

Lesson: Matthew 3:13-17
(NRSV)

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”



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Our Covenant

As followers of Jesus Christ,
we commit ourselves to share in the worship and service of God,
to grow in the knowledge and expression of our faith,
to reach out with compassion to those in need,
to treat each other with love and understanding,
and to return to God a portion of God’s gifts.

SUNDAY WORSHIP ONLINE

January 10, 2021 ~ 10:00 am

Baptism of the Lord

To access the service online
go to firstchurchtosa.org - home page.
Under **Worship** heading, click on **January 10th Service**.

Sunday Worship Service Preview - January 17, 2021
Service is live-streamed online at 10 a.m.
Rev. William S. Trump
Rhonda Kwiecien, Keyboard Musician
Kim Porter, Soloist

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Founded as an extension of the mission of the First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa, the Congregational Home, creates and maintains a caring community for the elderly offering housing, health care and quality of life services.

President/CEO - Kris Sprtel-NHA, Chaplain – Dan Cunningham, Board Chair – Merrill York

THE PRELUDE

Shall We Gather at the River
Rhonda Kwiecien / Keyboard Musician

arr. by David Lasky

WELCOME

Rev. William S. Trump

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Barry W. Szymanski

A new day has dawned; God's gift of life is renewed in you and me. Be still and know that God is here. Let His Spirit in. Then listen and respond to God, who meets us in new ways, today in worship, and every day in the world.

HYMN 480 (verses 1, 2 & 3)

Shall We Gather at the River
Kim Porter, Soprano

HANSON PLACE

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty God, You are our shelter and our strength. You have created the world in all its beauty and all its mystery. We rejoice in Your majesty, we are awed by Your power, we are blessed by Your grace. May our songs magnify Your name, may our words honor Your presence, and may our prayers bring Your everlasting love into our hearts.

Hear us as we pray . . .

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.

INSTRUMENTAL RESPONSE

CHILDREN’S STORY

Tonia Wallner and Rev. Trump

THE LESSON (page 4)

Matthew 3:13-17

SPECIAL MUSIC

Cello Sonata in C Major, Adagio (Mvt 1)
Braden Zitoun, Cellist

by G. F. Handel

THE MESSAGE

“Choose Carefully”

Rev. Trump

SPECIAL MUSIC

La Foi (The Faith)

by Georg Goltermann

PASTORAL PRAYER AND RESPONSE

OFFERING PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN 517 (verses 1 & 2)

Come, Be Baptized

WADE

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

Jubilation

by Jacob B. Weber

Braden Zitoun, Cellist

Braden Zitoun holds bachelors and masters degree in cello performance from Indiana University, Bloomington. She previously taught at the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music and was an adjunct cello teacher at Cardinal Stritch University. Ms. Zitoun currently has a private cello studio. She also coaches MYSO students in their chamber music program, and works with cello students in the Mequon-Thiensville School District. Prior to moving to Milwaukee, she taught at the Cappelli Institute of Music in Oak Park, Illinois. Ms. Zitoun is a member of the Wisconsin Philharmonic Orchestra and currently Assistant Principal Cellist. She has played with Bel Canto Chorus, Milwaukee Ballet, Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, Florentine Opera, Festival City Symphony, Kenosha Symphony and Racine Symphony. She is involved in the Arts in the Community Education program with Present Music, performing in K-5 classrooms throughout Milwaukee. Along with her cellist husband Adrien Zitoun, she co-authored the book *Play Cello Today!*, published by Hal Leonard. Ms. Zitoun is the owner of Gabriel’s Horns, Milwaukee’s premier provider of ensembles for special events and weddings.

The Chancel flowers are given by Ann & Jim Harris to thank all of our members for their support of First Church during the past year.

Caring Corner
As of January 7, 2021

Congratulations

Rhonda and Paul Kwiecien, as they celebrate the birth of granddaughter Alyx Harper West, born December 28, 2020. Alyx is the daughter of Hollyann and James, and sister to Cara and Quinn.

Lindsay (Wittig) and Vaughn De Fouw, who celebrated the baptism of daughter Ellie Margaret on January 9, 2021.

Hailey Sgarlata, daughter of Nick and Carrie, who is engaged to Josh Erdtmann.

In Our Prayers

Andrew Meser, son of John & Tracy Meser, who was injured in a skiing accident and is in serious condition at Children’s Hospital. He is the grandson of Jeff & Retta Meser.

Shall We Gather at the River

Shall we gather at the river
Where bright angel feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God?
Yes we'll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.

On the margin of the river,
Washing up its silver spray,
We will walk and worship ever,
All the happy golden day.
Yes we'll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.

Ere we reach the shining river,
Lay we every burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver,
And provide a robe and crown.
Yes we'll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.

Come, Be Baptized

Come as a child, come to the waters;
To the family of God,
Come, sons and daughters.
Come to the river, the Lord the life-giver;
Wash in the love that is sent from above.
Come, be baptized in the name of the Father;
Come, be baptized in the name of the Son;
Come, be baptized in the name of the Spirit;
Come, be baptized in love.

Come as a child, come sons and daughters,
Draw from the well life-giving waters.
Drink of the river, the Lord, the life-giver;
Feel how it pours out the life that is yours.
Come, be baptized in the name of the Father;
Come, be baptized in the name of the Son;
Come, be baptized in the name of the Spirit;
Come, be baptized in love.