

# Glendale Presbyterian Church



January 7, 2024 | 10 AM  
Baptism of the Lord  
Installation/Ordination of Elders

## Gather

Welcome & Announcements | Rev. Kathleen Henrion

Prelude | Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star, Jazz Arr. by Dave Catney | Carol Schmidt

\*Call to Worship | Liturgist

One: On that first day, when time began:

**All: you gave birth to creation; light danced through the darkness; the waters of hope flowed free and clear.**

One: On that first day at the Jordan, when redemption began:

**All: you spoke of life for all your children, as your Child stepped into the waters of forgiveness, dancing in hope with his cousin, John.**

One: On this first day of the week, when we begin anew:

**All: you call us to faithfulness, as we open our hearts to you, your voice claiming us as your own.**

\*Hymn | Congregational Choice

Call to Confession | Liturgist

Prayer of Confession

**Timeless God, you cast Light into sin's dark places and call us your Beloved. Forgive us: when we still linger in the shadows; when we treat others in hurtful ways; when we speak ill of your friends. As he knelt in the waters of Jordan, you proclaimed Jesus as your Child, pointing to him as the way to you. Forgive us: when we put ourselves ahead of him; when we think he is no longer needed; when we fail to see him in the broken of our world. Baptized and blessed in your living waters, you would have us be your servants in our time. Forgive us: when we fail to welcome the stranger; when we refuse to forgive as we should; when we believe we are too good to kneel down and tie the shoes of the lost, the least, the last, the little.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Touched by the waters of life, fed at the feast of grace and hope, embraced in the warmth of God's love and hopes - this is good news!

**All: Blessed by baptism's tears, called to servanthood by the Beloved, filled with the peace of the Spirit, we are indeed God's people - redeemed, restored, refreshed to serve. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

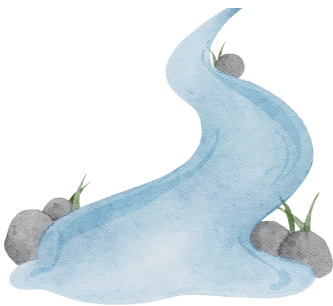
Anthem | Sing to the Child, K. Lee Scott | Chancel Choir

## Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination | Liturgist

+Opening the Word with Young Disciples | Rev. Kathleen Henrion

Hymn | GTG #455 | Listen to the Word that God Has Spoken



Reformed worship is centered around the Word, both the Word of scripture and Christ as the Word Incarnate.

In worship we gather around the Word, engage with the Word, and respond to the Word.

**Bold text is read by the congregation.**

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

You may access the online order of worship to follow along on any digital device:



In the presence of a holy God, we become aware of the ways we fall short of God's best hopes for us, and the ways we have hurt others. We turn to God in prayer, asking for forgiveness.

Passing of the Peace is one of the most ancient responses in worship. We invite you to share a sign of peace with your neighbor.

+ At this time children are invited to come forward to the front pew for conversation around our texts for the week.

# 455 Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken

Lis-ten to the word that God has spo-ken; lis-ten to the  
One who is close at hand; lis-ten to the voice that be -  
gan cre - a - tion; lis-ten e - ven if you don't un - der-stand.

*May be sung as a round, successive voices entering ad lib.*

Like "Open Your Ears, O Faithful People" (see no. 453), this short song from Canada is an encouragement to pay attention to what God is saying. The significance of the text is enhanced by singing this piece as a round, allowing the overlapping phrases to yield a single message.

TEXT: Anon. Canadian, alt.  
MUSIC: Anon. Canadian; adapt. *Church Hymnary, 4th Edition, 2005*

LISTEN  
10.10.11.10

Scripture | Genesis 1:1-5 and Mark 1:4-11

Sermon | "When the River Meets the Sea" | Rev. Kathleen Henrion

## Respond to God's Word

\* Hymn | GTG #480 | Take Me to the Water

Affirmation of Faith | Ordination and Installation of Officers

Pastor: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**All: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

Pastor: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished. To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

**All: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.**

Pastor: We are all called into the church of Jesus Christ by baptism...

Words of Offering | Liturgist

Prayer of Dedication | Rev. Kathleen Henrion

\*Doxology | GTG #482 | Baptized in Water

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: May the Creator of heaven and earth be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

One: People of God, lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the One who gave his Heart to heal us.**

One: Let us give thanks to the One who made everything and called it 'good'.

**All: How right it is to give our thanks and praise to the One who calls us 'Beloved.'**

One: Into the shadows of silence, ...in every time and place, we sing of your love:

**All: Holy, holy, holy! Creator of Light and life. Heaven and earth sing forever of your love and joy. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes to be baptized by water and the Holy Spirit. Hosanna in the highest!**

One: Blessedness is your nature, Holy Imagination, ...and the hope which is ours in that mystery we call faith:

**All: Bathed in your tears, Christ died for us; washed in the resurrection waters, Christ rose for us; bringing the waters of life to us, Christ will come again.**

One: As your Spirit changed chaos into creation, ...as you taught us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Communion of the People & Remembrance of Baptism

\*Hymn | GTG #484 | Out of Deep, Unordered Water

\*Blessing and Benediction | Rev. Kathleen Henrion

Postlude | Prelude in C Major for Organ J.S. Bach | Carol Schmidt

*Some Liturgies come from Thom M. Shuman's Lectionary Liturgies:  
<http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/>*

The Ordination and Installation of Officers uses scripture from 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 27. The constitutional questions for both candidates and congregation come from the PCUSA's Book of Order.

