



*"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" – Acts 10:47*

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 11, 2026 – 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

## CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER (*adapted from Psalm 29*)

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,

    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 is full of majesty.

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars,

    and flashes forth flames of fire.

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 is the sign and seal of your great love, yet we confess how we cut off the waters of grace for others. We ignore the needs of the less fortunate and believe ourselves to be more important than we ought. We fail to live up to our obligations to you and to one another. Have mercy on us, Lord. Help us to show the same humility that Christ showed at his own baptism. May your Spirit descend upon us again, that we may be known as your beloved children, with whom you are well pleased.**

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: Matthew 3:13-17

TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE [11:00]

ANTHEM [11:00]

“Great Is Your Name”

Carl Freeman

*Creator God, the world’s Designer, Great is Your name, Great is Your Love.  
Your eyes are flame, Your voice is thunder; Great is Your name, great is Your Love.  
You led Your children by Your might, a cloud by day, a fire by night,  
And pharaoh’s army put to flight. Great is Your name, great is Your Love.  
Incarnate God, the world’s Redeemer, Great is Your name, great is Your love.  
Our Servant King, our loving Shepherd, Great is Your name, great is Your love.  
You healed the sick and calmed the sea, Spoke peace and set the captive free,  
Then paid our debt on Calvary, Great is Your name, great is Your Love.  
Indwelling God, the world’s Sustainer, Great is Your name, great is Your Love.*

*Our Holy Friend, our righteous Healer, Great is Your name, great is Your Love.*

*You are the ever-present guest, You give us strength for every test,  
And guide us in Your righteous, Great is Your name, great is Your Love.*

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 10:34-43

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“Going the Distance”

Rev. George W. Chapman III

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles' Creed*

What do we believe?

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.

## 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 #156

“Sing of God Made Manifest”

SALZBURG

## \*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

## \*CHORAL RESPONSE

## POSTLUDE

Ushers: Rusty Russ & Lurae Albert  
Greeter: Jeanne Curry  
Welcome Table: Eric Lehmann  
Liturgist: Deb Claxton  
Acolyte: Penny Nemrow

*The flowers are dedicated by Jim & Sarah Braddock in loving memory of Sarah's sister Susan Rand Hazell.*

**As a courtesy to others, please take a moment to silence your cell phone before our worship service begins.**

### SPC CHURCH OFFICERS

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**Welcoming others as God has welcomed us.**

