

# JESUS, WHY SO MYSTERIOUS?

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*Exploring Jesus'  
secretive identity  
in Mark's Gospel*



# *Our Worship of God*

*January 10, 2021*

*11:15 am*

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## *~ The Baptism of Our Lord ~*

**Pre-Service Music**

How Great Thou Art

arr. Burkardt

**Welcome**

Pastor Carol McEntyre

**Pastoral Prayer for our Country**

**Call to Worship (responsive)**

From the waters of Creation, the earth sprang forth.

**From the waters of a womb, God's blessed Son was given to us.**

From the waters of a river, people were baptized and marked as God's Children.

**Praise be to God, whose loving gifts and presence have called us together.**

Let us shout our love to God for God's abundant love.

**Amen.**

**Opening Hymn**

Womb of Life, and Source of Being  
Sung to BEACH SPRING

Womb of life, and source of being,  
home of every restless heart,  
in your arms the worlds awakened;  
you have loved us from the start.  
We, your children, gather round you,  
at the table you prepare.  
Sharing stories, tears, and laughter,  
we are nurtured by your care.

Word in flesh, our brother Jesus,  
born to bring us second birth,  
you have come to stand beside us,  
knowing weakness, knowing earth.  
Priest who shares our human struggles,  
Life of Life, and Death of Death,  
risen Christ, come stand among us,  
send the Sprit by your breath.

Brooding Spirit, move among us;  
be our partner, be our friend.  
When our mem'ry fails, remind us  
whose we are, what we intent.  
Labor with us, aid the birthing  
of the new world yet to be,  
free of servant, lord, and master,  
free for love and unity.

Mother, Brother, holy Partner; Father, Spirit, Only Son:  
we would praise your name forever,  
one-in-three, and three-in-one.  
We would share your life, your passion,  
share your word of world made new,  
ever singing, ever praising,  
one with all, and one with you.

### **Lighting of the Christ Candle**

*We invite you to light a candle at your place of worship  
as a visual reminder of God's presence with us.*

## Scripture Reading

Lexie Keiffer

### Mark 1:4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 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. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 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. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 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. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise be to Christ.**

## Song of Praise

The River

*I know a place where we can go  
To lay the troubles down eating your soul  
I know a place where mercy flows  
Take the stains make you whiter than snow*

*Like a tide it is rising up deep inside  
A current that moves and makes ya come alive  
Living water that brings the dead to life  
Oh oh*

*We're goin' down to the river  
Down to the river  
Down to the river to pray  
Let's get washed by the water  
Washed by the water  
And rise up in amazing grace  
Let's go down down down to the river  
You will leave changed  
Let's go down down down to the river  
Never the same*

*I've seen it move in my own life  
Took me from dusty roads into Paradise  
All of my dirt all of my shame  
Drowned in the streams that have made me born again*

*Like a tide it is rising up deep inside  
A current that moves and makes ya come alive  
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*Let's go down  
Oo oo oo  
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*Oh down, Oo oo oo  
Gotta go gotta go gotta go down in amazing grace  
Let's go down down down to the river  
Gotta go gotta go gotta go down in amazing grace*

## **Prayer of Baptism and Mystery**

Pastor Michael McEntyre

Creator God, when everything first began, water became a symbol of refreshing, of washing away, of renewing.

**Through the mysterious waters of creation, you brought forth abundant life.**

We have come into this hour to remember Jesus' baptism, how when he came up out of the water your Spirit proclaimed that He was your beloved Son in whom you were very well pleased.

**Our spirits resound with that proclamation.**

In His baptism, Jesus' ministry was initiated.

**He dedicated his life to you completely and without reservation,**  
And yet, he was still full of mystery,

**using parables to teach, and instructing others to remain silent after miracles.**

Renew us with your life-giving waters and re-affirm our baptisms as your children.

**Help us to live into the mystery of your grace.**

Let us go forth to be people of peace and mercy.

For we ask this in Jesus' Name.

