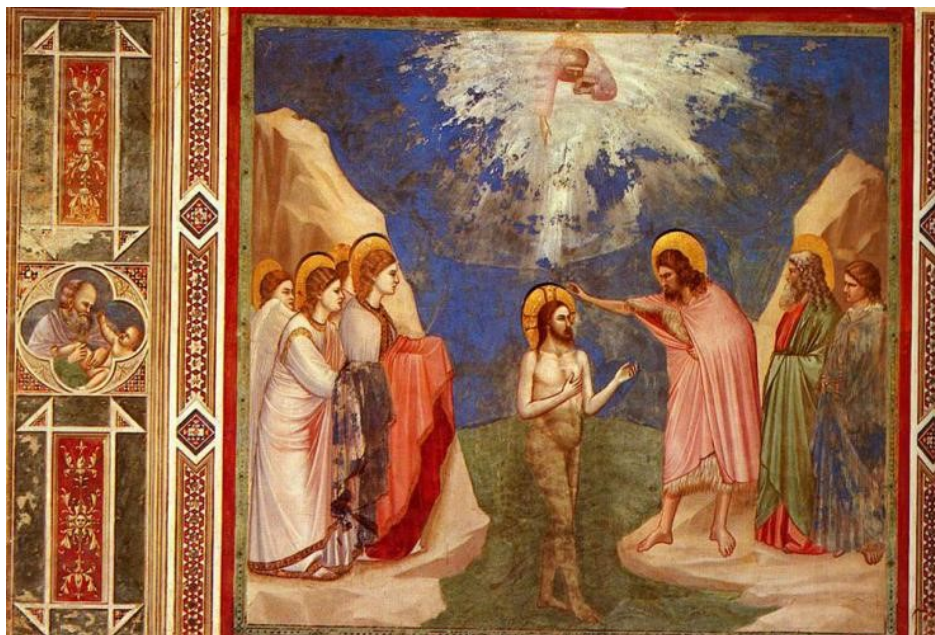

“Mysterious Beginnings”



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January 10, 2021
Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Order of Worship

WELCOME AND GREETING		Pastor Darin
INTROIT		Rickie Espelien
CALL TO WORSHIP	Based on Psalm 29	Ryne Pentz
OPENING PRAYER		Ryne Pentz
HYMN	<i>“We Three Kings”</i>	

CALL TO CONFESSION	Worship Leader 2
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION	Worship Leader 2
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Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in you ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS	Worship Leader 2
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God's grace frees us and heals us. We are set free from a past that we cannot change and allowed to lead new lives based on God's grace.

In Jesus Christ we have been forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen

THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION	Ryne Pentz
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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON	Genesis 1:1-5	Ryne Pentz
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In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES	Pastor Darin
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⁴ John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸ I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Mysterious Beginnings"

Rev. Darin Seaman

HYMN

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

OFFERTORY

Worship Leader 4

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Worship Leader 4

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Darin

MUSIC

The Blessing

BENEDICTION

First Presbyterian Church Happenings

Worship At-Home For Now

The Session continues to monitor COVID-19 numbers and has decided to worship online until January 17th. While this is not an ideal situation we are striving to help our community by avoiding contact here at church on Sunday mornings. The church building remains open and small groups are still welcome to participate in activities as long as protocols are observed.

Worship Online

Do you wish to help out in worship with a video recording? Please call the church office to volunteer your services. We are looking for multiple readers.

Sunday School

Parents of PreK - 6th grade: we resume Sunday School tonight via Zoom. 6:00 p.m. start. [Zoom] registration is easy and required in order to get the secure link. Email Mark Giese for the registration link: mark@fpstcloud.org

Notice of Annual Meeting

Please join us on Sunday, January 24 at 1:00 pm via Zoom for our annual meeting of the corporation and congregation. Annual reports will be made available online and for those who wish to pick one up. The meeting ID is 818 7447 4743. The passcode is 600016. People may begin entering the meeting at 12:50 pm and the meeting will commence at 1:00 pm. If you prefer to call into the meeting, please call the church office for instructions.

151 We Three Kings of Orient Are

1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,
 2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain,
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty nigh;
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice:

field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
 prayer and prais - ing glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
 sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain

O star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,

west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Although Christians had begun by the 2nd century to speak of these visitors from eastern countries (Matthew 2:1-12) as "kings," perhaps because of passages like Psalm 72:10 and Isaiah 60:3, it is more accurate to think of them as magi or astrologers, the scholars of their day.

366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

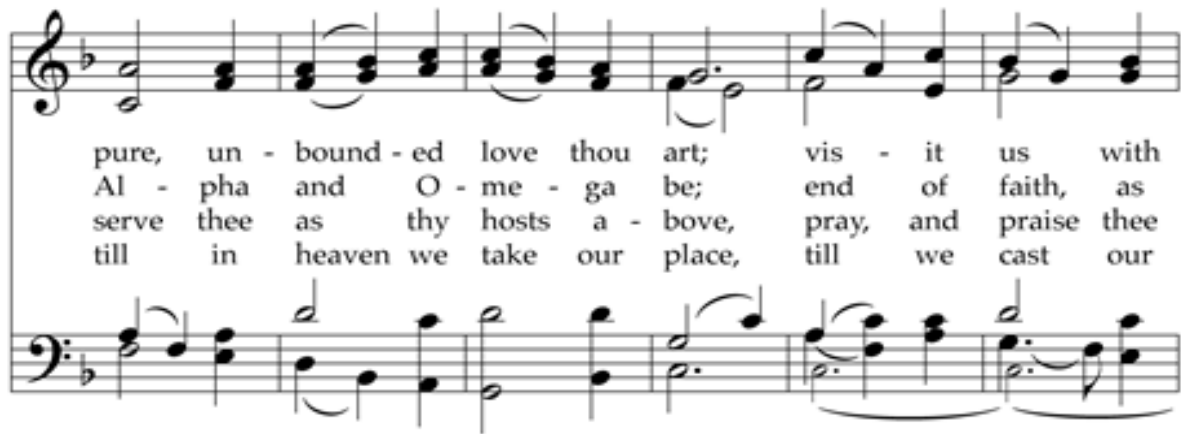
faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means “delightful”) gives us a foretaste of endless song.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1747, alt.
 MUSIC: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831, alt.

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CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.



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8:00 am - 12:00 pm
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