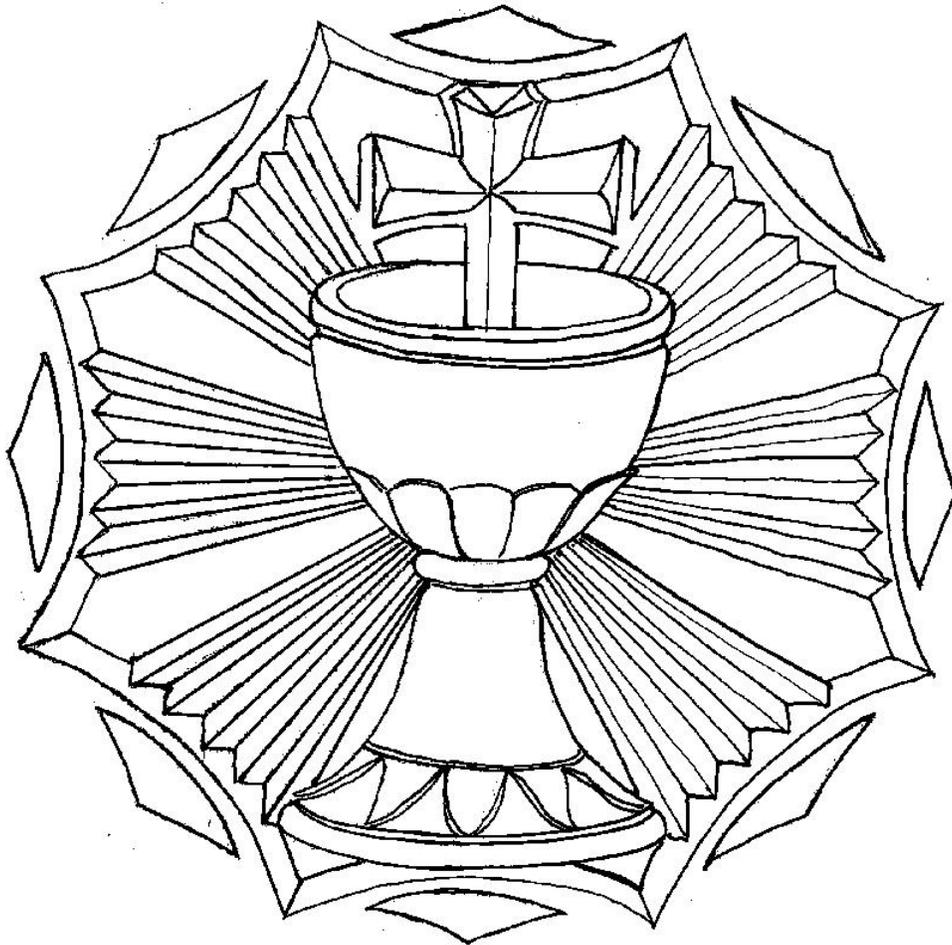


First Presbyterian Church

Serving Christ from the heart of the city to the ends of the earth with love, faith and action.

January 9, 2022

Baptism of the Lord



Chalice with Cross

"Then He took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them saying, "drink from it, all of you." Matthew 26:27

This symbol depicts the celebration of the Lord's supper Jesus shared with his disciples and invites us to share with one another. The symbol can be found on the Chancel Rail.



We Gather in God's Presence

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

"The Only Son from Heaven"

arr. J. S. Bach

Call to Worship

Ascribe to the Lord, O vast creation, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

Ascribe to the Lord glory and honor; worship the Lord in thanksgiving and joy!

*Hymn

["Come, Thou Almighty King"](#)

No. 2

Prayer of Confession

Laurie Taylor Weicher

Forgive us, O God, for the timid way we have followed Jesus, and for our reluctance to allow his Lordship to shape our living. At his baptism, you made it clear that you were at work through him. At our baptisms, you set us apart to be his disciples. Fulfill that high calling in us, that we might live into our holy purpose, offering ourselves in gladness to you, to the glory of your name. With mercy, hear our particular confessions, offered in silence...

Kyrie | Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Response to Pardon

Friends in Christ, in response to this gift of God's grace, how then shall we live?

With gratitude, following after the Lord Jesus Christ, who calls us to love

God with heart, soul, mind, and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves.

This is the way of Jesus, in whom we find life!

*Gloria Patri | Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

We Celebrate our Life Together

Joys and Concerns of the Church Family

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession and The 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.**

Congregational Response to Prayer

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

We Listen to God's Word

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| A Moment for Children (11:00) | | Katy Schafer |
| Scripture Readings | Luke 3:15-22; John 3:25-30 | |
| Sermon | "Pointing to Another" | Ed McLeod |

We Respond to God's Word

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| *Hymn | <u>"Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!"</u> | No. 839 |
| An Invitation to Generosity | | |
| Offertory | "Jubilant Song" Chancel Choir; Andy Eaton, Director of Music | Mary Lynn Lightfoot |
| Sacrament of the Lord's Supper | | |
| Invitation | | |
| Great Prayer of Thanksgiving | | |
| The Lord be with you. | | |
| And also with you. | | |
| Lift up your hearts. | | |
| We lift them up to the Lord. | | |
| Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. | | |
| It is right to give our thanks and praise... | | |
| Words of Institution | | |
| Partaking of the Elements | | |
| Prayer of Dedication | | |

We Bear God's Word into the World

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| *Hymn | <u>"I Come with Joy"</u> | No. 515 |
| *Charge and Benediction | | |
| *Benediction Response | Go with us Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in Your Spirit, strong and true, our lives may be our gift to you. | |
| *Postlude | <i>"March of the Three Kings"</i> | French Carol |
| * All those who are able may stand. | | |

Avery Thaxton is the Acolyte today.
The Chancel flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and given in loving memory of Thomas Russell Grant by Connie, Cindy, Tom, and Terry Grant.

Upcoming Events Listing

All **Upcoming Events** can be found on our website www.fpcraleigh.org under the **Church Life** menu.

Reminders

FPC Shares Donations for January

The item for the month of January is canned fruit or applesauce. We ask that you drop off your donations at one of the receptacles located in the Edge Lobby or in the Lisa Ham Gathering Space right outside of the sanctuary. Thank you for your continued support to strengthen this mission of the church and our local food pantries.

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