



January 8, 2023
Baptism of the LORD Sunday

PRELUDE

In the Bleak Midwinter

Arr. G. Young

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Pastor Craig

POURING OUT OF WATERS, PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

RINGING THE BOWL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Diane

Arise! Shine! For your light has come and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For, Behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes round about and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far, and your daughters shall be carried on the arm. Then you shall see and be radiant, your heart shall thrill and rejoice; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A wealth of camels shall cover you, camels from Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

✠ **OPENING HYMN**

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CALL TO PRAYER

L. Ascribe to the LORD the Glory due GOD's name;

P. Worship the LORD in holy splendor.

L. The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

P. The GOD of glory thunders, the LORD broods over mighty waters.

L. The voice of the LORD is powerful;

P. The voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving kindness, have mercy upon us and free us from sin. Remind us of the

promises you make in baptism, so that we may rise to new life and live together in grace.

(Silent prayer) Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

At the baptism of Jesus by John in the Jordan, GOD proclaimed him “Beloved son” and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. May all who are baptized into his name, keep the covenant we have made, boldly living in his name as a confession of all we believe. Brothers and Sisters believe the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

✠ **GLORIA PATRI**

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen, Amen.

ANTHEM

Emmanuel! God with Us!

M. McDonald

Unto us a Son is given, the gift of God to us from heaven;
Born a child and yet a King, a Savior to redeem.
Emmanuel! God with us.

Prince of Peace, Emmanuel, the Song of God with us to dwell;
Light of life to all he brings; Alleluia, we sing!
Emmanuel!

God will reign on earth forever and his kingdom shall never end.
Alleluia to our Savior, till he comes again!
Emmanuel! God with us, Emmanuel!

PASTORAL PRAYER 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.

CHORAL AMEN

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 3: 1-17

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

"A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
'Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.'"

John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise

up children for Abraham. The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. The glory of the Lord shown upon him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “THE GLORY OF THE LORD UPON YOU”

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDER

Joan Dakin

✠ **HYMN**

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

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CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Tidings of Joy!

Arr. L. Larson

**If you haven't already done so, please print your name in the Fellowship Register.*

*** If you have a special prayer request, please fill out the blue card in front of you and place it in the offertory. Our Pastors and the Prayer Ministry Team will pray for your request. There is also a box in the Narthex you may place it in as well.*

⌄ **DOXOLOGY**

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

⌄ **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

⌄ **HYMN**

I Danced in the Morning

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⌄ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

⌄ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

✦ **POSTLUDE**

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

Traditional

✦ **All those who are able, please stand**

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FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY PROVIDED BY: Jana Honermann, In honor of Dale Honermann's 70th Birthday.

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR IN REHABILITATION: Dave Appleton, George Higginson and Tom Erickson.

THE ROSE ON THE BAPTISMAL FONT IS FOR: Sonya Larson

THE GRACE OF LES MISÉRABLES, Beginning Monday, January 9 at 10 a.m. in Classroom 5. Les Misérables is a masterpiece steeped in Christian imagery. The story invites us to see what happens when grace and justice collide. Today, your teacher, Eloise Frederickson, will be selling books used for class discussion in Fellowship Hall. Books are \$9.00.

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF JESUS THE MESSIAH— TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, AT 11:00 A.M. IN CLASSROOM 5. Join Bud Landry as you explore the Temple: It's Ministry and Services as They were at the Time of Jesus Christ. The class will run for three weeks before taking a two-week break.

BIBLE REFLECTIONS—MONDAY, JANUARY 9, AT 1:00 P.M.

We invite you to join Pastor Craig in a discussion of what the Bible means. Chapter by chapter each week in-person in Classroom 5 and on Zoom. This week we will start with Genesis 42.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY-WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, AT 9:00 A.M. IN CLASSROOM 1.

MIRIAM CIRCLE— WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, AT 1:00 P.M. IN CLASSROOM 1.

PATIO SALE SORT: THURSDAY, JANUARY 12TH, AT 8:00 A.M. IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

THE BOOK: THE STORY OF GOD: This Thursday, January 12th at 1:00 p.m. This week: The book of Ezra. The class is taught by Pastor Diane and Chuck Ramsay.

THE MISSION COMMITTEE -will be holding a breakfast on Saturday, January 14th at 8:30 a.m., with a presentation by Alexa Delgado, Hands of a Friend's Executive Director. Tickets for the breakfast and presentation will be on sale for \$5.00 each in Fellowship Hall. Please join us and learn more about their mission.

FRIENDSHIP KETTLE DINNERS- will resume in January 15, 2023. We'll get to see how much fun the line dancers had this summer learning their steps under the guidance of Steve Hart. Tickets (\$15) will be available in Fellowship Hall on Sundays January 1 and 8.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES LUNCHEON- January 17, at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join us as we share the memories of aprons we have used and cherished. Anne Morrison will share a bit of history of aprons and may even award a prize or two! Your \$11.00 reservation can be made at the Women's Ministries table on Sundays, January 8 & 15. The menu will be comfort food.

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
November-2022		Through Week 1 (01/01/2023)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 48,213	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	232
Monthly Giving Budget	59,679	* YTD 2023 Attendance Sanctuary	232
*YTD Giving Support	651,753	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	151
*YTD Giving Budget	677,567	** YTD 2023 Viewing On-Line	151
		* YTD 2023 Attendance / On-Line	383
		* YTD 2022 Attendance Sanctuary	178
* YTD = Year to Date ** Number of on-line devices tuned into Sunday service			
D. Brooks - VPC treasurer - dxb38@cox.net - 520-399-3959 2022 Per Capita is \$41.50 per member			

WELCOME to all who enter this place. Drink deeply of the living waters of God’s grace as we worship together in spirit.

VISITORS: Consider yourself at home while you are here! Please enjoy a cup of coffee, lemonade and a cookie while visiting the Visitor’s Table in Fellowship Hall after the church worship service. You can pick up a Visitor’s Information Packet at the Visitor's Table or the Welcome Centers. If you would like to receive more information about us, visit us at valleypres.net where you can sign up for our daily email blasts and monthly newsletter.

Children are invited to worship in the sanctuary then attend Sunday School after Children’s Time.

We are glad you have joined us today.

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