

The Service of Worship
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
June 27, 2021
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Prelude

Out of the Depths Have I Cried Unto Thee

Marcel Dupré

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Rob Jackson

Call to Worship

As we gather on this holy day,
we pray for the posture of servants of God:
for openness, so we may be surprised by God's grace;
for humility, so we may be changed by Christ's compassion;
for discernment, so we may hear Christ calling us;
for courage, so we may take the steps to answer.
Let us worship the Living God,
the one who is our reason for praise.

Hymn

Healer of Our Every Ill

#795

HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL

Refrain:
Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.

In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love.

Give us strength to love each other,
every sister, every brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.

You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.

Call to Confession

Together, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

You shower us with blessings, with chances to know your grace. Still, O Lord, we twist your promises and pray for blessings we can own. You call us to leave our selfish ways and follow your call to compassion. Still, O Lord, we choose shallow belief over transformative faith. You have told us that your love is enough, that the waters of mercy will not run dry. Still, O Lord, we choose fear instead of trust, hiding behind the illusion that we can survive on our own. Forgive us, Holy One, and by your forgiveness, offer us a chance to try again. Hear now, O God, the silent confessions of our hearts.

(Period of silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

We can declare with confidence we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Sung Response

We Are Forgiven

#447

WE ARE FORGIVEN

We are forgiven.
We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.
Thanks be to God.

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 130

pew Bible OT page 542

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Word and Wonder

Rev. Rob Jackson

Baptism (11:00)

Savannah Lynne Buie & James Robert Buie III

Children of Rebecca and Bob Buie

Presenting Elder: Koryn Dilday

Presentation

Koryn Dilday, Presenting Elder

On behalf of the First Presbyterian Church of Greenville, I would like to present Bobby and Savannah Buie for the Sacrament of Baptism.

Questions

Rev. Rob Jackson

Becca and Bob, do you desire that Bobby and Savannah be baptized?

Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith, and to teach that faith to your children?

Questions for the Congregation

Koryn Dilday

*Do you, as members of the Church of Jesus Christ, both those present here today and those joining us for digital worship, promise to guide and nurture Bobby & Savannah by word and deed, with love and prayer, and encourage them to know and follow Christ and be a faithful member of their church? **We do.***

Profession of Faith

Rev. Rob Jackson

Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. Within this covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us in love. In embracing that covenant, we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

*Do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.***

*Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? **I do.***

*Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? **I will, with God's help.***

Prayer of Thanksgiving over the Water

We give thanks, Eternal God, for you nourish and sustain all living things by the gift of water. In the beginning of time, your Spirit moved over the face of the watery chaos, calling forth order and life.

In the time of Noah, you destroyed evil by the waters of the flood, giving righteousness a new beginning. You led Israel out of slavery, through the waters of the sea, into the freedom of the Promised Land. In the waters of the Jordan Jesus was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By baptism of his own death and resurrection, Christ set us free from sin and death, and opened the way to eternal life.

We thank you, O God for the water of baptism!

In it we are buried with Christ in his death. From it we are raised to share in his resurrection, through it we are reborn by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor touches the water...

Send your Spirit to move over this water that it may be a fountain of deliverance and rebirth. Wash away the sin of all who are cleansed by it.

Raise Bobby & Savannah to a new life and graft them into the body of Christ. Pour out your Holy Spirit on them that they may have the power to do your will and continue forever in the risen life of Christ.

To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God be all praise, honor and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

Baptism

Welcoming our newest members!

Scripture Lesson

Mark 5:21-43

pew Bible NT page 37

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

“Advocacy in Christ”

Rev. Rob Jackson

***Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed (ecumenical)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Amanda Hines

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (8:30)

Rev. Amanda Hines

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Music

He Touched Me

William J. Gaither

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Amanda Hines

Hymn

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

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WATERLIFE

“I was there to hear your borning cry;

I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized

to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell.”

“When you heard the wonder of the Word,
I was there to cheer you on.
You were raised to praise the living Lord
to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I’ll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun.”

“In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I’ll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I’ve begun.
When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I’ll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise.”

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I’ll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
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Benediction

Rev. Rob Jackson

Postlude

Great is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

Worship Leaders

Karen Ware Jackson, Senior Co-Pastor
Rob Jackson, Senior Co-Pastor
Amanda Hines, Associate Pastor
Karrie Rushing, Director of Music
Brad Collier, Organist
Anna Rushing, songleader (8:30)
Liturgists: Kim Bell (8:30); Frances Mallison (11:00)
Sound Technicians: Alec Fortune, Charles Humbles
AV Coordinator: Rob Ables

AV Team: Carson Fraley, Keller Fraley, Todd Fraley, Colton Money, Eric Money, Anna Rushing, Matthew Rushing

Reminder of Covid Protocols

We highly recommend that anyone who is not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 follow the CDC guidelines to continue to wear masks indoors and to practice social distancing. This is for your safety and for the safety of others who are not vaccinated. Those who are fully vaccinated should feel free to gather without masks and distancing if they feel comfortable. Congregational singing is currently scheduled to resume on July 4, 2021.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given in honor of Savannah and Bobby Buie on their baptism day by their parents, Bob and Becca Buie.

