

First Sunday After Epiphany  
Sunday, January 12, 2025  
The Baptism of Jesus

Introit **All Who Are Thirsty** (More Voices 4)  
*Please stand in body or spirit.*

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All who are thirsty,  
all who are weak,  
come to the fountain.  
Dip your heart in the stream of life.  
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away  
in the waves of his mercy  
as deep cries out to deep.  
We sing:  
Come, Lord Jesus, come.  
Come, Lord Jesus come.  
Come, Lord Jesus, come.  
Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Welcome and Announcements

Centring Music Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart  
*Frederick C. Atkinson, arranged by Lloyd Larson*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We gather this morning in the light of God;  
**our creator, our redeemer and strength.**  
With the appearance of your Son,  
**you have brought us into your new creation.**  
We light the Christ candle to invite the Spirit  
of the Lord in our midst.  
**May we also be a light that shines in the darkness.**

Opening Hymn **A Light is Gleaming**  
(Voices United 82, vs. 1, 3 & 4)

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Refrain A light is gleaming, spreading its arms  
throughout the night, living in the light.  
Come share its gladness, God's radiant love  
is burning bright, living in the light.

- 1 When light comes pouring into the darkest place,  
it hurts our eyes to see the glow.  
Sometimes a word of hope reminds us of our fears,  
our memories and tears. *Refrain*
- 3 And Jesus showed us a brighter path to walk.  
He showed us things we hadn't seen.  
Now we, like Jesus, can help creation shine,  
and this will be a sign: *Refrain*
- 4 So let us live in the brightness God has giv'n,  
and let us rise to see the dawn.  
We trust that God is here a sparkle and ablaze,  
- warming all our days. *Refrain*

Morning Prayer

A Time to Wonder

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 43:1-7  
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Anthem Gather by the River to Pray

*Arranged by Pepper Chopin*

Reflection "Living Our Baptism"

Hymn of the Day    **I Have Called You by Your Name**  
(More Voices 161)

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- 1    I have called you by your name,  
      you are mine;  
      I have gifted you  
      and ask you now to shine.  
      I will not abandon you;  
      all my promises are true.  
      You are gifted, called, and chosen;  
      you are mine.
- 2    I will help you learn my name  
      as you go;  
      read it written in my people,  
      help them grow.  
      Pour the water in my name,  
      speak the word your soul can claim,  
      offer Jesus' body  
      given long ago.
- 3    I know you will need my touch  
      as you go;  
      feel it pulsing in creation's  
      ebb and flow.  
      Like the woman reaching out,  
      choosing faith in spite of doubt,  
      hold the hem of Jesus' robe,  
      then let it go.

- 4    I have given you a name,  
      it is mine;  
      I have given you my Spirit  
      as a sign.  
      With my wonder in your soul,  
      make my wounded children whole;  
      go and tell my precious people  
      they are mine.

Invitation to Offering

Offering Response    **Give Thanks**

*Henry Smith CCLI # 20235*

Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ His Son

And now let the weak say I am strong  
Let the poor say I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give Thanks.

Offering Prayer

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

Parting Hymn **May the God of Hope Go with Us**  
(Voices United 424)

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Music: Argentine folk melody

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- 1 May the God of hope go with us every day,  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

*Refrain:* Praying, let us work for peace,  
singing, share our joy with all,  
working for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

- 2 May the God of healing free the earth from fear,  
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.  
May the God of love keep our commitment clear  
to a world restored, to human life renewed. *Refrain*

Blessing

**Go now, knowing there is a world of love and light,  
where all people are known and acknowledged,  
where partners and allies can be found,  
where all people work toward love and understanding.**

Postlude Prelude in G Major

*J.S. Bach*

Worship Leader – Pastor Beth Parsons  
Music Leader – Sharon Prindle-Collins  
Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey  
Greeters – Carol-Ann and David Staples  
Lighting of the Christ Candle/A Time to Wonder – Moira Dennis  
Spirit Kids – Grace Cave and Moira Dennis  
Scripture Reader – Rev. Al Fowler  
Technical Support – Jiemei Li and Jayda Perry  
Fellowship Time – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Brew Crew  
Flowers for the service are offered by Jennifer Hastings  
in celebration of the life of her husband, Harland.