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BAPTISM OF THE LORD
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Prelude

Andante in C Major

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Welcome and Announcements

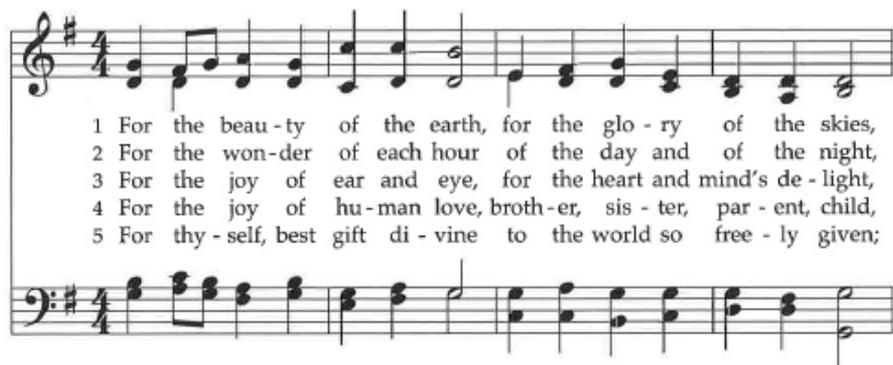
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There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit (v. 1, Refrain) No. 408

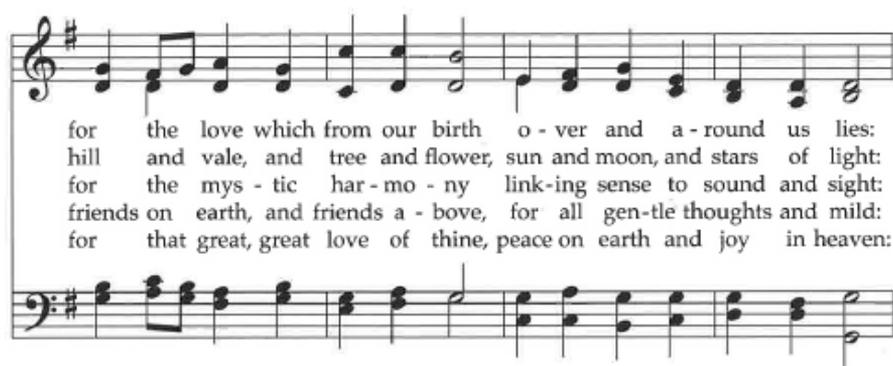
***There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.
Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.***

Call to Worship

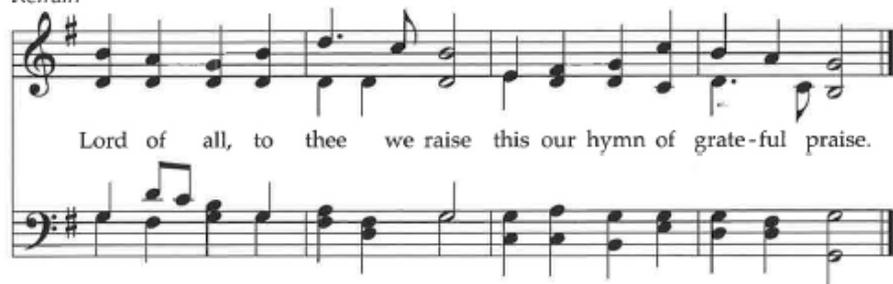
In the beginning,
God created the heavens and the earth.
The Spirit of God
swept over the face of the waters;
then God said: Let there be light,
and God saw that it was good.
At the beginning of his ministry,
Jesus was baptized by John.
The heavens opened,
and the Spirit descended like a dove;
then God said: This is my beloved Son,
in whom I am well pleased.



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain


Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God of all glory, you look from heaven
and see us as we are—
not worthy to kneel at your feet,
not ready to welcome your way.
Forgive us, gracious God.
In Christ, stoop down to save us;
loosen the ties that bind us to sin
and set us free to love and serve you;
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Galatians 3:27-29

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Musical Offering *Come to the Water* Foley
Lori Greco, soloist

Second Reading Acts 8:26-39

Homily *Diving Deep into Something New* Paul Lang

Hymn *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* (vv. 1, 2, & 4) No. 761

1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life

we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
 help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.

May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,

e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
 blend-ing hu-man skills to-gether gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
 bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
 mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.

