

**Leander Presbyterian Church**  
**January 10, 2021**  
**The Baptism of the Lord**

**Prelude**

***Children of the Heavenly Father***  
***Arranged by Cindy Berry***

**Gathering & Call to Worship**

**from Isaiah 40**

To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name. Because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"?

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted. But those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

**Opening Prayer**

**Hymn of Praise**

***Come, Thou Almighty King***

**#244**

**Prayer of Confession**

**from Jeremiah 2**

Be appalled, O heavens, at this. Be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the LORD.

For my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Is Israel a slave? Is he a homeborn servant? Why then has he become plunder? The lions have roared against him, they have roared loudly. They have made his land a waste; his cities are in ruins, without inhabitant. Have you not brought this upon yourself by forsaking the LORD your God, while he led you in the way?

Your wickedness will punish you, and your apostasies will convict you. Know and see that it is evil and bitter for you to forsake the LORD your God. The fear of me is not in you, says the LORD God of hosts.

For long ago you broke your yoke and burst your bonds, and you said, "I will not serve." Yet, I planted you as a choice vine from the purest stock. How then did you turn degenerate and become a wild vine?

Though you wash yourself with lye and use much soap, the stain of your guilt is still before me, says the LORD God.

As a thief is shamed when caught, so the house of Israel shall be shamed – they, their kings, their officials, their priests, and their prophets. They have turned their backs to me, and not their faces. Yet in the time of their trouble they say, “Come and save us!”

But where are your gods that you made for yourself? Let them come, if they can save you, in your time of trouble. For you have as many gods as you have towns, O Judah.

Can a girl forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? Yet my people have forgotten me, days without number.

**(Personal, Silent Prayer of Confession)**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Gloria Patri**

**Old Testament Reading**

**Genesis 1:1-5**

**Psalm Reading**

**Psalm 29**

**New Testament Reading**

**Acts 19:1-7**

**Gospel Reading**

**Mark 1:1-11**

**Sermon**

**Holy! Holy! Holy!  
Is the Lord**

**Hymn of Discipleship**

***Come, Spirit of God, Descent Upon My Heart***

**#236**

**Affirmation of Faith**

**Apostles' Creed**

**Invitation to Discipleship**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Offertory**

***Morning Has Broken***

**#464**

**Doxology**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Hymn of Response**

***O Brother Man***

**#474**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

***Saviour, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise***

**#77**

**Lyrics for Today's Hymns**

***Come, Thou Almighty King***

Come, Thou Almighty King, Help us Thy  
Name to sing, Help us to praise; Father, all glorious,  
O'er all victorious, Come, and reign over us,  
Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word, Gird on Thy  
Mighty sword, Our prayer attend: Come, and Thy  
People bless, And give Thy word success; Spirit of  
holiness, On us descend. Amend

***Come, Spirit of God, Descent Upon My Heart***

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; Wean it from earth;  
Through all its pulses move; Stoop to my weakness, mighty  
As Thou art, And make me love Thee as I ought to love.

Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh; Teach me the struggles  
Of the soul to bear, To check the rising doubt, the rebel sign;  
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer. Amen

### ***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! Amen

### ***O Brother Man***

O brother man, fold to thy heart thy brother;  
Where pity dwells, the peace of God is there;  
To worship rightly is to love each other,  
Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer. Amen

### ***Saviour, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise***

Saviour, again to Thy dear name we raise.  
With one accord our parting hymn of praise.  
We stand to bless Thee ere our worship cease;  
Then, lowly kneeling, wait Thy word of peace. Amen

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Links: Website - <http://leanderpres.org>

Sermons - <http://leanderpres.org/sermonsworshipmusic.html>

# Readings

## Genesis 1: 1-5

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.

## Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor. The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever. May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

## Acts 19: 1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

## Mark 1: 1-11

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."

## Prayers

**January 10, 2021**



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 Dave Beach & Family (Kim)  
 Dan Kilgore  
 Allen Striker (Sharon)  
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 Sue Ann Boren (Lila)  
 Laura (Kathleen)  
 George Hyman (Patty)  
 Casie Gilbreath Ramaley Family (Kim)

Karen Hambrick\*\*  
 Bobbie Caviness (Kim)  
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 Lonnie Smith (Kathleen)  
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**Texas & US Armed Forces**

**Local, State & Federal Government Leaders**

**Texas State Guard**

\*\* church Members

## Joys & Announcements

**Packets with our Annual Congregational Meeting Reports and ballots will be mailed out on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. You will need to return your ballots before January 31, 2021.**

## Minute for Mission: Being A Good Steward

Bible Verse: Micah 6: 8

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with God? In Jesus' time, the steward was the manager of the household. The steward was not the owner of the assets, but a responsible administrator of the owner's property. We are all stewards of some possessions and influence. We either take care of the earth, or we pollute the earth. We either take care of our church, or our church will not prevail.

**Hill Country Community Ministry** - Check HCCM's website for information on how to make donations.

## Birthdays

|      |              |      |             |      |                |
|------|--------------|------|-------------|------|----------------|
| 1/1  | Kathy Howell | 1/3  | John Renfro | 1/17 | Sharon Carline |
| 1/22 | Cliff Link   | 1/28 | Carl Smith  |      |                |

## Calendar

Services and other church activities have been suspended until after the next Session Meeting.

**Scriptures for January 17, 2020: 1 Samuel 3: 1-20, Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-16, 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20, John 1: 43-51**

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