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“Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together.”

January 3, 2021

2nd Sunday of Christmas

Welcome and Announcements

Organ Prelude *The Birthday of a King*

Neidlinger

Call to Worship

Bruce Prewer

One: Today we celebrate a special baptism; the baptism of Jesus of Nazareth. God says: Look! See my chosen servant, the One in whom I utterly delight;

People: **I have placed my Spirit on him, he will bring true justice to the nations.**

One: When Jesus was baptized, the heavens opened up, and Spirit came down like a dove; and there was a voice from heaven saying:

People: **“This is my dearly loved Son, with whom I am delighted.”**

One: The joy of the Lord be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Invocation

Bruce Prewer

Hymn

Move in our midst

#418

Children’s Story

Hymn

Come, Holy Spirit, Dove divine

#445

Congregational Prayer

Invitation to Give

The God of grace and glory calls us with his voice of flame to be God's people, faithful and courageous. As God's beloved Son embraced his mission in the waters of baptism, inspire us with the fire of your Spirit to join in his transforming work. We ask this in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Special Music

Dona Nobis Pacem

Old German Canon

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 3:13-17 (NRSV)

Sermon

“Finding a Faith that Fits”

Hymn

I was there to hear your borning cry

#1078

Borning Cry by John Ylvisaker

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Unison D7 G D G D G D

1 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be
2 When you found the won - der of the Word, I was
3 In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too
4 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be

there when you are old, I re - joiced the day you
there to cheer you on; you were raised to praise the
old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you
there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you

The musical score is written for a unison voice part in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a bass line providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, with the first line starting with '1 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be' and the second line starting with '2 When you found the won - der of the Word, I was'. The third line starts with '3 In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too' and the fourth line starts with '4 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be'. The score includes guitar chords (D7, G, D, G, D, G, D) and a bass line.

G D G C D⁷ G

were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.
 liv - ing God, to whom you now be - long.
 through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.
 were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.

St. 4 ends here

G/B C G

I was there when you were but a child, with a
 Should you find some-one to share your time and you
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you

Am D G G/B C

faith to suit you well; I'll be there in case you
 join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your
 shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as I have

G A⁷ D to beginning

wan - der off and find where de - mons dwell.
 vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.
 al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.

Benediction

Piano Postlude

What Wondrous Tidings

Simone



Pastor David Whitten
Guest Speaker Rev. Teresa McRoberts
Worship Leader Dustin Dedrick
Special Music The Handbell Choir
Handbell Director Sarah Beers
Flutist Sarah Beers
Organist/Pianist Bob Phillips
Producer Kevin Beers