

# First Presbyterian Church

Kingsford, Michigan  
Rev. Michael March, Pastor

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 10, 2021

Greeting: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**Response: And also with you.**

Opening Prayer

--Rev. Ed Laarman

\*Hymn: *Majesty*

Majesty, worship his majesty, unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise. Majesty, kingdom authority, flow from his throne unto his own, his anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus, magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King. Majesty, worship his majesty, Jesus, who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

\*Prayer of Confession:

**Father in heaven, we confess that too often, we have desired the crown of salvation, without the cross of discipleship. We have chosen the broad and easy way and avoided the straight and narrow way. We have prayed to be spared from trouble, but not to be strengthened to bear trouble. We have sacrificed our convictions, for the sake of our comforts. We have chosen the way of the world, rather than the way of King Jesus. Father, forgive us, and help us to be more faithful subjects of the Kingdom. In Jesus' name, amen.**

\*Assurance of God's Pardon

**\*Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.  
He who on the cross as Savior for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.**

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Malachi 4:1-6

Responsive Reading: Psalm 145:1, 8-13

I will extol you, my God and King,

**and bless your name forever and ever.**

The LORD is gracious and merciful,

**slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

The LORD is good to all,

**and his mercy is over all that he has made.**

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,

**and all your saints shall bless you!**

They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom

**and tell of your power,**

to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,

**and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

**and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

Anthem: *Christ, Be Our Light*

--Crystal Hogan

Sermon Text: Luke 17:20-21

Sermon: *Where Is the Kingdom?*

--Rev. Ed Laarman

\*Hymn: *Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated*

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.

Take my silver and my gold – not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use every pow'r as thou shalt choose, every pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine – it shall be no longer mine; take my heart – it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.

\*Creed: A Brief Statement of Faith – Presbyterian Church (1991):

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

\*INTERCESSIONS & PRAYER CONCERNS:

Donnie Hamby, Mary Larsen, Marcia McGregor, Rose Laufer, Linda Peterson, Karyn Daft, Kenny Kasten

\*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.**

\*Benediction

\*Response: *He Is Lord*

He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!  
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that  
Jesus Christ is Lord.

He is King, he is King! He will draw all nations to him; he is  
King! And the time shall be when the world shall sing that  
Jesus Christ is King.