**Amen.**

## Sharing Our Gifts

### Special Music

At the River by Aaron Copland  
Mariah Dale, *vocals* Colleen Ostercamp, *piano*

### Message

Carol McEntyre

### Song of Response

To the One

*It's the mystery of this hope in me  
How You hold the stars yet You hold my heart  
One who's first and last wiped away my past  
Perfect royalty made His home in me*

*To the One who holds the stars  
We lift You higher we lift You higher  
To the one who holds our heart  
There is no other there is no other like You*

*King of endless life  
Yet You chose to die  
On a sinners tree  
Exposed for me  
With one final breath  
It is finished  
Stormed the gates of hell  
Ripping through the veil*

*To the one who overcame  
We lift You higher we lift You higher  
To the name above all names  
There is no other there is no other  
To the one who overcame  
We lift You higher we lift You higher  
To the name above all names  
There is no other there is no other (like You)*

*Jesus Christ we magnify Your life  
For Your majesty we crown You king of kings  
Jesus Christ we magnify Your life  
For Your majesty we crown You king of kings  
Jesus Christ we magnify Your life  
For Your majesty we crown You king of kings*

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## **Life of the Church**

## **Benediction**

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# Worship Notes

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*Call to Worship* by Nancy C. Townley posted on <https://www.ministrymatters.com/>

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# Week at a Glance

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## Tuesday, January 12

1:00 pm Crafty Critters Zoom Call

## Wednesday, January 13

12:00 pm Zoom at Noon with Pastor Carol

6:30 pm NO Handbells Rehearsal this week

7:45 pm NO Chancel Choir Zoom Rehearsal this week

## Friday, January 15

12:15 pm Jesus Calling: Women's Devotional and Prayer Time via Zoom

## Sunday, January 17

10:00 am Online Winter Bible Study with Dr. Hulitt Gloer

10:00 am Student Ministry Group online

11:15 Online Worship Service

## Monday, January 18

Offices Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

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# Announcements

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## Visitors and Prayer Requests

If you are visiting with us online, we are so glad to have you with us! If you would like to receive more information about First Baptist and our ministries, let us know you are with us today by texting “guest” to 573-326-9490. If you are in need of prayer, text “prayer” to 573-326-9490 and Brittany, our Pastor of Families and Spiritual Formation will connect with you.

## January Worship Series - *Jesus, Why So Mysterious?*

Throughout the gospels, Jesus is often secretive about his identity. Like in Mark chapter 8 when Jesus, “sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone about him.” What benefit could come from Jesus’s hiddenness? He often answers questions with questions and uses metaphors and parables to teach. Why risk being misunderstood? If the message is so important, why give it in a veiled way? In January, we will begin a sermon series called Jesus, Why So Mysterious? Join us for worship, as we explore the launch of Jesus’ public ministry and wonder why he was at times so secretive about his identity.

## Zoom at Noon with Pastor Carol Resumes January 13

Zoom at Noon with Pastor Carol resumes on Wednesday, January 13. If aren’t already receiving the Zoom link each week, please contact the office to make sure you are on the list!

## Annual Business Meeting - January 24 at 1:00 pm via Zoom

We will hold our Annual Business Meeting on January 24 at 1:00 pm via Zoom following the Sunday Online Service. If you’d like to visit with other members, we will begin the Zoom meeting 15 minutes early!

## Financial Assistance for Those Affected by COVID-19

If you have found yourself in need of financial assistance in this disruptive time of a global pandemic, please reach out to any of our pastors (by phone or email) to notify us of your need. Please know that all such requests are confidential. We will get through this together!

## Online Winter Bible Study – Begins January 17

In January, we invite you to join us for Winter Bible Study via Zoom! This 6-week course is designed for people who want to dig deeper in their Bible study and grow in their understanding of scripture.

Dr. Hulitt Gloer will be leading the course entitled “Reading Mark’s Revolutionary Gospel.” Knowing what Jesus said and did has never been more important than in the days in which we are now living. The Gospel of Mark tells of Jesus’ revolutionary life and message and we will examine it together. The class is perfect for laity who want to study the Bible at a more scholarly level, but you do not have to be a scholar to join. The course is designed for any and all who desire a greater understanding of the Bible. The only prerequisite is a love for the Bible.

Dr. Hulitt Gloer is Emeritus Professor of Preaching and Christian Scriptures at Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University and taught at Truett when Pastors Michael and Carol McEntyre were students there.

The study will be held on Zoom on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. It will begin January 17 and run for 6 weeks. There is no need to register. We will be emailing the Zoom link and additional information next week.