

First Sunday after Epiphany: Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Approach to God

PRELUDE

Favorite Hymns
(feel free to sing or hum along at home)

CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 60 (adapted) *(responsively)*

Arise, shine; for your light has come!

The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;

but the Lord will arise upon you,

and his glory will appear over you.

...and you shall know that I, the Lord, am your Savior
and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

HYMN 521 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (vs. 1 & 3)

Tune: NETTLETON

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount— I'm fixed upon it— mount of God's unchanging love.**

**Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Psalm 51 (adapted) *(in unison)*

**Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.
Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are right in your verdict
and justified when you judge.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & GRATEFUL LIVING

CHILDREN'S TIME

SONG 110 Behold the Lamb of God (vs. 1 & 3)

Tune: KENSINGTON

**As of old God promised us in prophets' word and sign,
Christ has come, the Lamb of God, so human, yet divine.
One of us, how can that be, and of God, a mystery!**

Refrain

Agnus Dei! Gloria! Behold the Lamb of God!

**See him speaking in the temple, only twelve years old;
scribes and Pharisees astounded at a youth so bold,
probing scripture's holy way, seeking answers for his day.**

Refrain

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Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING:

Luke 3:1-22

HYMN 110 Behold the Lamb of God (vs. 1 & 4)

Tune: KENSINGTON

**As of old God promised us in prophets' word and sign,
Christ has come, the Lamb of God, so human, yet divine.
One of us, how can that be, and of God, a mystery!**

Refrain

Agnus Dei! Gloria! Behold the Lamb of God!

**See him coming to the Jordan, not yet thirty one;
John the Baptist recognizing that his time had come,
heavens opening from above, Spirit falling like a dove.**

Refrain

SERMON

“The Good News”

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

Response to God

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Heidelberg Q & A 17 (adapted) *(responsively)*

Why must he also be true God?

So that, by the power of his divinity, he might bear the weight of God's anger in his humanity and earn for us and restore to us righteousness and life.

In short, the answer is, Jesus had to be truly God so that he could satisfy God's wrath and secure for us true righteousness and life.

So we rejoice at God's gifts, and gratefully place our whole trust in God who both saves us through Christ, and gives us all that we need to live the Good News:

And the Holy Spirit is preparing the way in our hearts for the Lord.

And we ask, "Lord, how shall we live in this good news?"

MOMENT FOR MISSION & SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

OFFERTORY

Prelude in C# minor

J.S. Bach

*DOXOLOGY 965

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

**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.**

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & 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.**

HYMN 863

Take My Life and Let It Be (vs. 1, 5 & 6)

Tune: HENDON

**Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless praise, let them flow in endless praise.**

**Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart—it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.**

BENEDICTION

Worship Leaders: Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolbaas, Michelle Millen, preaching; Rev. Kent Fry, Noah Millen, liturgist; Marian Gibson, prayer for illumination; Joel Schoon-Tanis, Kate Bolt, cantors; Larry & Carla Sue, handbells; Matt DeJongh, piano; Linda Strouf, Minister of Music.

The Week Ahead

Sunday

9:00 a.m. Education for All Ages

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

1:00 p.m. Spanish Worship Gathering

Monday

12:00 p.m. Blood Drive

Tuesday

5:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study

12:00 p.m. Worship Committee

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

7:30 p.m. Outreach Committee

Wednesday

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study

8:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers

5:30 p.m. LIFT Dinner/Social Time

6:30 p.m. LIFT Classes for All Ages

6:30 p.m. Bilingual Bible Study and Prayers

Thursday

9:00 a.m. Praying the Psalms

Friday

10:00 a.m. Women's Prayer Group

*All services & meetings will be held in Zoom.

See trcholland.org for details on how to login with Zoom.

Congregational News

Please remember in prayer those in the hospital and in care facilities.

Please remember to have someone notify the church office when you are in the hospital so you can receive spiritual care by the pastoral staff. Call 392-1459.

SYMPATHY is extended to Barb Feenstra in the death of her husband, Gus Feenstra, on January 5.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Marv Jalving has moved from the hospital to Medilodge. Sharon Bos has moved from the hospital to The Inn. American House-Arlene Barton. Mission-

aries-Jaime & Martha Amaro (Mexico), Albino & Sandy Rodriguez (Peru)

PRAYER TEAM MEMBERS: Joyce Mott and Jane Synder are on the prayer team this week.

Check Our Website for up-to-date information on Third Church activities and virtual connection opportunities. www.trcholland.org

A GIFT OF MUSIC TO YOU: Music holds a special place in our worship, especially during the Advent and Christmas season. This year, since we are unable to have many of our regular musical traditions, Linda Strouf, our Minister of Music, is recording a virtual piano concert for you to enjoy each week through January 31. You will find the links to these concerts on the main page of our website, down under Announcements. Enjoy the sounds of the season from Linda this year!

BLOOD DRIVE: Sign up redcross.org to sign up for the Blood Drive tomorrow, 12:00-5:45 p.m.

COVID VACCINATIONS: If you would like to sign up to receive information about availability for a vaccination, please visit the Ottawa County Health Department's website <https://www.miottawa.org/health/ochd> and click on COVID-19 Response.

SUMMER CAMP: It's that time again when you can sign up child(ren) for summer camp. Third Reformed Church offers a scholarship that covers 50% of the camp fee for our students. To receive the scholarship please call or email the church office to receive the discount code for Camp Geneva or Cran Hill. If your child is attending another Christian camp please call or email the church to make arrangements for payment.

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS

A question to ask as you read:

How does your understanding of baptism play a role in each of these stories?

Sunday:	Luke 3:1-22	Jesus and John the Baptist
Monday:	Malachi 3:1-4	Coming of the Messenger
Tuesday:	Acts 19:1-7	Baptism and the Holy Spirit
Wednesday:	Ephesians 4:1-7	One Baptism
Thursday:	Luke 3:23-38	The Ancestors of Jesus
Friday:	Luke 4:1-4	Jesus in the Wilderness
Saturday:	Luke 4:5-13	The Temptation of Jesus
Sunday:	Luke 4:14-30	Jesus Brings Good News

You can access "Sharing God's Story" on the homepage of church website, trcholland.org. It will be near the bulletin. There is also a children's page based on today's scripture lesson.

