

Sierra View Presbyterian Church Liturgy
Sunday, February 9, 2025

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Brandon Edmonds

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship: Psalm 63:1-4

Pastor: You, God, are my God,
earnestly I seek you;

**Congregation: I thirst for you,
my whole being longs for you,
in a dry and parched land
where there is no water.**

Pastor: I have seen you in the sanctuary
and beheld your power and your glory.

**Congregation: Because your love is better than life,
my lips will glorify you.**

**All: I will praise you as long as I live,
and in your name I will lift up my hands.**

Song of Adoration: Hymn #518- Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Praise: Holy Forever

Song of Thanksgiving: Hymn #500- Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Profession of Faith: Westminster Shorter Catechism

106. What do we pray for in the sixth petition?

In the sixth petition, which is, "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil," we pray that God would either keep us from being tempted to sin, or support and deliver us when we are tempted.

Old Testament Reading: Micah 6:1-8

Confession of Sin: Based on Micah 6:8

O Lord our God, You are high above us in holiness and goodness. You have shown us what is good: to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you. Though we know better, we often live out of our own self-centered desires. Our justice is partial and flawed. We are judgmental instead of merciful. Worst of all, we flee from you out of pride and rebellion. Forgive us, restore us, and walk with us. Increase our humility,

teach us to love mercifully, help us to see your love, and restore to us the full joy of salvation. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Micah 7:18-20

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance?

You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea. You will be faithful to Jacob, and show love to Abraham, as you pledged on oath to our ancestors

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession: Rev. Ed Veldhuizen

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Preparation: Hymn #688- Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Sermon text: Luke 3:1-21

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3 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, **2** during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. **3** And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. **4** As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

5 Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall become straight,
and the rough places shall become level ways,

6 and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

7 He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? **8** Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. **9** Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

10 And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” **11** And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” **12** Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” **13** And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are

authorized to do.” **14** Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”

15 As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, **16** John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. **17** His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

18 So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. **19** But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, **20** added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

Children's Message

Sermon: Repentance and the One to Come: John the Baptizer, part 2

Outline:

- I. The Need to Repent
- II. The Qualities of a Repentant Life
- III. A Greater Baptizer

Closing Song: Hymn #730- Benediction

Benediction: 2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.