

# Service for the Lord's Day

Baptism of the Lord

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**W**elcome visitors, newcomers, and friends worshipping with us today! If you're interested in joining our church community, please speak to a pastor after worship or contact the church office, 434-293-3133. We hope you will worship with us again, whenever possible.

## Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude

*Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*

Dirck Sweelinck

Welcome

### ◆ Call to Worship

*Baptism is the sign and seal of our cleansing from sin.*

**We are Christ's Body.**

*Baptism is the Holy Spirit speaking to us, comforting us,  
and restoring our faith.*

**We are Christ's Body.**

*Through the waters of baptism, we are renewed and forgiven.*

**We are Christ's Body.**

*Come Holy Spirit. Send down your empowering love.*

**O God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us.**

### ◆ Hymn 463

**How Firm a Foundation**

FOUNDATION

Call to Confession

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 have been poured out on the world,**

**and 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 and heal us so that we may joyfully serve you.**

**Wash away our jealousy, greed,**

**and all that stands in the way of our truly being the people you have called us to be.**

**Again let us receive the blessings offered in creation, in the birth and baptism of Jesus,**

**and in the ministry of the saints of light.**

## Silent Prayers

## Sung Response

Hymnal Supplement 69

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**  
**Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

*The love of God is always offered to us,  
 freely, joyfully, for all eternity.*  
*Rejoice, dear friends. Hear the good news.*  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## ◆ Sung Response

All glo - ry be to God in heaven, who un - to us the Son has given!

With all the an - gel choir re - joice, and prai - ses sing with heart and voice.

## God's Word to Us

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 43:1-7

Anthem (11:00)

*We Shall Walk Through the Valley*

arr. Undine Smith Moore

Lord, we shall walk through the valley in peace.  
 If Jesus himself shall be our leader,  
 We shall walk through the valley in peace.

There will be no trials there,  
 If Jesus himself shall be our leader,  
 We shall walk through the valley in peace.

New Testament Lesson

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sermon

Ken Henry

# Responding to God's Word

## ◆ Reaffirmation of Baptism

### Profession of Faith

*I ask us, therefore, once again to reject sin, to profess our faith in Christ Jesus, and to confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we were baptized.*

*Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,*

*do we turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?*

**We do.**

*Do we turn to Jesus Christ, trusting in his grace and love?*

**We do.**

*Will we be Christ's faithful disciples, obeying his word and showing his love?*

**We will.**

## ◆ Hymn 482

### **Baptized in Water**

BUNESSAN

### Thanksgiving Over the Water

*Remember your baptism and be thankful.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Sung Response

Glory to God hymnal 491

(sung three times)

**We have put on Christ; in Christ you have been baptized.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## ◆ Passing of the Peace

*The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.***

### Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Glory to God hymnal p. 35

## ◆ Hymn 490

### **Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters**

BEACH SPRING

## ◆ Prayer of Thanksgiving and Benediction

### Postlude

*Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam*

J. S. Bach

## ◆ Please stand, as you are able.

*The flowers today are given by Jean Newsom in memory of her husband, David.*

# What's Happening

*at Westminster*

## **Sunday, January 9**

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. In-person Worship in the Sanctuary  
 9:30 a.m. Church School  
 12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal

## **Tuesday, January 11**

7 p.m. Tuesday Evening Bible Study via Zoom

## **Thursday, January 13**

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

## **Sunday, January 16**

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. In-person Worship in the Sanctuary  
 9:30 a.m. Church School  
 12 p.m. UKirk & 20/30 CreW Bagel Brunch at Common Grounds  
 12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal  
 12:15 p.m. Deacons Meeting  
 1:30 p.m. Session Meeting

## **Thursday, January 20**

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

## **Sunday, January 23**

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. In-person Worship in the Sanctuary  
 Congregational Meeting to follow the 11 a.m. service in-person and via Zoom  
 9:30 a.m. Church School  
 12 p.m. UKirk & 20/30 CreW Bagel Brunch at Common Grounds  
 3 p.m. Peace, Justice, and Inclusion Committee Meeting via Zoom

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