

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day

January 7, 2018

BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY

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.

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Voluntary

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

People: **Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.**

Leader: For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. Romans 6:3-5

People: **So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!**
2 Corinthians 5:17

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: **The Lord's name be praised!**

*Hymn: *When Morning Gilds the Skies* #667

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

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 sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.

Time for Personal Confession

Response: *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us*

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,

People: **That whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.**

Leader: For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,

People: **But to save the world through him.** John 3:16-17

Leader: This is the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*Gloria Patri #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.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology: **Praise God from whom all blessings flow; #606
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination:

Holy God, creator of light and herald of goodness, at the waters of his baptism you proclaimed Jesus your beloved Son. With the baptized of every time and generation, may we say yes to your call to repentance and be led to the life of abundance we experience in your kinship and your love. Amen.

Psalter: **Psalm 29**

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 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;

People: **And in his temple all say, "Glory!"**

Leader: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

People: **May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!**

Scripture Reading: **Genesis 1:1-5**

Solo: *Sweet Little Jesus Boy* Robert MacGimsey
Johnny Brown, tenor

Time for Young Disciples

(Preschool children may return to their pew or gather at the piano door where today's shepherd will lead them in a time of special activities.)

Scripture: **Mark 1:4-11**

Hymn: *Down Galilee's Slow Roadways* #164

Sermon: **Jesus Came from Nazareth** Steve Newton

*Affirmation of Faith: **Nicene Creed** hymnbook page 34

*Hymn: *Fairest Lord Jesus* #630

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

RESPONSE: *The First Song of Isaiah* #71

**Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
And he will be my Savior.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

RESPONSE: *Holy, Holy, Holy* #595

**Holy, holy, holy, My heart, my heart adores You!
My heart knows how to say to you: You are holy, Lord!**

RESPONSE: *Dying, You Destroyed Our Death*

**Dying, You destroyed our death; rising, You restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD TOGETHER AND SHARING THE CUP

CLOSING PRAYER

Leader: Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.

People: **Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.**

Leader: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

People: **Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.**

Leader: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for at his command they were created,

People: **And he established them for ever and ever—he issued a decree that will never pass away.** Psalm 148

All: **God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we**

may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Response: *Christ, We Do All Adore Thee* Dubois

Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever;
 Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever;
 For on the holy cross hast Thou the world from sin redeemed.
 Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever.

(Interlude)

Christ, we do all adore Thee.

*Benediction

*Please stand if you are able

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ushers: Gary Atkins Jane Brister
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Reader: Sue Atkins

Preparing Communion: Lisa Thompson

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 7

12:00 noon Communion Reception
 5:00 pm Youth

Monday, January 8

1:00 pm Circle Meeting
 5:15 pm Soul Sisters

Tuesday, January 9

5:30 pm Handbell Practice
 5:30 pm Christian Education Committee Meeting
 7:00 pm Theology on Tap

Wednesday, January 10

7:30 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, January 14

9:30 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Children's Choir
 11:00 am Worship Service
 Ordination and Installation of Officers
 5:00 pm Youth

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All the Members of the Congregation

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John Preaching at the Jordan
 Pieter Bruegel 1564-1634

**Baptism of the Lord Sunday
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John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸ I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

¹² And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³ He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.
 Mark 1:4-11