honored, and I love you,  
I give men in return for you,  
peoples in exchange for your life.  
<sup>5</sup> Fear not, for I am with you;

### HYMN #361 - HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

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1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!  
What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;

The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5 "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

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### **THE CORPORATE CONFESSION - THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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*I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.*

*And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.*

*From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. 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.*

*\*catholic means universal*

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### **HYMN - WHATE'ER MY GOD ORDAINS IS RIGHT**

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1 Whate'er my God ordains is right  
His holy will abideth  
I will be still whate'er He does  
And follow where He guideth  
He is my God though dark my road  
He holds me that I shall not fall  
And so to Him I leave it all  
And so to Him I leave it all

2 Whate'er my God ordains is right  
He never will deceive me  
He leads me by the proper path  
I know He will not leave me  
I take content What He has sent  
His hand can turn my griefs away  
And patiently I wait His day  
And patiently I wait His day

3 Whate'er my God ordains is right  
Though now this cup in drinking  
May bitter seem to my faint heart  
I take it all unshrinking  
My God is true each morn anew  
Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart  
And pain and sorrow shall depart  
And pain and sorrow shall depart

4 Whate'er my God ordains is right  
Here shall my stand be taken  
Though sorrow need or death be mine  
Yet I am not forsaken  
My Father's care is round me there  
He holds me that I shall not fall  
And so to Him I leave it all  
And so to Him I leave it all

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## THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

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Sermon: "*Forever Pleased*" - Pastor Dave Emery

### LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22

<sup>15</sup> As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, <sup>16</sup> John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>21</sup> Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

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## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE WITH OUR OFFERINGS

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The ceramic jars in the offering plates are designated for the Deacons' fund. Our deacons provide care, support, and financial assistance to those in the congregation in need.

**\*\* OFFERTORY MUSIC - INSTRUMENTAL \*\***

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### HYMN #339 - BE THOU MY VISION

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1 Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art--  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.  
2 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

3 Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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### LORD'S PRAYER

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*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.*

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### HYMN #341- BLESSED ASSURANCE

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1 Blessed assurance: Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

**Refrain:**

This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels, descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. **(Refrain)**

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with His goodness, lost in His love. **(Refrain)**

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

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