

January 12, 2025

Baptism of the Lord

PRELUDE “Adagio” from “Pathetique Sonata, Opus 13” Beethoven

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

The voice of God resounds upon the water. Ps. 29; Luke 3:21-22

The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.

The Son of God is named, “Beloved.”

And all who worship shout out, “Glory!”

Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.

Let us worship God in holy splendor!

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 N.T. page 46
The baptism of Jesus

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+**HYMN:** GTG #10 LASST UNS ERFREUEN
“Sing Glory to the Name of God” (Psalm 29)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are precious in your sight, Isa. 43:4; Luke 3:22

yet we often forget that we are your beloved.

We confess that our love is fickle and inconstant.

We follow selfish goals
and deny that our way of life harms others and hurts your world.

We are sorry and we want to change.

Create in us a clean heart,

strengthen our resolve,

reconcile us one to another,

and bless us with your peace. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

... and be at peace to love the Lord and serve the world.

Thanks be to God!

HYMN: GTG #482 “Baptized in Water” BUNESSAN

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... Nurturing Spirit, **stir us with your power.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO OFFERING

+ Those who are able may stand. 1 GTG = *Glory to God* (purple hymnal)

OFFERTORY “The Old Rugged Cross” arr. Ellsworth

+**RESPONSE:** GTG #606 OLD HUNDREDTH
“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+**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 43:1-7 O.T. page 512
Passing through the waters

PSALM Psalm 29 O.T. page 390
The voice of God upon the waters

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 8:14-17 N.T. page 96
Prayer for the Holy Spirit

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE Ps. 29:4

The voice of the Lord, powerful and full of majesty. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM “Come to the Water” arr. Schrader

SERMON Rev. Bill Pinches
“That They Might Receive the Holy Spirit”

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION: SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

There are varieties of gifts,

but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God,

but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way,

but it is God’s purpose that is accomplished.

**To each is given a gift of the Spirit
to be used for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ,
and individually members of it.

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

WELCOME

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY ORDAINED AND INSTALLED 1 Pet. 4:7-11

+**HYMN:** GTG #69 “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky” HERE I AM (SCHUTTE)

+CHARGE

... Go forth in the joy of life, to live as children of promise. **Amen.**

+BLESSING

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who stood with sinners on the river bank,

uphold you. **Amen.**

May the love of God,

who calls us beloved children, bless you. **Amen.**

May the power of the Holy Spirit,

who descended upon Jesus as a dove,

give you peace. **Alleluia!**

CHORAL BENEDICTION “Forever and Until” Koerts / Frombach

POSTLUDE

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

**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.

SERVING US TODAY

Liturgist: Debbie Markiewicz

Greeters: Sandy Diehl and Ray Strayer

Next Week’s Greeters: Lucinda Davenport and Peg Shaub

Sound: Marty Subject

Livestream: Tami Chapman

Security: Isaac Reyes

**Today’s flowers are given by Sandy and John Diehl
in memory of Agnes and Robert Elton**

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#12: Deacons:

Recognizing that the apostles need to focus their energy on praying and preaching, the church creates Deacons to tend to the needs of the community. (*Acts 6:1-6*)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 39. How did Jesus Christ fulfill the office of prophet?

He was God's Word to a dying and sinful world; he embodied the love he proclaimed. His life, death and resurrection became the great Yes that continues to be spoken despite how often we have said No. When we receive this Word by faith, Christ himself enters our hearts, that he may dwell in us forever, and we in him.

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Class of 2025: Doreen Chapman, Mary Garland Jackson, Monte Shuck.

Class of 2026: Bruce Archer (*Clerk of Session*), Ginnie Gibson, Jane Hamelink, Tim Hammond

Elders-Elect: Travis Archer, Dan Baker, Evelyn Tayong, Steve Sowles (three-year terms); Greg Lang (one-year term)

DEACONS

Class of 2025: Marge Clarke, Julie Dart, Timothy Pinches, Tom Seely (*Moderator*).

Class of 2026: Ron Dlouhy (*Treasurer*), Bill Leutscher, Sandy Leutscher, Nancy Sue MacDonald, Laurie McGonigal

Deacons-Elect: Donna Archer, Rick Cote, Debbie Johnson, Issie Nielsen

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	Adult Sunday School (<i>The Chosen</i>)	11:30 am
Tuesday	Friends!	3:30 pm
	Worship and Music Committee	6:00 pm
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:15 am
	Prayer Fellowship (<i>in the Chapel</i>)	12:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday	4:00—6:00 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:10 pm
Thursday	Session	7:00 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor's Sabbath	
Saturday	Yarners	10:00 am

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Jan. 14: Joann Caltrider

Jan. 17: Dale Miihlbach

Jan. 15: Sandy Diehl

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actively serving and nurturing one another and our neighbors,
embracing diversity, and fostering spiritual growth*