

We accept, even if
we do not fully
understand, that
our baptisms are
meant to connect
us to Jesus' life,
death, and
resurrection.



January 13, 2019
Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Gathering Around the Word

Striking of the Hour

Welcome

Prelude

Invocation

Alexandre Guilmant

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call To Worship

John's baptism required people to change their hearts and lives.

John also told people about the one who was coming. This is the one in whom we are to believe. This one is Jesus.

The water is poured

When Jesus was baptized in the waters of the Jordan, the Spirit of God came upon him. His baptism was completed by his dying and rising again.

Our baptisms prepare us for changed lives, as we die to sin and rise to new life in Christ.

Opening Hymn 484

Out of Deep, Unordered Water

RUSTINGTON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Loving God, we thank you for new life in Jesus Christ. We thank you for the maternal, eternal, saving waters of baptism. Still we confess, we have a hard time throwing off our old lives. We remain selfishly preoccupied; we cling to destructive habits; we hold on to old ways. Have mercy on us, and free us from our sin. Remind us of the promises you have made, and let us feel ourselves lifted in your gracious mercy. Amen.

A Silence is observed for Personal Confession

During the singing
of this hymn,
young people will
sprinkle us with
water from the
font. Remember
your baptism!

In the revealing
light of Christ, we
see ourselves as
we truly are.

Declaration of Good News

Response Hymn 482

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

*Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit
Cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King:
Heirs of salvation, Trusting the promise,
Faithfully now God's praises we sing!*

Passing the Peace of Christ

We greet one another in the unity of the Spirit.

Hearing the Word

All Sit

Prayer for Illumination

Isaiah's words are
meant to comfort
people long
afflicted.

First Reading

Isaiah 43:1-3a

Poetry by Jaroslav J. Vajda

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. **Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping I am with you, you are my own.** When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. **In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.** For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. **Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.**

Anthem

Down to the River to Pray

American Gospel Song/arr. Robert Lee

All Stand

Second Reading

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The baptism of
Jesus reveals his
connection to God
and the Spirit.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

All Sit

Sermon

Second in a Series

Understanding Prayer

Matthew Covington

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 488

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

WATERLIFE

Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the only sacraments in the Protestant Church.

Affirmation of Faith (Responsive)

Based on: A Declaration Faith

The sacraments confirm the Word of God.

We believe that in the washing with water the Holy Spirit demonstrates and confirms the promises of the embodied, written, and preached Word with vividness and power.

Trusting in the mercy of God, we turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world.

In baptism we give ourselves up in faith and repentance to be the Lord's.

Baptism is a reminder that God loves us.

God loves us long before we can love God.

And both God's grace and our response to it continue to deepen throughout this life.

This is love, not that we have loved God but that God loved us and sent God's son to be the relief of our sins.

All Sit

Prayers of the People and 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.

Buck in a Basket for January and February will support the PLC Scholarship Fund.

Offering

Offertory

My Prayer
DiDi Turley, mezzo-soprano

Penny Rodriguez

All Stand

Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bearing and Following the Word into the Created World

Closing Hymn 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

Benediction

Postlude

Built on a Rock, the Church Shall Stand

KIRKEN

WELCOME VISITORS! We invite you to pick up visitor's information on your way out. Ushers will be standing by to help you find the information. Always know that a cordial greeting is extended by ministers, officers, and congregation.

Our church Elders: Karol Ahmed, Mark Bigler, Pam Bratcher, David Coverdale, Mary Evans, Rob Hale, Matt Hunt, Mike Kanan, John Kernohan, Stuart Kernohan, Tim Leigh, Nancy Moore, Pamela Napier, David Sears, and David Thomison.
Our church Deacons: Rider Allen, Sally Calkins, Judy Clark, Rocky Cooper, Shannon Dyche, Ray Elms, Cathey Green, Jean Harris, Linda Leigh, Tom MacMillin, Debbie Morse, David Muffett, Teri Polen, Charlotte Prow, Ken Royse, Susan Thomison, and Debbie Trickey.

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Announcements

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LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY, January 20: Isaiah 62:1-5;
Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11.

TODAY

DEACON OF THE WEEK this week will be Debbie Trickey. Deacons assist the Pastor in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 270-843-4707.

CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETS at 4:00pm in the Conference Room. **MENTORS SHOULD ATTEND!** Please continue to keep our 10 confirmands and their mentors in prayer as we enter the second half of our study together.

BUCK IN A BASKET OFFERING for January and February will be used to help scholarship a family in our Preschool Learning Center. This family would otherwise need to withdraw their child due to financial difficulties. Any additional funds over what is needed will go to seed a scholarship fund for PLC that will benefit families who might need a bit of help to attend our top-quality preschool. Thank you for your continued generosity in our 'over and above' giving!

Calendar

Sunday, January 13

8:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
9:00 a.m. Children's Music
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Circle
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Christian Educ. Ministry
4:00 p.m. Confirmation
5:30 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, January 14

11:30 a.m. Circle 9

Tuesday, January 15

11:00 a.m. Special Care

Wednesday, January 16

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 17

6:00 p.m. Room in the Inn

Announcements (continued)

COMING UP SOON:

THE SESSION MEETING has been postponed to Tuesday, January 22nd at 7:00pm. Missions Committee will meet on Sunday, January 20th following worship.

OUR REGULAR SCHEDULE for adults and youth resumes next Sunday - coffee fellowship at 8:30am (with breakfast items as provided by volunteers); Sunday School at 9:30, worship at 10:30am.

THE FLOYD HAYES ELLIS CLASS will begin a new study - The Ten Commandments for Today. The book is available in the office or from Leslee Kirkconnell for \$10. We are pleased to have Bob Hunt coordinating.

THE CHRISTIAN THOUGHT CLASS will finish the current Comparative Religion Video series on January 27. Beginning February 3 they will study of Presbyterian/Reformed Theology and history, to be led by Dr. W. Glenn Kirkconnell. The book to be used is Presbyterian Questions and Presbyterian Answers. Copies available for \$10 in the office or from Leslee Kirkconnell.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION CLASS continues its read-through and discussion of the Bible. Nancy Hulan can provide the current scriptures (each week they read 10-15 chapters and discuss).

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME in all our Sunday morning classes.

SOUPER BOWL LUNCHEON IS FEBRUARY 3. This is a Mission project our youth lead and all proceeds (the meal is by donation) go to support our Food Pantry. We need your best soup (enough for at least 20 servings, sandwiches, dessert items. Sign Up Here: <https://perfectpotluck.com/meals.php?t=QDXE7170>

CIRCLES CIRCLE 9 will meet on Monday, January 14th at 11:30am.

OTHER NEWS:

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S VALENTINE TEA! Sunday, February 10th: Presbyterian Women will host a Valentine Tea from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. This is a church-wide gathering for women of all ages! Look for more information soon!

A STORY TO REMEMBER- Do you have a special memory about your church/church family? If so, please send your story to Judy Whitson by email (jkpwhitson@gmail.com) or leave in church office by January 31, 2019. We are compiling the stories as a part of our 200th Anniversary Celebration and want your memories to be included.

HELP NEEDED Room in the Inn is in need of a substitute breakfast person on Jan. 25th. Someone will just have to warm up and serve breakfast to our guests and clean up. We will have a pre-cooked casserole, cereal, etc. To volunteer, please call or text Cathey Green at 270-991-5733. (It does entail being at church at 5 am til about 7am).

OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE in the Tenth Street lobby for those who wish to take them.

ART EXHIBIT Currently in the Fellowship Hall gallery: an art exhibit by the ArtWorks artist collective. Be sure to see it!