

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



# Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church

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**John Dillon, Pastor**  
**Baptism of the Lord**  
**January 13, 2019 | 9:00**

*As a courtesy, please silence cell phones before worship.  
A “+” indicates all are invited to stand in either body or spirit.*

## WE GATHER

### *DOWN TO THE RIVER TO PRAY*

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE!

#### +CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son. [Hebrews 1:1]

**All: Jesus is that Son, and it is through him that we know the Father.  
Let us raise our voices in praise.**

#### +*COME THOU FOUNT*

#### +PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us make our own silent confession before the Lord.

~ *silence* ~

One: Caring God, in our baptism you granted us your love and your mercy, your peace and your hope, and your promise to be with us.  
Hear our prayers today as we thank you and bless you for your loving generosity and faithful presence.

**All: Listening God, we confess that we have ignored your blessings, disobeyed your commandments, and have been selective in our hearing and understanding of your truth.**

One: Have mercy upon us, O God, and forgive us our wrongdoings and let us start afresh.

**All: Help us to listen attentively to you, help us to hear your words of forgiveness, help us to respond to your mercy and love, help us to forgive ourselves, and to get on with living life with you, in the holy name of Jesus.  
Amen.**

+ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PASSING THE PEACE

One: Christ is our peace and reconciles us to God.  
In our confession, we are promised God's mercy,  
and are assured that God's grace  
will follow us all the days of our lives.

**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and  
granted his peace. Thanks be to God.**

One: You are invited to greet one another in peace.

+GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

**WE GROW**

WEE WORSHIP

*YOU ARE*

SCRIPTURE READING

John 3:22-36

MESSAGE

*"Bad News/Good News"*

Rev. John Dillon

RENEWING OUR BAPTISM

Pastor: Whether we are baptized by choice as an adult  
or presented as a baby, makes no difference.  
In baptism we witness God's eternal love and forgiveness  
for all. It is a sign and a seal of our cleansing from sin,  
and of our becoming part of Christ's  
universal body--the church.  
Today you are invited to remember your baptism  
and be thankful.

*~ Please stand. ~*

Pastor: Do you earnestly desire to be part of the Church,  
Christ's body on earth?

**All: I do.**

Pastor: Do you believe in one God Creator, Son and Spirit and do  
you confess Jesus as your Lord?

**All: I do.**

*Please proceed down the center aisle to the font and then return by the side aisles. Anyone with mobility issues who wishes to participate should wait until the end and then raise their hand and the water will be brought to you.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.**

OFFERING: *EVERYTHING GLORIOUS*

+DOXOLOGY: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow GTG 607

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**WE GO**

+*CHILDREN OF GOD*

+SENDING

*We gather in grace, we grow in grace, we go in grace...  
The journey continues in an ever-widening circle of grace.*

NURSERY CARE is provided during all worship services. Infants and pre-kindergarten children are welcomed there by our trained staff.

NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE! Details of all church events, meetings etc. are available online at [www.rclpc.org](http://www.rclpc.org). Printed copies are available from the ushers.