



"There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved." – Acts 4:12

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 12, 2025 – Baptism of the Lord Sunday

*(*Indicates where it is appropriate, but not necessary to stand. All speak words in **boldface**.)*

PRELUDE

"Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine"

H. Percy Smith

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Please take a brief moment to greet those around you)

CALLED TO WORSHIP IN RINGING THE TRINITY

INTROIT

OPENING WORDS & PRAYER *(adapted from Psalm 29)*

Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength;

worship the LORD in holy splendor.

The voice of the LORD thunders over the waters.

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare.

The LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

May the LORD give strength to his people!

May the LORD bless his people with peace!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Lord, our baptism acts a visible sign of your grace and love in the world, but we confess how we neglect it. We refuse to show humility before you. We fail to keep the promises we have made to you and one another. We treat your grace as a scarce commodity, rather than something to be shared in abundance. Forgive us, Lord. Remind us of the debt that we owe. Open our hearts to receive your Spirit, so we may welcome one another as your beloved children.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: #581 “Glory Be to the Father”

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 43:1-7

TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE [11:00]

ANTHEM [11:00]

“A Baptism Carol”

Mark Wilson

*“This is My beloved Son, who is pleasing in My sight.
This is My beloved Son, in Him I am well pleased.”
When Jesus came to the Jordan to be baptized by John,
God’s love surrounded those who gathered there.
The Spirit of the Lord descended as a dove, And a voice came from heaven, saying:
“This is my beloved Son, who is pleasing in My sight.
This is my beloved Son, in Him I am well pleased.”
As Christians follow Christ’s example and come to be baptized,
His love is there to guide them on their way.
Bestow, O God, the gift of wonder and of joy On each lamb of Your own calling.
“This is my beloved child, who is precious in My sight.
This is my beloved child, in whom I am well pleased.”*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 8:9-25

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Power Play”

Rev. George W. Chapman III

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: adapted from, *The Confession of 1967* [9.51]

What do we believe?

By humble submission to John’s baptism, Christ joined himself to humankind in their need and entered upon his ministry of reconciliation in the power of the spirit. Christian baptism marks the receiving of the same Spirit by all his people. Baptism with water represents not only cleansing from sin but a dying with Christ and a joyful rising with him to new life. It commits all Christians to die each day to sin and to live for righteousness. In baptism, the church celebrates the renewal of the covenant with which God has bound God’s people to God’s self. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF EAGLE AWARD – Spencer Agner

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING

**Response: Hymn #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.*

**Prayer of Dedication*

*HYMN #482

“Baptized in Water”

BUNESSAN

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Ushers: Kitty & Dave Green
Greeters: Jeannie Curry & Sally Gunn
Liturgist: Betsy Braddock
Acolyte: Seamus Smithwick

*The flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God by Carol Kauffman
and in loving memory of Anita Payne.*

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Welcoming others as God has welcomed us.

