



First Presbyterian Church

MOUNT AIRY, NORTH CAROLINA

**Baptism of the Lord
Sunday, January 10, 2021**

Call to Worship

God said, "This is my Son, with whom I am pleased."

But this one has no splendor, no beauty we would fancy.

"This is my child, in whom I take delight."

**But this one carries the load of a servant,
not the scepter of a king.**

"This is my child, whom I have called."

**But this one demands justice from all earth's nations;
his words shall judge our own.**

"This is my child, whom I uphold."

**But this one would release the dungeon's prisoners;
he would set the captives free.**

"This is my child, whose hand I hold."

**But this one is a man of sorrows; he is no stranger to
grief.**

"This is my child; I give him to you."

**Surely this child will bear our suffering on his shoulders
and carry our rejection in his heart.**

Wounded for our transgressions,

he will be cut off from the land of the living.

Like sheep we have gone astray;

like a lamb he shall be led to the slaughter.

And still our God declares it:

"This is my beloved child, with whom I am well pleased.

Listen to him."

—based on Isaiah 53; Matthew 3:17; 17:5

Gathering Song *Holy, Holy, Holy*

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name,
in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
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Call to Repentance and Prayer of Confession

**God of all mercy,
in our baptisms you have marked us as your own;
you have given us a new identity
and made us part of the body of Christ.
In doing so, you have called us to rise to new life
and to live together in community.
However, we have not been faithful to your call.
We have forged our own identity
and held to destructive habits.
We confess we have failed to welcome others,
broken bonds we have had with brothers and sisters,
and served ourselves more than you.
Forgive us, we pray, for the sake of Christ, our Savior.**
Moment of Silence

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
The Peace of the Lord be with You! **And also with you.**

Waving of the Peace

Sermon

Griff Gatewood

Song of Response: *The Church's One Foundation*

1 The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the word.
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her
And for her life He died.

2 Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

3 Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest.

4 Yet she on earth has union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly,
May live eternally.

Prayers of the People

Presenting our Gifts

With joy, we offer our gifts to God
as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness.
Please come forward during the last hymn for the offering

Hymn *Take My Life*

1 Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee,
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

3 Take my voice and let me sing,
Always, only, for my King
Take my intellect and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose,
Every power as Thou shalt choose.

4 Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be on longer mine
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal Throne,
It shall be Thy royal Throne.

5 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.

***Benediction**

Birthdays: 1/10: Anna Bush; 1/13: Gene Rees;
1/14: Melissa Whitfield; 1/16: Wes Trotter.