

January 12, 2025 Second Sunday After Christmas-Baptism of the Lord

*Those who are able, please stand
WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

We are pleased that you are worshipping with us today. We hope the service today will be a blessing to you as we today renew our Baptismal vows. This is the Third Sunday after Christmas. Today is Baptism of the Lord Sunday.

Announcements:

Free Lunch Monday, January 13, 2025 11:30-12:30-@ 7th Ave Side of Church
January 13, 2025. Annual Trustee Meeting and Election of Officers @12:00
January 19, 2025 Administrative Board Meeting After Church @ 12:00 Noon
Food Pantry January 20, 2025, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
January 20, 2025 Martin Luther King Service at Congregational Church
Wells House Service January 21, 2025 - Lay Servants Service @10:30

MUSICAL PRELUDE “Spirit of God Descend Upon my Heart” Mavis Baldwin, Pianist

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (In Unison.)

People of God, from the very beginning, God has blessed you and planted within your spirit the words "I can do all things through God who strengthens me". Do not fear the task God sets before you. God's love is given to you freely, and is with you every moment and washes over you always, healing and nourishing your life. Be at Peace. AMEN.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Leader: The heavens are bursting forth with God's glory! Praise be to God.

People: God knows each one of us personally and God loves each one of us.

Leader: God has given us his Son. Jesus is the light which God has given especially to the world to bring great joy to all of us.

People: You have seen us and known us from before the beginning. Help us to remember that the light draws us to you.

Leader: Today open your hearts, take courage. See the light. Experience great Joy today as God is with us!

People: Thanks be to God who, in a little child, has again reminded us of God's love and given us hope.

All: You have called us to this place. Gracious Holy Spirit, inspire our hearts with courage and joy as we seek to live our lives as you would want us to. Open our hearts to see your light and live in your hope. Amen

GATHERING SONG

“Shall we Gather at the River”

UMH 723

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (In Unison)

Today that light comes to us as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. When everything first began, water became a symbol of refreshing, washing away and renewing. Through the waters of creation you brought forth abundant life. We have gathered this day to remember Jesus' baptism, and how your spirit proclaimed that He was your Son in whom you were well pleased. Open our hearts this day and remind us that you have marked us as people of hope and light with the proclamation for your son, Jesus. and our spirits resound with that proclamation. In His baptism, Jesus ministry was initiated as he dedicated his life to you without reservation. Pour your baptismal waters over us again. Bless us with your presence and your powerful love, for we ask this in Jesus' Name who came into this world bringing hope, love, peace and joy. AMEN

TIME WITH GOD'S KIDS -- SECOND SUNDAY OFFERING & PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

(Prayer request forms are available at the back of the sanctuary)

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

“Turn your Eyes Upon Jesus”

UMH 349

GIVING OF OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Bow the Knee”

Chancel Choir

DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 95

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING

Lord, you have given us all that we have and all that we are. You have blessed our lives in so many ways. Receive these tokens of our blessings and cause them to work in this world and bring joy to others. May your light shine in the darkness and the world be filled with hope, peace and joy. We offer these gifts in Jesus' name to be used in our church, our community and the entire world. May our lives proclaim the joy of these gifts throughout the world. AMEN.

SONG OF COMMITMENT "Freely, Freely" UMH 389

Prayer: (Unison) Baptism of the Lord UMH 253

Psalter Reading: "Psalm 29" UMH 761

GLORIA PATRI (We use this ancient response to praise God) UMH 70

SCRIPTURE LUKE 3: 15-17 and 17:21-24 and JOHN 3: 1-17

SHARING THE STORY "There's Something in the Water" Pastor Joyce Royal

Renewing our Baptism (Reaffirmation of Faith) UMH 52

SENDING SONG "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" UMH 611

THE SENDING FORTH

People of Hope and Peace, God has laid claim to your life. By your baptism you have been marked as God's own forever. Go into God's world, aware of God's call in your life. Follow our Lord Jesus Christ who will lead you in paths of service and hope. Lean on the power of the Holy Spirit to give you courage and strength. Help with ministries which promote justice and compassion. Stay connected to each other in any way that you can. May peace, joy and love flow through you to others, in God's name. AMEN.

MUSICAL POSTLUDE "Many Gifts, One Spirit" (UMH 114) Mavis Baldwin, Pianist

Prayer List: Family of Gene Reppenhagen, Family of Chris McGrail, Mike Maczydlowski, Logan Salvione, Robert Goodell, Sr., Nancy Egan, Mike Frederick's Mother Ann, Bev Bartlett, Sheila McDonald, Calae Bonfey, Logan Rose, Jean Hart, Elaine Schrum, Carol Johnson, Kevin Quaresino, Portia Robles, Dave & Stacy Winnie, Ivy Patterson, Family of Andrea Russell and for her daughter Zoey and Matt Brezosky, James's Mother and Uncle. Family of Jack Burns. Family of Sandra Miller.

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