

Baptism Of The Lord

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Friendship Folder and pass it to others seated on your pew. If you have a prayer request, complete a yellow prayer card. Ushers will collect them during the opening hymn.

Minute for Mission

Interfaith Manor

Lavinia Brown

Passing the Peace of Christ**Prelude**

Clair de Lune from La Suite Bergamasque

Claude Debussy

Introit #480

Take Me to the Water (vss. 1 and 4)

African American Spiritual

†Call to Worship

Iliana Vela

One: God who tears the heavens, come baptize us.

All: Reveal to us your power that ushers in new realms.

One: God who calls us beloved, come baptize us.

All: Declare to us your great delight and hold us in your pleasure.

One: God of vulnerability, come baptize us.

All: Welcome us into the paradox of strength that comes from weakness.

One: Together, let us remember this day.

All: In the Creator's love we are held, into Christ's body we are baptized, and by the Spirit's power, we are claimed.

†Hymn #409

God Is Here! (stanzas 1, 2, and 4)

ABBOT'S LEIGH

*God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.*

*Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.*

*Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.*

*Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.*

*Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.*

*Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive:
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!*

Prayer of Confession

In the waters of baptism, O God, you have cleansed us and claimed us. Forgive us for refusing your grace and rejecting your name. We have followed our own paths, and they have led us far from you. Help us to live into our baptisms, to trust that all we need is in you, for you have marked us as your own, loving us without limit. Wash us with your love again, that with clean hearts we may go in the way of Jesus.

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon**†Gloria Patri**

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading: 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 Sion 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!

Anthem

Sacred Waters

Joseph M. Martin

There is a wellspring, a fount of blessing, splashing with promise, flowing with life.

All who are seeking, all who are thirsty, draw from the well that will never run dry.

There is a clear pool, a source of wonders, a home for mercy, a healing place.

All who are weary, all who are wounded, plunge in the water that's dancing with grace.

Come to the water. Come be restored. Drink from the fountain. Thirst no more.

Jesus is reaching. Jesus is teaching. Love overflowing, faith ever growing,

Come, know the goodness of the Lord.

There is a river, a crystal river, deep with forgiveness, rippling with grace.

Wade in the water. Wash in the waves. God stirs the water in marvelous ways.

Come to the water. Come be restored. Drink from the fountain. Thirst no more.

Jesus is reaching. Jesus is teaching. Love overflowing, faith ever growing,

Come, know the goodness of the Lord. Come where the sacred waters flow. Come to the water

New Testament Reading: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Sermon

"After Baptism"

Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair

†Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

†Hymn

Down Galilee's Slow Roadways

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

Down Galilee's slow roadways a stranger traveled on

from Nazareth to Jordan to be baptized by John.

He went down to the waters like soldier, scribe, and slave,

but there within the river the sign was birth and grave.

Arising from the river he saw the heavens torn;

it seemed the sky so open revealed the Spirit's form.

The holy dove descended amid a glorious voice:

"You are my own beloved, my child, my heart, my choice."

*We too have found a roadway; it led us to this place.
We all have had to travel in search of hope and grace.
But now beside this water again a voice is heard.
“You are my own, my chosen, beloved of your Lord.”*

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Call to Offering

Offertory

Fugue in A Flat Major (BWV862)

Johann Sebastian Bach

†Doxology #606

†Prayer of Dedication

†Hymn #482

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

*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.*

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the
tomb with Christ our King; One with his rising, freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praises we sing.*

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the
Sign of Christ our King; Born of the Spirit, we are God's
children; joyfully now God's praises we sing.*

†Charge and Benediction

†Response #492

You Belong to Christ

Robert A. Hobby

Postlude

Toccatà


WIE SCHON LEUCHTET DER MORGENSTERN
arr. Michael Burkhardt

†Please stand in body or spirit.

Mission Statement

"Our mission is to live and share the good news of God's love, grace, and mercy in Jesus Christ, to equip people for discipleship and service, and to work for social justice and peace."