**ELDER AND DEACON
ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION
Cary Presbyterian Church
January 10, 2020 — Baptism of the Lord**

THE CALLING OF THE CHURCH

The Church is the body of Christ.
Christ gives to the Church all the gifts necessary to be his body.
**The Church strives to demonstrate these gifts in its life
as a community in the world.**

The Church is to be a community of faith,

**entrusting itself to God alone, even at the risk of
losing its life .**

The Church is to be a community of hope,

**rejoicing in the sure and certain knowledge that, in
Christ, God is making a new creation.**

The Church is to be a community of love,

**where sin is forgiven, reconciliation is accomplished,
and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down.**

The Church is to be a community of witness,

**pointing beyond itself through word and work
to the good news of God's transforming grace in
Christ Jesus its Lord.**

With all Christians of the Church catholic,

**we affirm that the Church is
"one, holy, catholic, and apostolic."**

Where Christ is, there is the true Church.

**We affirm that, in the power of the Spirit,
the Church is faithful to the mission of Christ
as it proclaims and hears the Word of God,
administers and receives the Sacraments,
and nurtures a covenant community of disciples of
Christ.**

The great ends of the Church are:

- † **the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation
of humankind;**
- † **the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship
of the children of God;
the maintenance of divine worship;**
- † **the preservation of the truth;
the promotion of social righteousness;**
- † **and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven
to the world.**

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION

We are all called into the church of Jesus Christ by baptism,
and marked as Christ's own by the Holy Spirit.
This is our common calling,
to be disciples of Jesus Christ
and servants of our servant Lord.

Within the community of the church,
some are called to particular service
as deacons, as ruling elders,
and as ministers of Word and Sacrament.

Ordination is Christ's gift to the church,
assuring that his ministry continues among us.
Through ordination, God provides
for acts of care and compassion in the world,
for the ordering and governance of the church,
and for the preaching of the word
and celebration of the sacraments.

For Deacons and/or Ruling Elders to Be Ordained and Installed

Representing the one holy catholic and apostolic church, the session of Cary Presbyterian Church now ordains **John Hansen, Kim Herring, Conniesue Oldham, Jason Troiano** to ministry as deacons, and ordains **John Mitten, and Nancy Neubauer** to ministry as ruling elders, and installs them to active service in this congregation.

For Deacons and/or Ruling Elders Previously Ordained, Now to Be Installed

The session also installs to active service those who have been previously ordained: ruling elders **John Campbell, Jane Dunbar, and Josetta McLaughlin**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

As God calls some to particular forms of ministry, God calls us all to bear gladly the yoke of Christ given in the covenant of Baptism.

Let us, therefore, reaffirm our baptismal vows, renouncing all that opposes God and God's rule and affirming the faith of the holy catholic church.

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, 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.**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Gracious and eternal God,
with joy we give you thanks and praise.

We praise you for leading your people Israel
through the waters of the sea,
out of bondage and into freedom
in the land of your promise.

We praise you for sending Jesus your Son,
who for us was baptized in the waters of the Jordan,
and was anointed as the Christ by your Holy Spirit.
Through the baptism of his death and resurrection
you set us free from the bondage of sin and death,
and give us cleansing and rebirth.

We praise you for pouring out your Holy Spirit,
who teaches us and leads us into all truth,
filling us with a variety of gifts,
that we might proclaim the gospel to all nations
and serve you as a royal priesthood.

We rejoice that you have claimed us in our baptism
and anointed us for service in Christ's name,
and that by your grace we are born anew.

By your Holy Spirit renew us,
that we may be empowered to do your will
and continue forever in the risen life of Christ,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all glory and honor, now and forever. **Amen.**

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy
Spirit. **Amen.**

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

In baptism,
you were claimed by the love of God,
clothed in the grace of Jesus Christ,
and anointed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit
to share Christ's mission in the world.

Now you are called by God through the voice of the church
for new service and ministry in Jesus 'name.

In accordance with the Constitution
of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.),
show your commitment to this calling
by responding to these questions:

Do you trust in the Lord Jesus Christ your Savior,
acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church,
and through him believe in one God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? **I do.**

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments
to be, by the Holy Spirit,
the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ
in the Church universal,
and God's Word to you? **I do.**

Do you sincerely receive and adopt
the essential tenets of the Reformed faith
as expressed in the confessions of our church
as authentic and reliable expositions
of what Scripture leads us to believe and do,
and will you be instructed and led by those confessions
as you lead the people of God? **I do and I will.**

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ,
under the authority of Scripture,
and be continually guided by our Confessions? **I will.**

Will you be governed by our church's polity,
and will you abide by its discipline?
Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry,
working with them,
subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit? **I will.**

Will you in your own life
seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ,
love your neighbors,
and work for the reconciliation of the world? **I will.**

Do you promise to further the peace, unity,
and purity of the church? **I do.**

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people
with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? **I will.**

For Deacons

Will you be a faithful deacon,
teaching charity, urging concern,
and directing the people's help
to the friendless and those in need,
and in your ministry will you try to show
the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will.**

