

“John, a Witness for the Lord”
John 1:19-34



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Host: Todd Kvamme

Message: Bernard Bell

We gather in worship to remind ourselves who God is, what he has done in Christ and what he is doing through his Spirit. Our desire is to praise God and receive afresh his Spirit in us, to affirm that we are family reconciled one to another and to be empowered to reach out to the world.

Family Life (see pbcc.org for more info)

December 21: **We Wrap for Free** 9:45am-12:30pm

December 24: **Christmas Eve Service** 4:00pm

December 28: **One Service** 10:00am

2nd & 4th Sunday: **Church-wide Prayer Meeting** 7:00am

Every Sunday: **Sunday AM Prayer Meeting** 8:30am

Every Sunday: **Body Life in Mandarin** 10:30am

Every Wednesday: **Intercessory Prayer** 6:30am (Zoom)

Call to Worship: Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7 (ESV)

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5 (NIV)

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¹⁹ Now this was John’s testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. ²⁰ He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, “I am not the Messiah.”

²¹ They asked him, “Then who are you? Are you Elijah?”

He said, “I am not.”

“Are you the Prophet?”

He answered, “No.”

²² Finally they said, “Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?”

²³ John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, “I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way for the Lord.’”

²⁴ Now the Pharisees who had been sent ²⁵ questioned him, “Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?”

²⁶ “I baptize with water,” John replied, “but among you stands one you do not know. ²⁷ He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.”

²⁸ This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

John Testifies About Jesus

²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ ³¹ I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.”

³² Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. ³³ And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴ I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.”

Praises & Prayer Requests

Please pray for...

- the Somalia community in Minnesota and immigrant groups throughout the United States.