

Covenant Presbyterian Church

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Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2021

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Liturgist & Musician: Elder Lars Morrison

Organist: Peggy McGuirk

YouTube Version Produced By Brian F. Graff

~ Order of Service ~

** = Please stand, as able

The Gathering

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Minuet in G ~ Bach

PROCLAMATION

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

**HYMN 10

Sing Glory to the Name of God

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

A prophet appeared in the wilderness, calling the people to repent, be baptized, and prepare the way of the Lord. We return to the water to confess our sins, giving thanks for the grace of Jesus Christ, the one who has come to save us.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all glory, you look from heaven and see us as we are – not worthy to kneel at your feet, not ready to welcome your way.

Forgive us, gracious God. In Christ, stoop down to save us; loosen the ties that bind us to sin and set us free to love and serve you; in Jesus' name. Amen.

A TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Hear the good news of the gospel: As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so God says to each of us: You are my beloved child, and with you I am well pleased. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Pastor: Remember your baptism and be glad!

People: **Amen!**

**RESPONSE 581 *Glory Be to the Father* GLORIA PATRI

***Glory be the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.***

**THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: Through Christ, God was pleased to reconcile all things, by making peace through the blood of the cross. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Word

**ILLUMINATION 459 v.1 *O Word of God Incarnate* MUNICH

***O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
we praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.***

OT LESSON Genesis 1: 1 – 5 *Pew Bible P.1*

PSALM 29 Hymn 259 *The God of Heaven* GLORY

NT LESSON Acts 19: 1 – 7 *Pew Bible P.903*

Liturgist: Here ends the Acts of the Apostles.

People: **Praise Be to You, O Lord!**

**GOSPEL READING Mark 1: 4 – 11 *Pew Bible P.812*

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: **Glory to You, O Christ!**

CANTICLE 288 *Spirit of the Living God* LIVING GOD

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

SERMON *The Power We Have When We Take the Plunge* Pastor John

SERMON RESPONSE *Violin Sonata No. 5 in G Minor ~ Corelli*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Nicene Creed (Ecumenical)*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the Son, is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Eucharist

**OFFERING & DOXOLOGY 606 OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

****THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O God of mercy and might ... (the prayer continues)
... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Choir &

Congregation: *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
(old 269) Heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. ... (the prayer continues) ... With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice dedicated to your service. Great is the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts ... (the prayer continues) ... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us 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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

****THE COMMUNION** (Follow the lead of the celebrant from your seat)

****THE RESPONSE** (Hymn 535) AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: *And all that is within me, bless God's holy name!*

Celebrant: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

People: *And forget not all God's benefits.*

Celebrant: Let us pray:

All: **We give you thanks and praise, O God, that you have fed us with your mercy and poured out your Spirit in this place. Continue to nourish and fill us each day, that we may live as your beloved people; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Sending

****HYMN 292**

As the Wind Song

WAIRUA TAPU

****THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

****RESPONSE 748**

Go With Us, Lord

TALLIS' CANON

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,

that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

POSTLUDE *Ayre for Recorder ~ Vivaldi*

Prayer Concerns: If you have a prayer request please contact the Prayer Cordon: Virginia Lokovich 724-287-3920, Jane Hall 724-287-5410, Pastor John 412-779-6148 or covenantoffice@zoominternet.net or the Prayer Hotline email covenantprayers@zoominternet.net.

Leanne Heaton and the Travaglio and Vinroe families, as they (and we) commend **Robert R. Heaton** into the eternal embrace of the Lord Jesus Christ
The Oesterling Family in the tragic loss of their two-year old son, **Tristan**, in a house fire last week

Bob Moore, Pam Patterson's brother, in continuing treatment for cancer

Diane, Connie Swartzfeger's neighbor, diagnosed with ovarian cancer.

John Thomas Vrba, young nephew of a friend of Elaine and Pastor John with lymphoma, recovering from surgery

The Rev. Steve LaSor, friend & colleague of Pastor John & Elaine, recovering from bad case of Covid-19

Rita, sister of the Rice's friend Tony Bell, is in hospice care

Jim Petsinger, father of Mindy Gall's best friend Lindee, diagnosed with COVID but asymptomatic. He is in the memory care unit of New Haven Court & the entire unit has tested positive for the virus.

Ruth & Charlie Stitt, friends of Leanne Heaton, continuing healthcare concerns
Thanksgiving and joy for **the Hinkle Family (members of Hill Church)** who celebrated the wedding of daughter **Jordan** to **Josh Strausbaugh** in our sanctuary last week

Prayers of thanksgiving for the roll-out of the much-anticipated vaccine for Covid-19 and that Love and Peace become a thousand times more contagious

as a new virus in 2021; along with prayers for our country during these difficult days in the pursuit of truth and wisdom.

Offerings, Tithes, & Gifts:

A) Mail: CPC 230 E. Jefferson St. Butler, PA 16001

B) Online: www.covenantbutler.org, click the green "Donate" button

C) Mobile: "Give Plus Church" App, search Covenant Presby Butler



February 7th 12:00 PM

Our annual tradition in mobile form!

Stop by the first-floor kitchen to pick up cups of soup to go.
\$2 per cup/2@\$3.50/3@\$4.50; funds go to community dinners.

Soup makers are needed, please sign-up in the assembly room.

Shrove Tuesday Raffle: Gift basket donators needed for the Feb. 16 event.

We plan to have take-out pancake & sausage dinners, and a raffle bar to put your tickets in on your way through! Serving 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM.

