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(Portions of the service that are in **BOLD** are to be said by all.

All points marked * those who are able are invited to stand.)

Approach

- * Gathering Hymn VU #449 – *“Crashing Waters at Creation”*

Introduction

- 📖 Scripture Reading – Mark 1: 4-11

Prayer

- * Hymn MV #82 – *“Bathe Me in Your Light”*

WPUC Advent Video

Invitation to the Font

Declaration of Our Faith

We gather at this font to celebrate God’s grace, Christ’s goodness and the Spirit that is always with us – refreshing, renewing and inspiring.

One: Do you wish to recommit your life to God and God’s church?

All: I do.

One: Do you believe in God?

All: I believe in God, the creator of all things.

One: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

All: I believe in Jesus who reveals God to us.

One: Do you Believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit who is present and active in our world.

One: Will you be faithful in the life of faith, celebrating at the font and table, teaching and learning, serving and comforting?

All: I will, with God’s help.

The Creed

We are not alone,

We live in God’s world.

We believe in God:

Who has created and is creating,

Who has come in Jesus,

The Word made flesh,

**To reconcile and make new,
Who works in us and others
By the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

To celebrate God’s presence,

To live with respect in Creation,

To love and serve others,

To seek justice and resist evil,

To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

Our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

- * Hymn VU #248 – *“When Long Before Time”*

(children leave via font)

- 📖 Scripture Reading – Genesis 1: 1-5

Meditation – “The Trouble with the Gospel” Rev. Dr. Bob Galston

Duet – Down Galilee’s Slow Roadways

The Response

Announcements / Minute Person – Judi Olson-Chiswell

- * Offering / Response (VU #541)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures high and low;

Give thanks to God in love made known:

Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

- * Hymn VU #84 – *“O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word”*

Benediction / Response (MV #161 vs. 1 & 4)

I have called you by your name, you are mine;

I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.

I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.

You are gifted, called and chosen; you are mine.

I have given you a name, it is mine;

I have given you my Spirit as a sign.

With my wonder in your soul,

make my wounded children whole;

Go and tell my precious people they are mine.