Our Congregation in Ministry

Mayfest: The Mayfest Yard Sale will be held September 18 and our Live Auction will be October 15 at Brook Valley Country Club. The Mayfest Golf Tournament is set for August 19 at Ironwood Country Club. We are in need of a coordinator/chair for the Golf Tournament. If interested, contact Kristie Wooten at 252-341-9356. If you know of an organization that would like to apply for a Mayfest grant, please refer them to www.FPCGreenville.org/mayfestgrantapplication.

July 4th Worship & Picnic: Join us for a special music service on July 4 (ONE service at 10am) in the 14th Street parking lot! Pack a picnic brunch along with your tailgate chair, and be ready to make a joyful noise—we will worship together through prayer, scripture, and SINGING some of the great hymns of our faith as a congregation. For more information, contact Karrie Rushing, karrie@fpcgreenville.org. Our Youth Mission Team will also be commissioned at this service before they depart to serve in the mountains of North Carolina.

Shelter Meals: Community Crossroads Center is still operating at half capacity with drop off meals only. At this time, we are preparing meals for 50 residents and are not allowed to serve. If you are interested in helping with this mission work, contact Lisa Burgwyn at 252-916-4743 to sign up for a meal. Thank you!

Volunteers Needed: Now that more folks are back in worship, there is an immediate need to get the volunteer lists up and running! If you are willing to serve as a **liturgist (lay reader)** at either 8:30 or 11, please let [Koryn Dilday](#) know. If you are able to serve on an **usher team**, please contact [Debbie Metcalf](#) or [Barbara Quinn](#). It is our goal to have a schedule in place for the remainder of 2021 ready to mail out in July. There will be training for anyone who is new to ushering or lay reading, so whether you have experience or not - we hope that you will prayerfully consider the call to serve.

Blood Drive: We will have a Blood Drive at the church on Sunday, July 18, 12-5pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Check the Focus Flash for a link to schedule an appointment or call the church office to sign up, 252-758-1901.

Fab Friday: End of the year pizza party will be Tuesday, June 29, 6-9pm at the church. There is no cost. Fab Friday is for 4th and 5th graders.

Session will meet at 7pm tonight.

The church office will be closed Monday, July 5, for Independence Day.

Our Congregation Cares

Please lift in prayer:

Church Family

Jim & Rebecca Bolduc, Dee Chaffee, Louise Congleton, Alan Crandall, Rudy Ferreira, Spencer Hill,
Peggy & Ron Sessoms, Harding & Pat Sugg, Fred Wood

Family and Friends

Judy Becton (former member)
Heather Bojur (friend of Rebecca Bolduc)
Justin Bolduc, Nikki Bell, Avery & Haven Bolduc & family
Austin Britt (father of Clay Britt)
Angie Bullock (friend of Clay & Anita Britt)
Hilton Cayton (grandson of Judy & Bill Glidewell)
Stacey Cayton (son of Judy & Bill Glidewell)
Maurice Copeland (brother-in-law of Willie Nelms)
Kathy Dyson (niece of Betty Bailey)
Joanna Fornes (mother of Paula Ange)
George Franchock (brother of Karen Kay)
Candy Frye (friend of Jerry Curry)
Dan Hines (father of Amanda Hines)
Jo Ann Isbell (friend of Karrie Rushing)
Jim Jackson (father of Rob Jackson)
Missy Johnson (friend of Kathleen Williams)
Margaret Kadar (grandmother of Jessica Leggett)
Kimberly Little (daughter of Kathy & Emmett Floyd)
Pat Minges (sister of Ginger Minges)
June Modlin (aunt of Ann Tess)
Ollie Mae Moore (mother of Anita Britt)
Sheila North (sister of Melissa Nasea)
David & Rae Pate (friends of Heather Feather)
Mary Ann Petteway (mother of Marybeth Eason)
Tina Roscosky (friend of Cindy Gobel)
Charles & Ellen Ross (friends of Dawn Flye)
Linda Seykora (friend of Jeri Jackson, Sadie Oates, and others)
Grant Smith (friend of Craig Stanley)
Sarah Stanley (niece of Craig Stanley)
Linda Thompson (cousin of Melissa Nasea)
George Tutino (husband of Pat Tutino)

Military personnel and families;
our national, state and local leaders and people called our enemies.