

# **BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



"Storm at Belle-Ile" by Claude Monet

**Sunday, January 10, 2021**

## Baptism of the Lord January 10, 2021

**Prelude**

*"Christ, Our Lord to Jordan Came"*

J. S. Bach

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship from Psalm 29**

Ascribe to the Holy One, O heavenly beings, ascribe to God glory and strength.

For the voice of God is over the waters, the God of glory thunders over mighty waters.

The voice of the Holy One breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

God makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of God flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of God causes the oaks to whirl and strips the forest bare.

May God give strength to God's people and bless God's people with peace!

**Hymn 495** We Know That Christ Is Raised. Short intro and Vs. 1 and 2

**Hebrew Bible Lesson**

*Genesis 1:1-5*

John & Anne Lloyd

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the 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.

Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

## **Gospel Lesson**

*Mark 1:4-11*

John & Anne Lloyd

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 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. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 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. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 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. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

## **Sermon**

*"No Barriers for the Beloved"* Rev. Carol Howard Merritt

## **Bill Pence Housing Video**

## **Renewal of Baptism**

## **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.

(Many people say the Lord's Prayer with "trespasses" or "sins" instead of "debts." Please feel free to pray in any form that makes you feel the most comfortable.)

## **Charge and Blessing**

## **Postlude**

*Rejoice Greatly, O My Soul.*

J. L. Krebs

**Announcements for the Week of  
January 10 - 16, 2021**

Beginning in January of 2021, we will no longer be including Announcements along with the Order of Worship on our website each week. All announcements will be included in our weekly E-NEWS that goes directly to your email inbox every Thursday. The benefit of the E-NEWS is that there are 'live' links that bring you directly to websites/documents that are referenced in our announcements.

To sign up for our E-NEWS, please go to the BPC website at **bedfordpreschurch.org** and select either '**Contact**' at the top or **E-NEWS** just below it.

**The Reverend Carol Howard Merritt, Pastor**

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**Sunday Virtual Worship Service 10:00 AM**

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