

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2025

Eleven O'Clock

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast
Liturgist: Pat Nash

PRELUDE:

CHIMING THE HOUR

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Psalm 118 says: **This is the Day that the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! Good morning and welcome. It is so nice to see all of you here this morning. Visitors, please sign the attendance registers located in each row.**

Please stand, in body or spirit, and join me in our Call to Worship and remain standing through the Assurance of Pardon

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsively)

Leader: **May the Lord give strength to His people!**

People: **May the Lord bless His people with peace!**

All: **Let us worship God.**

Please bow your heads for our Opening Prayer

***OPENING PRAYER** God of grace and glory, You call us with Your voice of flame to be Your people, faithful and courageous. As Your beloved Son embraced His mission in the waters of baptism, inspire us with the fire of Your Spirit to join in His transforming work. We ask this in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Our first hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 475 *"Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing"* NETTLETON

***CALL TO CONFESSION** If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves. Let us confess our sins before Almighty God.

Let us pray together

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of all creation, hear our confessions as we recall and repent our shortcomings. We have sinned against You and Your creation in thought, word, and deed. Our minds are filled with the troubles of the day, rather than focusing on the glory of Your love. We focus our angry minds and rage filled hearts on thoughts of revenge for perceived slights, forgetting Your command to love our enemies. Lord, forgive our selfishness and anger. Help us to follow as You have called and to be the disciples You desire us to be. (Say – “Please pray silently,” and after about 20 seconds, say, Amen) Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Brothers and sisters in Christ, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

You may be seated.

A TIME FOR YOUTH At this time would our youth please come forward.

Please bow your heads for our Prayer for Illumination

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Creator God, our soul’s delight, Your voice thunders over the waters, liberating the future from the past. In the Spirit’s power and the waters of rebirth, Jesus was declared Your blessed and beloved Son; may we recall our baptism, and be disciples of the Anointed One. Amen.

PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 29 please read it responsively with me.

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of His name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

People: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

Leader: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

People: He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

Leader: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

People: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

Leader: The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl and strips the forest bare; and in His temple all say, “Glory!”

People: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

Leader: May the Lord give strength to His people!

People: May the Lord bless His people with peace!

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS Our Old Testament Lesson comes from Isaiah 42:1-9 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 670-671 of the Old Testament

Isaiah 42:1-9

4Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. **2**He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; **3**a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. **4**He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

5Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: **6**I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, **7**to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. **8**I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. **9**See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON Our Gospel Lesson comes from Matthew 3:13-17 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 3 of the New Testament

Matthew 3:13-17

13Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. **14**John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” **15**But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. **16**And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. **17**And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Janet Boyanton

Those who are able, please stand and join with me in singing:

***HYMN** No. 156 “*Sing of God Made Manifest*” SALZBURG

***AFFIRMATION** The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS It is time for announcements, does anybody have an announcement they would like to make?

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY And now it is time for our Prayer Concerns and Celebrations. Does anybody have anything they would like to share?

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

OFFERTORY:

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 606 “*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*”

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Let us come to God with our prayer of Thanksgiving

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Lord God, You revealed Your Son in the waters of the Jordan and anointed Him with the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim good news to all people. Sanctify us by the same Spirit, that we may proclaim the healing power of the gospel by acts of love in Your name. Amen.

Our last Hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 408 “*There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*” SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 136 "*Go Tell It on the Mountain*" refrain GO TELL IT
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***POSTLUDE:**

***Those who are able may stand.**

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FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE*

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PLEDGING NEEDS

We have received very few pledges to date. This makes preparing a budget to cover our church needs very problematic. Please consider making a pledge (letters, cards and envelopes are located on the Narthex table at the back of the sanctuary.)

Pat Nash, Administration Committee

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY – 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group

THURSDAY – 10:00 AM Art Group

NEXT SUNDAY -

10:30 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Leaders

Our Presbytery, our church, our Session

Our Troops

Joe and Lorrinda Alexander

Thomas Alexander – please continue to pray

Jim Glander

Martha Brashear – continued prayers

The church and nation of Ukraine

Makia's people in Cameroon

DeSoto Food Pantry

Max Jewell is at home, but needs our continued prayers as he is still recovering

Chikezie is very weak

Christians in Pakistan

Janet

The Israel-Hamas War

Prayers for those who are hungry and without clean drinking water

People all over the world are hungry, not just for food, but for the word of God.

Travel mercies for all our members and friends traveling

Eliana Grace was born months prematurely, and her lungs are not functioning properly

Lorrinda fell and broke her pelvis, prayers for a speedy recovery

Bryan Booth Krueger fell on Christmas Day and broke a leg in 3 places

Manfred had to go to the hospital, he is hoping to be able to go back to work

Prayers for all our family and friends who are sick

Gene Knox

CELEBRATIONS

Janet and William are back from their vacation in Pennsylvania

Heidi and Ivan are back from their vacation in Turkey