Tithes and offerings may be left in the offering plate. Those who prefer to donate electronically are invited to donate through our church website:



For communion, ushers will invite each pew, starting in the back of the sanctuary, to come forward to receive the elements. It is our practice to take the elements back to our seats, and eat and drink together after all have been served. If you are unable to come forward, the elements will be brought to you where you are seated.

Our congregation has a practice of staying seated for the duration of the postlude.

Our worship does not end with the postlude, but continues out into the world, where we are sent to love and care for God's people.

## 480 Take Me to the Water

1 Take me to the wa - ter. Take me to the wa -  
 2 I love Je - sus. I love Je -  
 3 He's my Sav - ior. He's my Sav -  
 4 Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah. Glo - ry hal - le - lu -

ter. Take me to the wa - ter to be bap - tized.  
 sus. I love Je - sus, yes, I do.  
 ior. He's my Sav - ior, yes, he is.  
 jah. Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah to be bap - tized.

This African American spiritual sums up the commitment of a candidate for baptism: the request for the rite, an expression of motivation, and a succinct affirmation of faith. The widening melodic lines build anticipation and give weight to the final phrase of each stanza.

## Baptized in Water



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing the  
 tomb with Christ our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
 sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.  
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.  
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

Each stanza of this compact and carefully constructed text about baptism begins with allusions to John 3:5 and Ephesians 1:13. The interplay of constant and changing lines accentuates each added image. It is set here to a Gaelic tune first transcribed in the 19th century.

## 484 Out of Deep, Unordered Water

1 Out of deep, un - or - dered wa - ter God cre -  
 2 Wa - ter on the hu - man fore - head, birth - mark  
 3 Stand - ing round the font re - minds us of the

at - ed light and land, world of bird and beast and,  
 of the love of God, is the sign of death and  
 He - brews' climb a - shore. Life is hal - lowed by the

lat - er, in God's im - age, wom - an, man.  
 ris - ing; through the seas there runs a road.  
 knowl - edge God has been this way be - fore.

There is wa - ter in the riv - er bring - ing life to tree and plant.

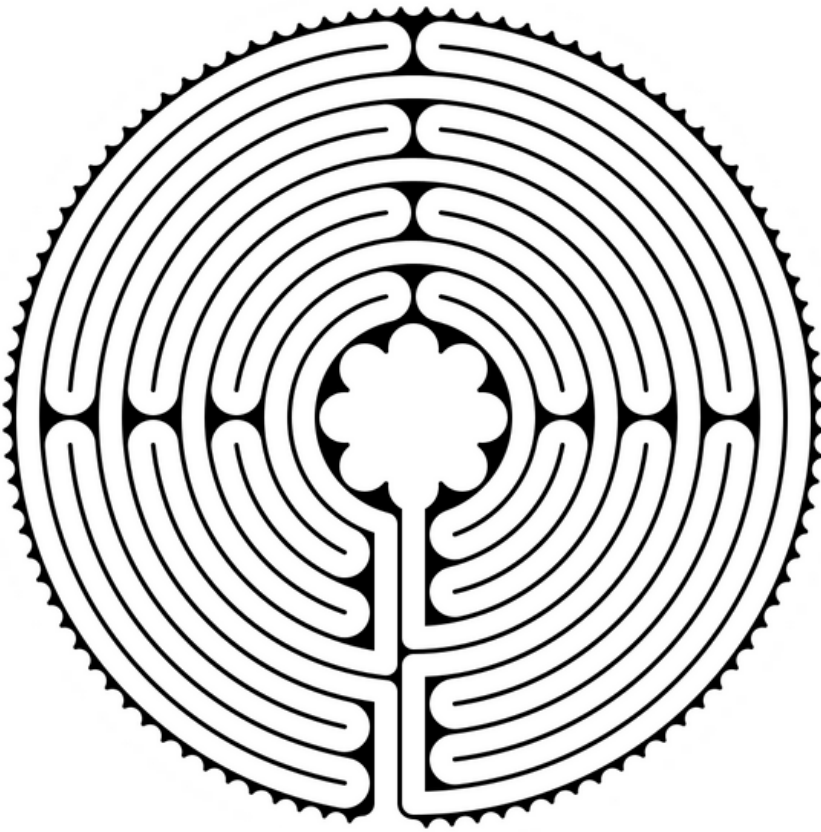
By connecting the water in the font with the waters of creation, the parted waters through which the Israelites were set free, and the rivers that sustain life everywhere, this hymn reminds us that baptism incorporates us into God's creative, redemptive, and sustaining activity.