Sunday, Jan 12	Sunday School/Men's Class—Library	8:45 am
	Sunday School/All Ages	9:00 am
	Worship Service	10:30 am
	Discipleship—Library	11:30 am
	Handbells—#11	12:15 pm
Monday, Jan 13	Cut-Ups—#9	1:00 pm
	Session Meeting—FH	6:45 pm
Tuesday, Jan 14	PW Day Circle—FH	10:00am
	PW Night Circle—FH	6:30 pm
Wednesday, Jan 15	Brown Bag & Bible—FH	12:00 pm
	Prayer Shawl—#10 & Zoom	1:00 pm
	Choir Practice	7:00 pm
Thursday, Jan 16	Men's Breakfast—Frank's	7:30 am
	Young At Heart—FH	10:00 am
	Chain Stitchers—FH	12:00 pm
	Intercessory Prayer—Library	1:30 pm
	Chain Stitchers—#9	6:00 pm
Saturday, Jan 18	Brunch & Book—FH	10:00 am
Sunday, Jan 19	Sunday School-All Ages	9:00 am
	Fellowship—FH	10:00 am
	Worship With Communion	10:30 am
	Deacon's Meeting—#10	11:30 am
	Handbells—#11	12:15 pm

 **Flowers** today are given to the **GLORY OF GOD** by Steven & Shannon English in celebration of Eliza's 7th birthday.

Worship in the Sanctuary is at 10:30 am each Sunday. Livestream can be found at fpcpasadena.org.

FPC Sunday School: All classes except Men's Bible Study begin at 9 am.

- **Sunday Morning Bible Study**—8:45 am in the Library. Led by Mark Corder.
- **Stepping Out in Faith**—Bride's Room & Zoom (contact Bonnie Keith for the Zoom link). Pat Abrams leads the current study of *Paul for Everyone: 2 Corinthians*, by N. T. Wright.
- **Current Christianity**—Room #8, discussion of the book *Unoffendable: How Just One Change Can Make All of Life Better*, by Brant Hansen.
- **Kindergarten through 5th grade**—Room #7. Led by Bonnie Keith and Donna Gilchrest.
- **6th-12th grade**—Room #10. Led by James Jackson and Brian Davis.



Drop by the Fellowship Hall after Sunday School or before worship for fellowship, a cup of coffee, and possibly a 'treat'... 10-10:30 every Sunday morning.

Young at Heart will begin the New Year with fun and fellowship this Thursday, **January 16th @ 10 am**. In keeping with our New Year's resolutions to eat healthier, we will be ordering pizza! We'll be watching for you!

The Brunch and Book Group meets next on Saturday, **January 18**, 10-Noon in the Fellowship Hall, to discuss the book **An American Story** by Wilmer Valderrama. "The remarkable true story of a young immigrant from Venezuela who had a dream to change the world, a talent for entertaining, and a determined spirit to build a new life, taking as many as possible with him on the journey."

Pasadena Community Ministries greatly appreciates donations of money, food, clothing, and shoes. Please donate household items to other charities, as they have no place to accommodate them. Thank you.

The 85th Anniversary Planning Committee wants your help! Who at FPC has made a difference in your life? Write 3-4 sentences about a saint among us past or present and submit it to office@fpcpasadena.org or drop it by the office. Sketches (subject to editing) will be included in upcoming bulletins as we draw closer to October 12, 2025, and our grand celebration.

No yoga classes in January. Carey Coker is taking a well-deserved break and will be back on February 4th.

The Board of Directors of Pasadena Interfaith Manor is once again sponsoring a play night at Pasadena Little Theatre, Thursday, February 6, at 8 pm. The play is **The Premature Corpse** a crime thriller. For more info see the flyer posted on the board across from the office. Tickets are \$10 each. See Brian, Lavinia, Milo, or Sarah for your tickets.

Sign up for Sanctuary Flowers on the 2025 Flower Chart located by the bulletin boards in the hall. Complete and return the flower card to the office or offering plate. Cost is \$50 for two arrangements for the Sunday Worship Service. Thanks for being part of this important ministry.

Remember in your thoughts and prayers: Emma & Pat Abrams; Jim Tinney; Frank & Glenda Kucera; Mike & Susan Wallace; Laura Neal Hatridge and her family; Kay Hutson; Imelda Carrillo; Iliana Vela's sister, Maribelle; Patti Beller's son, Dylan; Diane Hall's daughter, Kathy, and granddaughter Stephanie; Laura and Cappy Phipps' granddaughter, Everlea; Anne Berridge; Cathy Armstrong; Elois' son, Steve; Lavinia Brown's sister, Edith Morehead.

Leading in Worship Today

Rev. Dr. Fairfax F, Fair
Iliana Vela, Liturgist
Marilyn Wilkins, Music Director
Ron Ollis, Organist
Barry Webb, Audio-Visual
Yulissa Delgado, Nursery Attendant