

January 8, 2023
Baptism of the Lord

PRELUDE “Waltz op. 39 no. 3” Brahms
 “Romance op. 118 no. 5” Brahms

WELCOME

OPENING SENTENCES Ps. 96:1; Mark 1:10-11; Ps. 29:3, 9

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth!
The heavens opened, the Spirit descended,
and a voice sounded: This is my Beloved Son.
The voice of the Lord is over the waters,
and in the temple God’s people say: Glory!
Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+**HYMN #45** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” NETTLETON

CALL TO CONFESSION Matt. 3:2-3

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,
making us part of the body of Christ.
We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,
separated from one another.
We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,
and show reluctance to welcome one another.
We allow the past to hold us captive.

In you loving-kindness, have mercy on us,
and free us from sin.
Fulfill the promises of our baptism
so that we may rise to new life,
and live together in grace.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Matt. 3:17
... we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN #295 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” TRENTHAM

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO OFFERING Mic. 6:8

OFFERTORY “Andante in E flat major” Smetana

+**RESPONSE #809** OLD HUNDREDTH
 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

+**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles’ Creed
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 42:1-9

PSALM Psalm 29

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 10:34-43

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 3:13-17

CHORAL RESPONSE MORECAMBE
 “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” (verses 1 and 5)

SERMON “I Need to Be Baptized...” Rev. Bill Pinches

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS 1 Cor. 12:12-13
... Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,
do you turn from the ways of sin
and renounce evil and its power in the world?
I do.

Who is your Lord and Savior?
Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple,
obeying his word and showing his love?
I will, with God’s help.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

ANTHEM “Come to the Water” Foley / Schrader

*You will be invited to come forward, if you wish,
to receive water to remind you of your baptism.*

Remember your baptism and be thankful,
and know that the Holy Spirit is at work within you.
Thanks be to God.

+**HYMN #758** “Baptized in Water” BUNESSAN
 (verses 1-2)

+**BLESSING** John 16:12-15
... be with you all.
Amen.

+**CHARGE** Luke 10:21
... rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Thanks be to God!

CHORAL BENEDICTION “Baptized in Water” BUNESSAN
 (verse 3)

POSTLUDE “Flower Duet” from “Lakmé” Delibes

**Join us for fellowship after worship
in the Memorial Room.**
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.

SERVING US TODAY
Guest Pianist: Yi-Hui Chen
Liturgist: Nancy Sue MacDonald
Greeters: Linda Peterson and Jane Somerville
Sound: Tim Hammond
Livestream: Tami Chapman
Security: Will Ozee
Today’s flowers are given by
Sandy and John Diehl
in memory of
Agnes and Robert Elton

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#17. Samaria:

After the disciples are scattered, Philip the Deacon brings the Gospel to Samaria with great success, preaching, healing, and casting out demons. (*Acts 8:5-13*)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 49. Will all human beings be saved?

No one will be lost who can be saved. The limits to salvation, whatever they may be, are known only to God. Three truths above all are certain. God is a holy God who is not to be trifled with. No one will be saved except by grace alone. And no judge could possibly be more gracious than our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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DAILY PRAYER

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday	Mission Committee	4:00 pm
Tuesday	Friends! group	3:30 pm
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:30 am
	Prayer Fellowship	12:00 pm
	Worship and Music Committee	1:30 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (children/youth)	3:15 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:00 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:30 pm
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Thursday	Finance Committee	8:00 am
	Spiritual Growth Committee	6:30 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor's Sabbath	

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Joann Caltrider Jan. 14

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*The fruit of the Spirit
is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
(Galatians 5:22-23)*