

## BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY

January 12, 2025

Baptism of Abygail Faith Charlene Harrell

Congregational Reaffirmation of Baptism

### GATHERING

Prelude J. Stanley

*“Voluntary”* in E Minor

Enter the Light of Christ

Acolytes

Gathering & Announcements

\*Hymn UMH 577

*“God of Grace and God of Glory”*

### INTRODUCTION TO BAPTISM

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Pastor: And so I ask you, will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

**People: We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, Reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of our sin!**

Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?

**We accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression In whatever form they present themselves!**

Will you proclaim the Good News and live as disciples of Jesus Christ, his body on earth?

**We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior, put our whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as our Lord,**

**In union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races!**

Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

**We will remain faithful members of Christ’s holy church and serve as Christ’s representatives in the world.**

Will you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Old and New Testaments?

**We affirm and teach the faith of the whole church as we put our trust in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, his only Son, and in the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.**

### Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Spirit of the Lord is with us.

Even so, come Lord Jesus!

Let us pray:

Almighty God, the life you birthed in us by baptism into Jesus Christ will never die. Your justice never fails. Your mercy is everlasting.

**Your healing river flows. Your Spirit blows where you will. We cannot stop you, God!**

But sometimes we try. We try to block the flow, we redirect the winds of the Spirit, or we walk so far away from the life-giving stream that we do not hear its sound, and we forget its power. We parch ourselves.

**We are dry and thirsty, O God.**

**Come, refresh us!**

Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

**Come upon us Holy Spirit!**

Come upon these waters.

**Come upon these waters.**

Let these waters be to us drops of your mercy.

**Let these waters remind us of your righteousness and justice.**

Let these waters renew in us the resurrection power of Jesus.

**Let these waters make us long for your coming reign.**

Most Holy God, Abba, Father! **Glory to you!**

Jesus Christ, Savior, Lord! **Glory to you!**

Spirit of fire, Spirit over the waters, Spirit of holiness! **Glory to you!**

Eternal God, One in Three and Three in One!

**All glory is yours, now and forever! Amen!**

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[You are invited to come to the baptismal font to use the water as a sign of refreshing.

Remember that you are baptized and rejoice!]

Hymn      *“Baptized in Water”*   TFWS 2248

Scripture                    Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Message                     Pastor Cheryl

Re-Membering the Body

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn                         UMH 349

*“Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus”*

Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to Giving

Offertory                    J. Burkett

*“Take Time to Be Holy”*

\*Doxology                   UMH 95

\*Hymn                        UMH 246

*“Joy to the World”*

(Vss. 1-2)

Sending Forth

\* Postlude                    *J. Pachelbel*

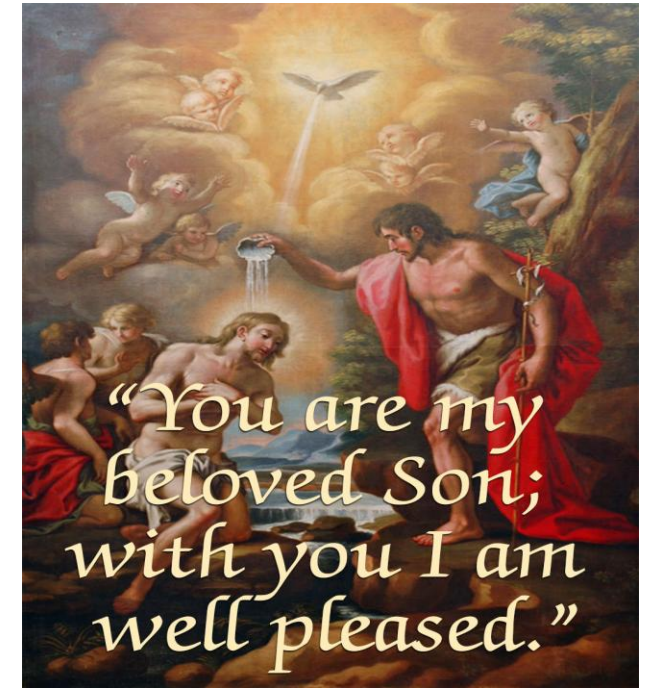
*“Toccata” in C Major*

\* **Stand as you are able**



- Our Country and its leaders
- All affected by the war in the Middle East
- Family of Mike Nichols
- Family of Pat Skauge
- Patricia Mulkey, Jim Patton’s sister
- Mike Clay
- Debbie Dunham
- Manolo Leos, cousin of Debbie and Ruth
- Judy Rudoff
- Diane Garcia
- Bill Heitholt
- Nancy Roberts, Mike Roberts’ mother
- Betty Martin
- Anna Blohm
- Rose Stapleton
- Carlos Rickman
- Jack Kelly, Jill Grove’s father
- Jack Gray
- Richard Young
- Rev. Dennis Wilkinson
- Manuel Harrison
- Georgia Gholston
- Melanie & Judy Cortea
- Robert Seay
- Rita Thompson

Mission of the Month is the Pastor’s Benevolence Fund. Please give as you can.



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10:00 a.m. Sanctuary