

# Baptism of the Lord

January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

*Arr. Innes*

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

*from* Psalm 29

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us give to the Lord glory and power.

**All: Let us give to the Lord the glory due his name.**

One: Let us bow down to the Lord in holy splendor.

**All: The Lord sits enthroned – king forever!**

One: Let the Lord give strength to his people!

**All: Let the Lord bless his people with peace!**

✠HYMN OF PRAISE

*Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers*

#407 omit v. 3

✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are incredibly stubborn, O Lord. We have entered the season in which your Light has been given to the world, your blessings poured out over the world. Yet all we can think about is our own problems, our own needs, our own desires. Help us to desire you, Lord. Help us to yearn for your presence. Pour your baptismal waters over us again, cleansing us from our self-pity and arrogance. Nourish us and heal us so that we may joyfully serve you. Wash away our jealousy, greed, and all negative thoughts and behaviors that stand in the way of our truly being the people you have called us to be. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

✠ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: The love of God is always offered to us,

**All: freely, joyfully, and for all eternity.**

One: Rejoice, dear friends, for this is the Good News of our Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

✠RESPONSE

*Glory Be to the Father*

#581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost

As it was in the beginning, is now, an ever shall be

World without end. Amen. Amen.

✠PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the Registration Pad found at the end of the row and pass it along.

MOMENT FOR MISSION – Genevieve Turner, *Men of Valor*

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

All children are invited to come forward for the Time for Young Disciples.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, power, and glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

✠HYMN OF PREPARATION

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

#286

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Isaiah 43:1-2, 16-21

p. 672 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*Deep River*

*Leavitt*

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 3:1-17

p. 2 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sarah Morgan

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory

*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

*Arr. Kellman*

✠Response

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

#606

✠Prayer of Dedication

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*from* The Confession of 1967

By humble submission to John's baptism, Christ joined himself to humans in their need and entered upon his ministry of reconciliation in the power of the spirit. Christian baptism marks the receiving of the same Spirit by all his people. Baptism with water represents not only cleansing from sin but dying with Christ and a joyful rising with him to new life. It commits all Christians to die each day to sin and to live for righteousness. In baptism the church celebrates the renewal of the covenant with which God has bound his people to himself. By baptism, individuals are publicly received into the church to share in its life and ministry, and the church becomes responsible for their training and support in Christian discipleship, nurturing them in the Christian life and leading them to respond to the love of God shown forth in their baptism.

✠HYMN OF SENDING

*Baptized in Water*

#482

✠BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✠POSTLUDE

*Bachiana on an Ancient Chorale*

*G. Young*

✠PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT, AS YOU ARE ABLE

## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Jessica Lewis – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

John Lasater – Organist

2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Chancel Choir

**Ushers:** Henry Naff, Mary Kay Sullivan, Nancy Smythe, and Bill Ragsdale

**Technicians:** Elizabeth Seastrunk (video) and Neal Henley (audio)

## WORSHIP

**UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS:** We are currently following the Narrative Lectionary, Year 1.

Jan. 8	Matthew 3:1-17	Jesus' Baptism
Jan. 15	Matthew 4:1-17	Temptation in the Wilderness
Jan. 22	Matthew 5:1-20	The Beatitudes
Jan. 29	Matthew 6:7-21	Treasure in Heaven

**THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Marjorie Reynolds by her family.

**The 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY WORSHIP** is returning in 2023! When there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month, we will worship in the Fellowship Hall instead of the Sanctuary. Worship on these Sundays is a little less formal and gives us an opportunity to be together in a different way than usual. The first 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the year is January 29<sup>th</sup>.

## CONNECT

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP** in the Mary Chambers Room following worship this morning. The Mary Chambers Room is the room at the front left of the sanctuary.

**SECOND READERS BOOK GROUP** will gather at the Buckingham Clubhouse, on January 11 at 11:30 a.m. Our book for January is "The Maid" by Nita Prose and Leslie Matthews will lead our discussion. We welcome others! If you have questions call Margaret Sullivan at (865)588-3103. In the event of inclement weather, we will not meet.

**THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S GROUP** at Second will not meet in January but will continue its mission and Bible studies on Tuesday, Feb. 14, from 10-11:30 a.m. Add it to your new 2023 calendar and plan to be with us in the Fellowship Hall.

**We are currently in Covid Phase GREEN. There are no Covid precautions.**

**WELCOME VISITORS!**

We are excited to have you with us today and hope you feel at home! We are honored you are here and pray you will feel God’s presence in this place. If you do not have a church home, we would love for you to be a part of the 2nd Pres. Please let us know a bit about you by completing a Visitor’s Card or by filling out your information in the Friendship Register. Children are welcome in worship. There is a **family worship area** down the front. There is also a “crying room” next door in the Library where the service is live-streamed. **Children’s Worship Bags** are available in the Narthex. A **nursery is available** for infants and children through age 6. **Hearing Devices** are available if needed.

***GROW***

**THE FAITH SCIENCE & THE FUTURE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** will resume on January 8<sup>th</sup> in the Barbour Room with a new time at 9:30 a.m.

