

Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church

Baptism of the Lord Sunday
January 8, 2023



Rev. Duane Partin

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The Order of Worship

- **GATHERING MUSIC** - *The Power of Your Love* - Bullock/arr. Holstein

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Becca Detterman

- **CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

O alleluia, sing alleluia!

We bless your holy name.

O alleluia, sing alleluia!

There's a space for grace, there's the presence of peace, there's a spirit of love in this place.

- **CALL TO WORSHIP**

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As with the Israelites, God promises to pass with us through the water.

We will not fear, for God is with us!

The rivers shall not overwhelm us for God is our guide and our protector.

Through God's saving grace, the waters that tested us are now the waters that wash us and nourish us.

Great is the Fount of Every Blessing, ever flowing, ever redeeming, ever claiming us as God's children.

Come, let us worship the God who washes us in grace.

- **HYMN** - *Word of God, Come Down on Earth*

No. 182

- **THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

No. 881

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

- **GLORIA PATRI**

No. 70

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.

- **CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME**

As you are seated, please welcome those around you.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Mrs. Erica Little

Children ages 4 yrs.-1st Grade may leave for Children's Worship.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Becca Detterman

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: as we hear your word this morning, may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

FIRST LESSON - Isaiah 42:1-9 (NRSV)

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1 Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. 2 He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; 3 a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. 4 He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands

wait for his teaching. 5 Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: 6 I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, 7 to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. 8 I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. 9 See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Rev. Becca Detterman

OFFERTORY ANTHEM - *The Jesus Gift* - Martin

- **DOXOLOGY** - *Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow* No. 95
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.

- **DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING**

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- **HYMN** - *Down by the Jordan*

No. 3045

SECOND LESSON - Matthew 3:13-17 (NRSV)

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13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. 14 John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" 15 But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. 16 And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. 17 And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

SERMON - "Seeing the Watermark"

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Becca Detterman

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

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Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price. Through the reaffirmation of our faith, we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy church.

Do you turn to Christ as Savior, Lord, and Friend?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of all your sins?

I repent of all my sins.

Do you renounce evil?

I renounce evil.

Do you pledge to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in God the Father.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us, and rose again?

I believe and trust in God the Son.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God, and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

As a disciple of Christ will you continue in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in prayer?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim the good news by word and deed, serving Christ in all people?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you work for justice and peace, honoring God in all creation?

With the help of God, I will.

This is the way of Christ. This is the work of the Church.

This is our calling - to live and work for the kingdom of God.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal Father, when nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

Declare Christ's works to the nations, his glory among all the people.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, and by this gift of water call to our remembrance the grace declared to us in our baptism. For you have washed away our sins, And you clothe us with righteousness throughout our lives, That dying and rising with Christ, We may share in his final victory.

All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.

Let us rejoice in thankfulness of our covenant God.

We give thanks for all that God has already given us As members of the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.

- **HYMN - Baptized in Water** (To the tune of *Morning Has Broken*)
Baptized in water, sealed by the spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King; heirs of salvation, trusting His promise, faithfully now God's praises we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ, our King; one with His rising freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praises we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ, our King; born of one Father, we are His children, joyfully now God's praises we sing.

BENEDICTION

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TODAY'S 11:00 AM MUSICIANS

The Chancel Choir and Ms. Clara Schwarmm

TODAY'S 11:00 AM MUSIC

The Power of Your Love - Bullock/arr. Holstein (c. 2006) Marantha Music

The Jesus Gift - Martin (c. 1977) Hinshaw Music

Take the Name of Jesus with You - Doane/arr. Berry (c. 2008) Alfred Music



WELCOME

Mr. Dillon Frazier

OPENING SONG - *Goodness of God*

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WORSHIP SONG - *Our God*

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OFFERING - *God You're So Good*

SCRIPTURE - Matthew 3:13-17 (NRSV)

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PRAYER

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BAPTISM RENEWAL - *Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)*

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TODAY'S 9:00 AM MUSICIANS

Christer Dahlgren, Dillon Frazier, Austin Kelly,
Chase O'Briant, Clara Schwarmm, and Caitlin Steuter.

WELCOME, we're glad you are worshipping with us today. If you are a visitor, please see an usher or staff member and we will be glad to answer any questions you may have before or after the worship service. There are also informational brochures available at the main entrance of the Activity Building and in the Gathering Hall.

A nursery is available for all worship services and Sunday School for children ages birth through 3 years old. The nursery is located in the Sanctuary Building in Room 101. Our nursery is staffed by trained paid personnel and volunteers who love children and want to share God's love with them while you worship. We ask parents to label all belongings and sign in their children.

Children's Worship bags are provided for any child who wishes to stay in the service. The bags are located at the entrances of both services.

You are invited to complete a Prayer Request card located at the end of each row. Please place your completed card in the offering plate and your prayer will be lifted to God during the service.

**INTERESTED IN JOINING
THE HOSPITALITY
COMMITTEE?**

Contact Austin-Shane Gaskins at
ashaneg@gmail.com for more
information!



"Share with the
Lord's people who
are in need.
Practice
hospitality".
Romans 12:13



CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED - The Church Office will be closed Monday, January 16 for Martin Luther King Day.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES - 2023 Offering Envelopes will be available for pickup on Sunday, January 8 during the Sunday School hour and after the 11:00 am service in the Gathering Hall or by contacting Loria Frazier in the church office (910-791-4092 ext. 107 or via email at finance@welcometowesley.com).

NEW SERMON SERIES - Starting January 15th, we will launch a new sermon series called "Five Practices," based on the book *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* by Robert Schnase. We will focus on 5 vital areas of ministry: radical hospitality; passionate worship; intentional faith development; risk-taking mission/service; and extravagant generosity. In a post-Covid world, churches are going to have to let go of outdated ministry models and embrace new ones. We'll explore what it looks like to re-shift and re-focus in each of these areas to be the church God intends for us to be. And just a heads up: Each Sunday, we'll give you a little bit of "homework" to do during the week to help you grow in your discipleship and connect with others. (Don't worry – there will be no grades given!). We hope you will make this series a priority. Invite a friend and join us!

The **MISSIONS COMMITTEE** will meet Tuesday, January 17, 6:30 pm in Activity Building Room 307

WELCOME BISHOP SHELTON - Monday, January 23, 7:00 pm Wesley Memorial will host the Harbor District gathering to welcome newly elected Bishop Connie Shelton. We are honored to be selected for this gathering.

The January **CLT** meeting will be on Tuesday, January 24, 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary. This meeting has been pushed from Monday to Tuesday due to the Harbor District gathering with the Bishop.

COMMON TABLES ARE COMING - What is a Common Table? Eating together at a Common Table is central to our faith. As we are invited to gather at Christ's table, we are also invited to gather with one another to share in life, community, and friendship with one another. Common Tables are places where everyone's welcome, no one is perfect, and holy friendships are formed. How does it work? You pick whether you would like to dine in (at people's homes) or dine out (at a restaurant). Sign up until January 27 at: <https://n9ubezbtwbb.typeform.com/to/M5WBC5ws>. You can also sign up by calling the church office or Sundays in the Activity Building/Gathering Hall. Groups will be formed and you will be notified by February 10. For questions, contact Pastor Becca Detterman: beccad@welcometowesley.com or call the Church Office: 910-791-4092.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR RESUMES Sunday, January 22, 4:00 pm in the Gathering Hall. All children K-5th grade are welcome to join.