For Ruling Elders

Will you be a faithful ruling elder,
watching over the people,
providing for their worship, nurture, and service?
Will you share in government and discipline,
serving in councils of the church,
and in your ministry will you try to show
the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will.**

For the Congregation

Do we, the members of the church, accept

- † John Campbell,
- † Jane Dunbar,
- † Josetta McLaughlin,
- † John Mitten,
- † Nancy Neubauer^{[[SEP]]},
- † John Hansen,
- † Kim Herring,
- † Conniesue Oldham, and
- † Jason Troiano

as ruling elders and deacons,
chosen by God through the voice of this congregation
to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them,
to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us,
serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?
We do.

PRAYER OF ORDINATION [AND INSTALLATION]

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Gracious and eternal God,
with joy we give you thanks and praise.

Throughout the ages and in every place
you have chosen servants from among your people
to point the way to salvation by your grace.

We are grateful for ancestors in the faith
who followed without fear,
placing their trust in you alone—
for judges and monarchs
who ruled in righteousness and peace;
for prophets and apostles
who spoke your bold words of mercy and of truth;
for leaders and teachers in every age
who have nurtured your people in faith and faithfulness.

Above all, we praise you for Jesus Christ,
who came not to be served, but to serve,
and to give his life to set others free.

Anointed by your Holy Spirit,
he proclaimed your reign on earth,
revealing your saving love
in all he said and did.

At the Ordination and/or Installation of Deacons and/or Ruling Elders

Give them a spirit of truthfulness
that they may show the compassion of Christ
in the actions of daily living
and rightly govern your people.

By the gifts of your Holy Spirit
empower them to build up the church,

to strengthen the common life of your people,
and to lead with compassion and vision.

In the walk of faith and for the work of ministry,
give to all your servants gladness and strength,
discipline and hope,
humility, humor, and courage,
and an abiding sense of your presence.

Gracious God,
pour out your Spirit of power and truth
upon the whole church,
that we may be for you a holy people
baptized to serve you in the world.

Sustain your church in ministry.
Ground us in the gospel,
secure our hope in Christ,
strengthen our service to the outcast,
and increase our love for one another.

Show us the transforming power of your grace
in our life together,
that we may be effective servants of the gospel,
offering a compelling witness in the world
to the good news of Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION [AND INSTALLATION]

For Deacons and/or Ruling Elders

† John Campbell,
† Jane Dunbar,
† Josetta McLaughlin,
† John Mitten,
† Nancy Neubauer
† John Hansen,
† Kim Herring,
† Conniesue Oldham, and
† Jason Troiano

you are deacons and ruling elders,
ordained to ministries of service and governance
in the church of Jesus Christ
and for this congregation.

WELCOME

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY ORDAINED [AND/OR INSTALLED]

For Deacons and Ruling Elders

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Time with Our Children

Jen Pierce

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Lord in your goodness: Hear our praise; Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

Prayers of the People 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.**

Hymn

Come! Live in the Light

No. 749



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,



to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and



free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain



We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

Benediction

Sharing the Peace of Christ

You are invited to share Christ's peace with those around you.

Postlude

Vivace in G Major

Stanley

Today's Online Service Participants – 10:00 a.m.

Minister: Rev. Dr. Paul Lang; Rev. Alan Bancroft

Clerk of Session: Cathy Williams

Music Director: Ed Yasick

Vocalist: Lori Greco

Time with Our Children: Jen Pierce

Graphics: Kirsten Nielsen; Tech: John Campbell, Ken Worsham

THIS WEEK AT CARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, Jan. 10 Baptism of the Lord	10:00 a.m.	Online Worship Service Please note that Worship will begin at 10:00 a.m. Streamed live on Cary Presbyterian Church Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/carypresbyterianchurch/
Monday, Jan. 11		We are pausing the limited gatherings at the church campus in accordance with guidelines.
Tuesday, Jan. 12		Watch E-Link and our website for updates, SignUpGenius links for services, and Zoom meeting info as provided to the office.
Wednesday, Jan. 13		
Thursday, Jan. 14		
Friday, Jan. 15		
Saturday, Jan. 16		
Sunday, Jan. 17 2 nd Sunday after Epiphany	10:00 a.m.	Online Worship Service Please note that Worship will begin at 10:00 a.m. Streamed live on Cary Presbyterian Church Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/carypresbyterianchurch/

Upcoming Classes, Meetings, and Events

Due to community spread of COVID-19 and recent changes to the State of NC regathering limits, ALL indoor group meetings at CPC are suspended until further notice. Outdoor gatherings may continue as per the guidelines for each Zone.