**PRESBYTERY BIBLE STUDY ON GENESIS:** This January and February, the Presbytery of East Tennessee is hosting a virtual/in-person Bible study of Genesis. Each week, participants will gather in-person at 3:00 p.m. at a Presbyterian Church near them. (2nd Pres is one of the hosts.) Rev. Dr. Wendy Neff will lead the study from a different location each week. Participants may also join via Zoom from home each week, if they prefer. The dates are: January 8, 22, 29, February 5 and 12.

**JOIN US!** Beginning January 18, 2023, please join Kathy Duggan, Angela Jones, and Janis Smith on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the church Library as we take pragmatic first steps to ending poverty in America. We will base our work on the book *Evicted* by Harvard socio-economist Matthew Desmond. Although we will read and discuss the book first, this is not a book study but a call to action. Contact Kathy at kduggan55@gmail.com for more information.

***GO***

**MEN OF VALOR** is a faith-based program that began with a facility in Nashville and now has a new facility in Knoxville. This program is committed to winning men in prison to Jesus Christ and equipping them to re-enter society as men of integrity. To learn about this program and how you can support it, please consider attending an informational breakfast at 7:30 a.m. on any of the following dates: January 10 & 24; and February 7 & 2. The location is 211 Jessamine St., Knoxville, 37917.

**STUFFED ANIMAL DRIVE:** Every year Second Readers collect new stuffed animals for the Juvenile Court. We invite you to join us in this endeavor. Please place your donations inside the container located at the atrium. Any questions, contact Margaret Sullivan (865) 588-3103.

**CHRISTMAS GLOVE PROJECT AND ISAIAH NEEDS:** The tree is down but the boxes remain for one more weekend! We are wrapping up our collections for West View (gloves) and Isaiah House (Axe body wash and fidget toys for the boys, and hair products and body sprays for the girls.) Donations are appreciated!

**THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

**Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & the Future Class (Barbour Room)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship (Mary Chambers Room)
- 3:00 p.m. Bible Study on Genesis (Mary Chambers Room)

**Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team (Barbour Room)
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Scout Room & Gym)

**Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

- 11:30 a.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Readers (Buckingham Clubhouse)

**Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**

- 2:00 p.m. Deadline for Session Packet Items

**Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship (Mary Chambers Room)
- 3:00 p.m. Bible Study on Genesis (Mary Chambers Room)
- 5:00 p.m. Small & Mighty (Youth Room & Gym)





**PRAYER CONCERNS**

The Family of Harriet Campbell, Leilla White, Sue Jacox, Kennedy Wilson, Jerry Young, Arlys Milligan, Beverli White, and Peter Douglas Hamilton.

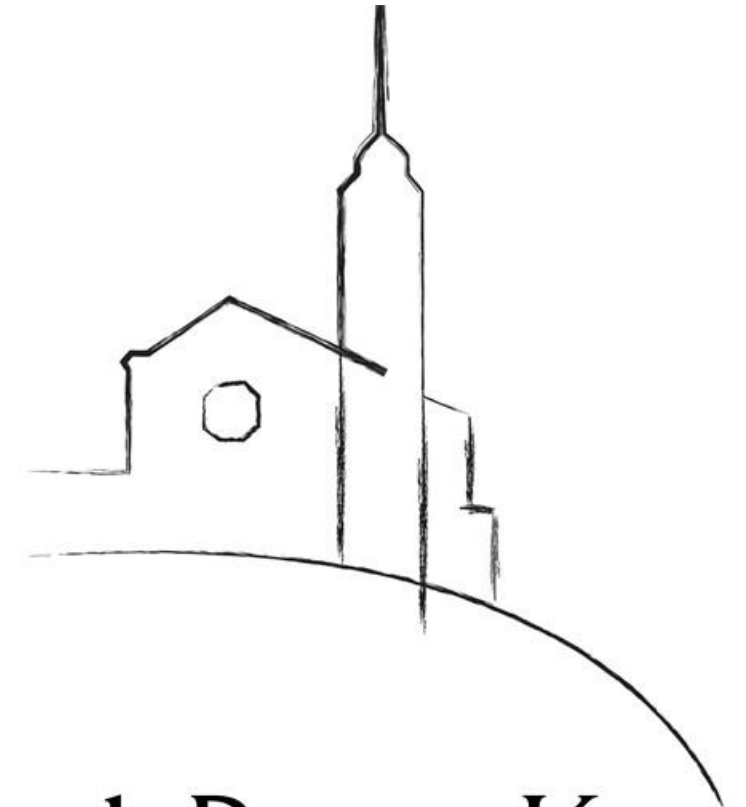
*\*Please notify the office if you are sick, in the hospital, or have a prayer request. Names remain on the prayer list 4 weeks unless requested to keep them on longer.*

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*Responding in gratitude to God’s love and grace,  
we are a welcoming, faithful, and hopeful community,  
following Jesus and serving him in the world.*

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**January 8, 2023**