Celebration! Jan 12 Bob Mathias' Birthday

Noisy Offering of Loose Change: Held during the Jan 17 service.

In Memoriam

Robert R. Heaton

Born ~ April 1, 1929

Joined the Church Triumphant ~ January 2,
2020



Local businessman, Robert R. Heaton, 91 passed away on Saturday, January 2, 2021 at his residence in Butler, PA.

He was born in Butler, PA on April 1, 1929 he was the son of the late Ralph B. Heaton and Mary E. Ritter Heaton.

The epitome of his successful life was in his ability to donate \$1 Million to the Butler County Community College for the renovation of the Beck Library, subsequently renamed as the Heaton Family Learning Center. Bob exemplified the term "self-made man". From humble beginnings on Butler's south side, he valued education and hard work as the path to success. Growing up in the Great Depression, he began working at age 11, helping out at the Zellsman Motor Company, a Studebaker dealership.

While in high school he and his friends embraced the patriotism of World War II by lying about their age in order to work Victory Shift after school each night from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the former Bantam Car Company, helping to assemble trailers for military Jeeps or also helping build amphibious landing crafts.

At the conclusion of the war, Bob went to work at Benson's Men's Wear on Main Street. It was there that he met Marion McGinnis of West Sunbury, the daughter of a customer, and eventually they married in 1951. In their 52-year marriage they would share a love of travel and history as they explored their own country and abroad.

Having graduated from Butler High School a half-year early in 1947, he originally aspired to study medicine and become a doctor. Bob knew that he would have

to pay for his own education, his parents being unable to afford to help him and scholarships being essentially nonexistent in those days. He adjusted his goals and entered what is now Case Western Reserve to study mortuary science. He worked part-time at a funeral home near the school to help cover the cost of his classes. He graduated in 1950.

Bob and Marion moved to Ridgway, PA so that Bob could apprentice at the Gallup Funeral Home. While there, their daughter Leanne was born. Within two years they returned to Butler when he accepted a position at the then Thompson Funeral Home. He worked for that establishment for 42 years.

Following retirement from funeral service Bob applied his knowledge of business and investing to a new interest by becoming a real estate developer. Establishing RHGL Inc with his friend and partner, Glenn R. Logan, former owner of Logan Candy Company. Together they were responsible for housing developments at Avon Drive, Meridian Highlands, Stirling Village, Camelot Woods and Shady Lane Farms as well as numerous individual homes in the area.

Bob was blessed in life by the love of three women. Marion McGinnis Heaton, his wife of 52 years died in 2003, MaryAnn McGuirk Zeigler, shared his affections until her death in 2011 and Martha Jane Keller Keasey who was his companion until her death in 2015. Each brought light and joy to his life.

Bob was a faithful member of Trinity Presbyterian Church and subsequently Covenant Presbyterian Church. He was an ordained Elder and Trustee as well as serving on the Ministerial Relations Board of the Beaver-Butler Presbytery. When in residence in Florida he attended the Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church.

Always active in business, social, civic and political groups, Bob was a Past-President of the Western Pennsylvania Funeral Directors and remained a member-emeritus of their Board of Directors. He was a member of the Butler/Victory Lodge #272 F&A. M., Syria Shrine of Pittsburgh, Past President of Butler Shrine Caravan 14, past Treasurer of Butler Kiwanis, a continuing member of the Odd Fellows and an enthusiastic member of the Shrine Luncheon Clubs of Butler and of Marco Island, FL.

He served as a member of the Northwest Sanitary Sewer Authority, a member of the Civil Service Commission, and served terms as Republican Committeeman of

Butler. He was honored as the Distinguished Citizen of Butler County by the Moraine Council of Boy Scouts and was one of three finalists for the Butler High School Distinguished Graduate Award in 2018.

Bob loved cars, owning an assortment of antique and classic automobiles over the years which he restored himself and took great joy in driving in shows and parades. He was a member of the Butler Old Stone House Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America, the Mercedes Benz Club of Pittsburgh and the Mercedes Benz Club of Naples. He was very proud of the 1955 Thunderbird that he bought new, keeping it for the rest of his life and of being member number 12 of the then newly formed Classic Thunderbird Club International. He became one of the first local owners of a Tesla S car enjoying its beautiful, innovative technology.

Following the death of his business partner, Bob administered the Glenn R. Logan Scholarship Trust for Butler High School and the Glenn R. Logan and Rhea Jean McCandless Logan Family Trust. He was also named a trustee of the J. Robert and Alberta C Rodgers Memorial Trust of Slippery Rock following the demise of his dear friend Evelyn Rodgers.

In later years Bob was limited by physical problems but continued to enjoy meeting friends for meals, talking to his buddies on the phone and sharing jokes and news via the internet.

He is survived by his daughter Leanne Heaton and his nephews David (Gay) Travaglio, Kevin (Margie) Travaglio, Brad (Judy) Vinroe, Carl Vinroe, Robert Vinroe, and Richard (Joyce) Vinroe as well as their families.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Anna Margaret Heaton Vinroe, his beloved wife Marion, his loving companions, MaryAnn Zeigler and Martha Jane Keasey and his nephew, Dennis Travaglio.

There will be no public visitation. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Private entombment will take place in the Chapel of Devotion Mausoleum at Butler County Memorial Park.

Memorials donations may be made to the Shriner's Hospital Fund, Covenant Presbyterian Church of Butler, Butler County Symphony Association or Butler County Community College.

Deep gratitude is extended to all family, friends and business associates who enriched his life, you were his greatest wealth.

