

January 7, 2024

Baptism of the Lord

PRELUDE "Prelude in A^b Major, Adagio" Haydn

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" arr. Geschke
Sanctuary Bells

OPENING SENTENCES

Sing to the Lord a new song; Ps. 96:1
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters, Ps. 29:3, 9

and in the temple God's people say: Glory!

Do not fear, for the Lord has spoken: Isa. 43:1

I have called you by name; you are mine.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+**HYMN:** GTG #475 "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 your 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 peace.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

... In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN: GTG #286 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" TRENTHAM

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Young children are dismissed to Sunday School

+ Those who are able may stand. 1

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Luke 13:29; 24:30-31

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is right to give our thanks and praise. ...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

1 Cor. 11:23-26

COMMUNION

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Spiritual

All are welcome at the table of the Lord. A gluten-free option is available on the table at the rear of the sanctuary. Partake of the bread when it comes to you, mindful of your communion with Christ. Hold the cup and we will all drink together, mindful of our communion with one another.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks and praise, O God,
that you have fed us with your mercy
and poured out your Spirit in this place.
Continue to nourish and fill us each day,
that we may live as your beloved people;
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Older children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO OFFERING

2 Cor. 9:7

OFFERTORY

"How Deep the Father's Love For Us"

Townend

+**RESPONSE:** GTG #606

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.

GTG = Glory to God (purple)

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 1:1-5

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PSALM

Psalms 29

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 19:1-7

N.T. page 106

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:4-11

N.T. page 27

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE

Ps. 29:4

The voice of the Lord, powerful and full of majesty.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Bill Pinches

"Baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus"

ANTHEM

"O Come, All You Unfaithful"

Kauflin/Clow

arr. Sorenson

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

+**HYMN:** GTG #482

"Baptized in Water"

BUNESSAN

+**BLESSING**

Rev. 1:8

... be with you now and always. **Amen.**

+**CHARGE**

1 Pet. 3:8-9

... that you might inherit a blessing. **Thanks be to God.**

+**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

GLORIA

"Angels We Have Heard on High" (refrain)

POSTLUDE

"Noel Provençal"

Corette

*You are invited to join us
for fellowship and refreshments
after worship in the Memorial Room.
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.*

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SERVING US TODAY

Guest Organist: Laura Johnson
Liturgist: Jane Hamelink
Greeters: Rex Hauser and Mary Garland Jackson
Communion Servers: Ron Dlouhy, Jane Hamelink,
Anita Cote, Rick Cote
Sound: Timothy Pinches
Livestream: Tami Chapman
Security: Will Ozee

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 122. How does God respond to our prayers?

God takes all our prayers into account, weighing them with divine wisdom, and responding to them by a perfect will. Although for the time being God’s answers may seem beyond our understanding, or sometimes even bitter, we know nonetheless that they are always determined by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. God answers our prayers, particularly for temporal blessings, only in ways that are compatible with the larger purposes of God’s glory and our salvation. Communion with God is finally the answer within the answers to all our prayers.

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DAILY PRAYER

Book of Common Worship: Daily Prayer (2018)

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	Leadership Training Workshop	11:30 am
Monday	Mission Committee	4:00 pm
Tuesday	Friends!	3:30 pm
	Worship and Music Committee	6:00 pm
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:30 am
	Prayer Fellowship	12:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (children/youth)	4:00 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:10 pm
Thursday	Spiritual Growth Committee	6:00 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath	

BIRTHDAYS

(none this week)

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Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist
I Yesus Church, Axum, Ethiopia

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