

January 10, 2021

Morning Worship  
*Baptism of the Lord*  
Slackwood Presbyterian Church  
2020 Brunswick Avenue, Lawrenceville, NJ

10:30 a.m.

## GATHER TO WORSHIP

*As you prepare to worship this morning, please turn off or mute cell phones and other electronic devices.*

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

L: On that first day, when time began,

**All: you gave birth to creation; light danced through the darkness; the waters of hope flowed free and clear.**

L: On that first day at the Jordan, when redemption began:

**All: you spoke of life for all your children, as your Child stepped into the waters of forgiveness, dancing in hope with his cousin, John.**

L: On this first day of the week, when we begin anew:

**All: you call us to faithfulness, as we open our hearts to you, your voice claiming us as your own.**

L: Let us worship God!

Prayer of Adoration and Illumination

Hymn

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Shelley Zuckerman

1 Come, thou Fount of every blessing;  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
mount of God's unchanging love!

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**O Lord our God, you call us to repent and believe the gospel, to proclaim your good news, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in division. You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the forces of violence and oppression. You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near. Forgive us, O Lord. As you sealed each of us in the waters of our baptism, wash us and cleanse us now. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.**

Words of Assurance

Anthem

“Ho, All Who Thirst”

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:4-11 NRSV

*<sup>4</sup> John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” <sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”*

Sermon

Pastor Irmer

“What Does Baptism Have to do With the Events of This Past Week?”

Prayers of the People & 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.**

Time of Offering & Prayer of Dedication

*Contributions to the ministries of Slackwood Church can be made on the church website, [www.slackwoodchurch.org](http://www.slackwoodchurch.org) or by mail at 2020 Brunswick Avenue, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648.*

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn

“You Have Put On Christ”

Shelley Zuckerman

You have put on Christ;  
In Christ you have been baptized.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

We have put on Christ;  
In Christ we have been baptized.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Charge and Benediction

## DEPART TO SERVE

**Pastor:** The Rev. Ryan Irmer

**Parish Associate:** The Rev. James Klotz

**Director of Music:** Dr. Shelley Sanders Zuckerman

**Director of Family Ministries:** Starr Alleyne

**Seminary Intern:** Kody Whitaker

**Welcome** to everyone who is worshipping this morning.

The **Adult Forum** meets at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday via Zoom conferencing. The link is sent in the weekly announcement email.

The **Membership & Outreach Committee** will meet on Wednesday, January 13 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

**Friday, January 15 is the deadline for reports to be included in the 2020 annual report to the congregation.** If you chair a church committee, are a treasurer or the moderator of a church group, you need to submit your report to Clerk of Session Carol Belles no later than Friday. Creating the report takes time and is a lot of work, so please honor the deadline and either email your report to Carol or send it to her through the mail. **The annual congregational meeting,** including election of officers, will be held on Sunday, January 31 via Zoom. More information will come at a later date.

**Offering envelopes for 2021** were delivered to homes, or placed in the mail. If you did not receive your envelopes, let Bill Mansmann or Carol Belles know and a box will be provided.

The **Christian Education Committee** invites you to join them in supporting Slackwood Elementary School's popup food pantry for **MLK Service Project 2021**. All efforts will focus on partnering with the school in order to directly help to impact families in our area. Due to the current health crises, we ask that donations be directly brought to the school Monday through Friday anytime between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Vulnerable families are in need of items such as essential food (non-perishable), cleaners, detergent, toothpaste, shampoo, and soap. Grocery store gift cards are also recommended. The address of the school is: 2060 Princeton Pike, Lawrenceville, N.J. 08648.