BAPTISM

Let cre - a - tion praise its giv - er: there is wa - ter in the font.

The musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature. The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and single notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## Tracing Labyrinth



Engage in the ancient spiritual practice of the prayer labyrinth by placing your pointer or finger at the outside opening. Trace the path slowly towards the center, releasing cares and quieting your mind. Share your heart with God, lifting prayers for healing and seeking clarity. Spend as much time as you need in the center before retracing the path outward, welcoming God's love. Conclude by lifting your pointer or finger at the labyrinth's end, expressing gratitude to God.

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## Prayer Requests

### Healing and Wholeness

Prayers for Peggy's friend Beth, who is dealing with liver failure.

Prayers for the family of Robert Blair who died recently.

Prayers for Carol Cook's son and wife, who are traveling in Patagonia.

Prayers for the family of Byron Hatfield, who died suddenly, and for his newborn daughter Alice.

Continued prayers for Randy's brother, Buddy, as he continues to battle brain cancer.

Continued prayers for Joan's granddaughter, Ellen, and for her Aunt Joan.

### Praise and Celebration

Prayers of thanks for Leslie McKintray's father, Jere, who is healing well.

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## Announcements

Have a question about an event? An announcement to share? Contact the church office at 314-822-2545 or by e-mail to [glendalepres@gmail.com](mailto:glendalepres@gmail.com)

### Presbyterian Women

The next meeting is Tuesday, January 16, 9:30 a.m. in Room 208. Please join us!

### Coffee Shop Office Hours

Pastor Kathleen's coffee shop hours this week will be at St. Louis Bread Co in Kirkwood, Wednesday 1-3 pm.

### Fellowship

Do you enjoy snacking and chatting? Do you have a favorite treat that you like to share? If so, please consider signing up to bring refreshments for fellowship time after Sunday worship. Anything is welcome - snacks do not have to be homemade. A sign-up sheet is available outside the church office. Thank you for your participation!



# Welcome

Welcome to Glendale Presbyterian Church! We are glad to have you join us for worship. If you are new to GPC, it is our prayer that you will experience the presence of God while you are here. At GPC, we share God's love through our work and play in our church and community.

## Children & Worship

Children are always welcome in worship. The "Prayer Ground" is located in the front of the sanctuary where children are welcome to sit as is most comfortable to them and to engage with the materials up there throughout the service. In addition, the nursery is available for use by small children and their grown-ups near the Parking Lot Entry to the church. During the school year, children are invited to attend Sunday School following "Opening the Word with Young Disciples."

## Worship Bags

All ages are invited to pick up a GPC worship bag in the Narthex (back of the sanctuary) that has items to be utilized to enhance their worship experience.

## New Members

New members are received by the Session. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to join the GPC family. Please contact Pastor Kathleen at 314-944-3334 or [pastorhenrion@gmail.com](mailto:pastorhenrion@gmail.com) for further information.

## Prayer Request Cards

Blue prayer request cards are available upon entry to the building, as well as in pews. Please use them to note any joys or concerns you wish to have lifted in prayer. Place your prayer request card in the basket at either entrance to the Sanctuary before worship begins. If you need to fill it out during the beginning of worship, feel free to drop your prayer requests in the basket during the first hymn. The cards will be shared with the congregation, in worship, on the video of worship, and in the newsletter unless otherwise requested on the card.

## Pastoral Care

To notify the church of illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; or to pass along a prayer request; or to arrange for Home Communion, Please contact the church office at 314-822-2545 or by e-mail to [glendalepres@gmail.com](mailto:glendalepres@gmail.com) or you are welcome to contact Kathleen directly via call or text at 314-944-3334. Or by email at [pastorhenrion@gmail.com](mailto:pastorhenrion@gmail.com)

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## Serving the Church

Interested in serving the church in some way? Contact the church office at 314-822-2545 or by e-mail to [glendalepres@gmail.com](mailto:glendalepres@gmail.com) and we'd love to connect you.

### Sunday, January 7, 2024

**Liturgist** | Peggy Mayfield  
**Song Leader** | Peggy Mayfield  
**Usher** | Kathy Foresman  
**Greeter** | Jan Nolan  
**Online Host** | Paige Stroud  
**Communion** | Katie Niesen Cook  
**Fellowship** | Jan Nolan  
**Counters** | Bob Bidstrup, Terry Ulmer  
**Music Director** | Carol Schmidt  
**Pastor** | Rev. Kathleen Henrion

### Sunday, January 14, 2024

**Liturgist** | Martha Keeley  
**Song Leader** | Katie Niesen Cook  
**Usher** | Elaine Bidstrup  
**Greeter** | Caroline Chamberlin  
**Online Host** | Matt Krob  
**Sunday School** | Gabe Mueller  
**Fellowship** | Bidstrups  
**Counters** | Vicki Sorrells, Peggy Mayfield  
**Music Director** | Carol Schmidt  
**Pastor** | Rev. Kathleen Henrion



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