

# Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 2019

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER.....Pastor and Congregation

CALL TO WORSHIP

PASTOR: We have come to worship the Lord, our God.

**PEOPLE: Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew within us a steadfast spirit.**

PASTOR: For the faith and family into which we were baptized and for which we are daily gaining a deeper understanding ...

**PEOPLE: Renew our commitment, O God.**

PASTOR: To reject what is sinful and to ever more embrace the freedom of new life that Christ gives ...

**PEOPLE: Renew our courage, O God.**

PASTOR: To follow Jesus as Lord, and to rely on Christ as Savior...

**PEOPLE: Renew our trust, O God.**

PASTOR: To commit to discipleship by resisting those forces that defile and demean your creation, showing compassion and justice, and making the ministry and life of Christ our own ...

**PEOPLE: Renew our strength, O God.**

PASTOR: To be faithful members of your beloved community in learning, service, and celebration ...

**ALL: Renew our bonds, O God. Amen.**

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP ... "Lord, Listen to Your Children"..... 389

GOSPEL LESSON... *Matthew 3:1-6 and 11-17*..... Reggie Jackson

**In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup>“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>3</sup>This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,**

**“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’”**

**<sup>4</sup>Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.**

**John said to the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism... “I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”**

**<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”**

HYMN ... “To God Be the Glory” ... vs. *1 and 3* .....349

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ..... Brandi Powers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PASTOR: Almighty God, author of our salvation, in baptism you call us to turn from sin and to turn to Jesus the Christ; but we stray from his ways and do not heed your call.

**PEOPLE: In baptism you joined us to Christ in his death that we might be raised with Christ in new life; but we cherish old ways and fail to embrace the risen life of righteousness, justice, and love.**

PASTOR: In baptism you united us with all who confess your name; but we foster division and so fail to witness to your reconciling love before the world.

**PEOPLE: In baptism you call us to ministry in all realms of life, but we refuse the struggle to know your will; we do not nurture the ways of peace.**

PASTOR: In baptism you sent us to serve with compassion all for whom Christ died; but we ignore the suffering of the oppressed and the plight of the poor, and stop our ears to cries for justice.

**PEOPLE: In baptism you gave us the Holy Spirit to teach and guide us, but we rely on ourselves and refuse to trust your direction.**

**ALL: Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us, heal our brokenness and raise us to new life in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Hear the Good News, in the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.**

MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN ... “Love Lifted Me” ... vs. *1 and 2* .....618

OFFERTORY PRAYER ..... Usher

OFFERTORY

ANTHEM ... “Jesus, What a Beautiful Name” ..... Choir

SERMON

CLOSING HYMN ... “Amazing Grace” ... vs. *1, 2 and 4* .....587

BENEDICTION

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

USHERS

TODAY..... Dwight Saunders’Team

NEXT SUNDAY ..... Nancy Ruppert’s Team

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

**TODAY** ..... Sharon Blake and Jean Maness

**NEXT SUNDAY** ..... Angel, Courtney Robinson and Alisa Beard

### CALENDAR

**TODAY**

5:00 and 5:30 p.m..... Committee Meetings

5:00 ... Nominating, JOY, Children and Youth and Constitution

5:30 ... Special Events, Building and Grounds, Member Care and  
Operation Inasmuch

**WEDNESDAY**

6:00 p.m. .... Supper ... Team 3

6:45 p.m. .... Adult Bible Study, Children & Youth Activities

7:30 p.m. .... Finance Meeting

**THURSDAY**

11:00 a.m..... Community Meal

### PRAYER LIST

<i>Church family:</i> Wayne Abbott, Eddie and Sharon Reynolds, Katelyn Reynolds, Linda McNeill, Karen Dailey, Barbara Lynthacum, Florence Cagle, Thelma Hussey, Paul Hussey, Dwayne Blake, Ernest Dailey, Janet Maness			Paul/Thelma Hussey	Harold Johnson	brother
<i>At Home:</i> Helen Greene, Irene Warner			Mary James	Mildred Hunsucker	friend
<i>Friends and Relatives of:</i>				Benny McBride	friend
Molly/Wayne Abbott	Monnie Jenkins	friend		Bob Moore	nephew
	Tony Lawson	friend		Pam, Ken Morgan	niece, nephew
	Toni Atchison	sister		Don Britt	nephew
	Tammy Laprade	sister	Max/Jane Luquire	Jo Brooks	friend
Sheila Capel	Ada Capel	mother	Barbara Lynthacum	J.D. Thompson	nephew
	Vernon Capel, Jr.	brother		Melissa Green	daughter
Jane Covington	Faye Thomas	sister	Jean Maness	Carol Luther	friend
	Pete Thomas	brother-in-law	Sylvia McAlister	Tammy Parker	friend
	Lee Kasik	grandson-in-law	Lucille McLeod		brother
Ernest , Karen Dailey	Judy and Estella	daughters	Pat/Bob Morgan	Jesse Wallace	friend
Mildred Grey	Ernestine Stevenson	friend	Nancy Ruppert	Marie Spoon	sister
Ray, Frances Hudson		daughter	Barbara Smith	Laura Wilson	friend
				Doris Hinson	friend
			Don McCaskill	Angie McCaskill	wife
			<i>Service Personnel:</i> Seth Spivey, Chris Stuart		