



Lake Murray

Presbyterian Church

JANUARY 10, 2021

8:30 & 10:30 am

Baptism of the Lord

Prayer of Confession & Preparation: from Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

Leader: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

People: and also with you.

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (#275 Solo)

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.

Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.

His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

And though this world with devils filled, should threaten to undo us.

We will not fear for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.

The Prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him. His rage we can endure.

For lo, his doom is sure. One little word shall fell him.

“Baptized in Water” (vss. 1 & 3 Solo)

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,

cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;

heirs of salvation, trusting the promise,

faithfully now God's praises we sing.

Prelude

Call to Worship:

Leader: As many of you as were baptized into Christ

have clothed yourselves with Christ.

People: There is no longer Jew nor Greek; slave nor free;

there is no longer male or female; for all of us are one in Christ Jesus.

Invocation

Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Children’s Sermon: (10:30 Service– Rev. Hill)

(Children under 1st grade are welcome to go to Children’s church in the CMB)

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 46; Rev. 22:1-5 (Read in Unison– see back)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: “The River of God Makes us Glad”.....Dr. J. Ben Sloan

GIVE THANKS TO GOD: GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

❖ Affirmation of Faith: **Apostles’ Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, 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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Renunciations:

Leader: Trusting the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

People: I do

Leader: Who is your Lord and Savior?

People: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Leader: Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying His Word and showing His love?

People: I will with God’s help.

Thanksgiving for Baptism and Call to Remembrance;

Renewal of Baptism Vows (Please come forward and get a marble out of the font)

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: (Ben Sloan 8:30; Janet Roberts 10:30)

The Lord’s Prayer

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;

streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;

praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of God’s unchanging love!

#542- God Be With you until we meet again (Led by Zoom Choir)

God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

❖ *All are invited to stand*

Psalm 46: For the director of music. Of the Sons of Korah. According to alamothe. A song. God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Come and see what the Lord has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Revelation 22:1-5 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES:

Today Dr. Sloan is beginning a hybrid Sunday School class that will meet in the conference room at 9:30 (for now). They will be studying the scripture around the sermon.

A new 90 day Bible study will begin each Sunday night at 6:00– 6:30 using the Youversion App- "Prayers for Your Neighborhood" For more information email Dr. Sloan bens.lmpchurch@gmail.com. Zoom links are on the online section of the website www.lmpchurch.org.

LMPC Youth: JJs will meet this Sunday from 5-6pm! Sr Highs will meet from 6:15-7:15pm! Please wear a mask!

We Care needs for January: Grits, Syrup, Spaghetti Sauce, Baked Beans, Pork & Beans, Canned Potatoes/Yams, Chili Beans, Dry Beans, Peas, Jello. They are always in need of dish and laundry detergent and cleaning supplies.

The Lending Library is up and running. The library is housed in the Fellowship Hall. There is a check-out/check-in notebook to use to keep up with books. Books can be from toddler to upper elementary.

1st grade Bibles will be given out during the 10:30 service on January 24th. Please let Melinda Rogers know if you cannot be there. Mrogers@lmpchurch.com

We now have an on-line newsletter for the kids! Check often for videos, questions to think about, and miscellaneous things that the kids can do. If you are unable to get to church, this is a great way to stay connected. We miss you! <https://www.smores.com/ngpbx-lmpc-kids>

Thank you for joining us in worship today! Please stay socially distanced and wear a mask. We want all who come to feel as healthy as possible.

Prayer Requests

Health workers, first responders, and essential workers; protection and healing of our land; *Jim Allonier; *Nancy Brooks brother, Rusty; The family of *Ruthie Burkhalter upon her passing; The family of Richard Kenan upon his passing; Joy Rush friend of Janina & Alan Grimsley; *Joanne Loveless; *Dick Gallup; *Cloyd family; *Daniel Johnson family; *Baxley family; *Sally Sandifer; ; Scott Fee; *Dottie Dunbar; *Cynthia Morrow; *Ann Abrams; Matt Wass, brother of *Cynthia Shepard; Marion Meetze; *John Ferguson; *Nancy Shealy's brother Rick Floyd; *Fred Yandle; *Mary Hoskins; Ted Vaugh; *Ann Sullivan; *Jim Palassis; Joyce Hyatt; *Charles Blau; Valerie Ross; *Allison Jasinski; *Jane Kirby; *Harmon Reed; *Josh Baxley; Jack Turner; *Beau Bonvillain; *Kristin Paschall; *Kathy Payne; *Jim Algar; *Charles Casebeer; Bill Blume; *Erma Kaminer; *Marty Milam; Merle Norris; *Earl & *Loretta Guilford; *David Ayer; *Jane Branch; Jean Stancil; *Dick Wilkins; *Alyssa Mott; *Daniel White; friends and family members serving in the military *Dylan Meetze; *Chase McCathern; *Drew McCathern; *Alex Shuler; (*members)

Helping with today's worship:

Dr. J. Ben Sloan, Senior Pastor; Rev. V. Blaine Hill
Janet Roberts-Crump (Choir Director), Ken Anderson (Organist/Pianist)

Minister On-Call: If you have a pastoral emergency and the office is closed, please call Ben Sloan at 727.3476 or Blaine Hill at 422.0049. If you cannot reach the ministers, please contact the elder-on-call.

Church Office Hours:
Monday-Friday 8:00 am-4:30 pm

December 31 General Fund Offering:	\$77,932	January 3 General Fund Offering:	\$6,255
2020 Annual General Fund Budget:	\$1,174,000	2021 Annual General Fund Budget:	\$1,127,170
Cumulative through January 1:		Cumulative through January 6:	
Budget to date:	\$1,174,000	Budget to date:	\$21,676
Actual receipts:	\$1,105,348	Actual receipts:	\$6,255
Actual vs Budget:	-\$68,652	Actual vs Budget:	-\$15,421
Actual expenses:	\$982,132	Actual expenses:	\$0
(Not Final)		(Not Final)	
Pledges to date: 162	\$661,351	Pledges to date: 162	\$661,351