



# Baptism of the Lord



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

OF TUSCALOOSA

JANUARY 9, 2022

8:45 SERVICE

## Gather In God's Name

### Prelude

*Christ Our Lord to the Jordan Came*  
*O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*  
*Prelude on the Introit for Epiphany*

Dietrich Buxtehude  
Niels Gade  
Maurice Duruflé

### Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Michael R. Bailey

### \* Call to Worship

Rev. Lou Ann Sellers

Leader: As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying,

**People: "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."**

Leader: Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven,

**People: "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."**

**ALL: Let us worship God!**

Luke 3

### \* Prayer of the Day

### \* 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 and fearful of both the real and imagined. 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 grace.**  
*(A pause for silent individual confession follows)*

### \* Assurance of Pardon

\* Gloria Patri

Hymn 581

**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.**

\* Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## **Proclaim God's Word**

Word for the Children

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Andy Spaulding

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Involved

Rev. Michael R. Bailey

## **Respond to God's Word**

\* Hymn of Response 463    How Firm a Foundation    FOUNDATION

\* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed

**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.**

Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Anthem

The Baptism of Christ

Rachel Aarons

*Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came down from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."*

Kathryn Grace Dockery, soprano

\* Doxology

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*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.*

## Go in God's Name

\* Charge and Benediction

Postlude

*In dir ist Freude (In Thee is Gladness)*

J. S. Bach

\*Those who are able, please stand.

**Please silence cell phones during worship.**

### MEMORIALS:

**First Presbyterian Church** for *James Baughman* by Barbara Winstead.

**Community Soup Bowl** for *John Snider* by Cal & Vicki Holt.

**Children's Ministry** for *Sarah Berry* by Cal & Vicki Holt.

**Charles & Anne Land Trust** for *Charlie Land* by Cal & Vicki Holt.

**Charles McCain Endowment** for *Charles McCain* by Cal & Vicki Holt.

**Feed My Sheep** for *Leslie Miller*, for *Nancy Barze*, for *Cindy Henderson* by Sam & Virginia Parks.

**Flower Ministry** for *Wayne Adams* by Leska & Alan Taylor.

**Habitat for Humanity** for *Connie Clark* by Cal & Vicki Holt.

### HONORARIA:

**First Presbyterian Church** for *Shelley Jones* by Barbara Winstead.

### HEALTH SAFETY REMINDERS FOR WORSHIP

- In accordance with CDC recommendations, we request that everyone wear a mask while indoors at FPC.
- Continue "no touch" practices:
  - \* fill out the yellow attendance card and drop in the offering box
  - \* drop offering in the box as you exit
  - \* sanitize hands often

Thank you for your cooperation!