



January 12, 2025
Baptism of the Lord

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Loving God, Loving People, Making Disciples

Gathering

**Please stand as you are able*

*Chiming of the Hour and Presentation of the Word

Prelude

"All Glory Be to God on High"
Michael Burkhardt

Welcome and Covenant Life

*During our morning announcements,
please take time to pass and sign the friendship pads.*

Joys and Concerns of the Covenant Family

Introit

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
arr. Larry Mayfield

*Call to Worship

One: In the beginning, darkness covered the deep,
and God said: Let there be light.

All: The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

One: Through the words of the prophet, the Lord said:

All: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.

One: Do not fear, says the Lord: I am with you.

All: I have called you by name; you are mine.

One: When Jesus was baptized by John,
the Spirit of God rested on him like a dove.
And a voice said:

All: You are my beloved, with you I am well pleased.

One: The voice of the Lord is powerful!
The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

All: The voice of the Lord is over the waters! Let us worship God!

*Hymn of Praise, #96

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

*You are invited to come forward with your monthly
Hunger Offering during the singing of this hymn.*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(unison prayer)*

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. The waters of faithfulness run deep, but we have been afraid they will overwhelm us. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We retreat to safe places where we hope to avoid challenges, conflicts, and uncertainty. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. We fail to notice your amazing activity among those who respond to your leading. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us, we pray, for daring service. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

*Passing of the Peace *(Greet one another, "Peace be with you.")*

Children are invited to come forward.

Time with Our Children Jewel Aagaard, Director of Faith Formation

*Children ages 4 – 11 may leave for Children's Worship
and will return during the last hymn.*

Teaching

***Hymn of Preparation, #375** "Shall We Gather at the River"

Prayer for Illumination Gail Trussell

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 43:1-7 (Pew Bible, OT p. 631)

Gospel Reading Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (Pew Bible, NT p. 52)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon "Be Loved" Rev. Rachel H. Vogado

***Affirmation of Faith** (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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost;
the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Anthem "Holy Is He (Holy, Holy, Holy)"
arr. David T. Clydesdale

Nurturing

Celebration of Giving+

Offertory Variations on "Puer Nobis Nascitur"
Paul Manz

***Doxology, #607** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit, evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession with the Lord's Prayer

Reaching

***Hymn of Devotion, #463** "How Firm a Foundation"

***Charge and Benediction**

Trinity Chimes

Our Trinity Chimes played before the postlude provide the opportunity to sit and enjoy the end of our service with music, or to exit quietly as our Livestream continues for this part of worship.

Postlude "Psalm 19: The Heavens Declare"
Benedetto Marcello

Music Notes from Ronn Lowe: Internationally known for his innovative and inspiring hymn festivals and for his creative work with children, Michael Burkhardt is in frequent demand as a choral clinician, organ recitalist, and hymn festival leader. "Puer Nobis Nascitur" is a delightful hymn tune of the 15th century that praises the birth of Jesus Christ as the King of Kings and Savior of all. In many hymn books you will find multiple different hymn titles to this tune for the Christmas Season, Epiphany, and Easter. "Psalm 19 The Heavens Declare" is a popular piece often used for weddings as a recessional. *"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands."*

Welcome! We are blessed to have you join our worship today, and we hope to keep seeing you! More information about Covenant is available on our website at covenantroanoke.org. You can also follow us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Twitter. We would love to get to know you better, and a card is available in the pew before you to begin this journey together.

Greetings, Parents! Children are always welcome in our worship services. If you so choose, a professionally staffed nursery is available for children ages 3 and younger. Please ask an usher for assistance. **We also have a Parents Room** just outside the Sanctuary, with a changing table and rocking chairs. **Children's bulletins and activity bags are available** on the table in Heritage Hall. **We offer Children's Worship** during the second half of the service for children ages 4 to 11.

You are invited to share your Joys and Concerns by writing them in the book on the stand outside the sanctuary. These will be included in the Prayers of the People during our worship service. (If you have a concern of a personal nature, please speak with the pastor or contact the office.)

Elder of the Month: Gail Trussell

Deacon of the Month: Kevin Aagaard

Assistant Deacon of the Month: Scott Ramsburg



In Our Prayers ... Congregation: Audrey Bashlor, Christine Beck, Mary Jane Fisher, Dick Frahm, Lynnmarie Hancock, Jerry Lawson, Lindsey Nanz, Ann Cecil Renick, Carol Ryan, June and Forrest Smith, Jinx Weary, Jo Wilson, caregivers, military service members and families

Family & Friends: Greg Adcox, Rob Ahlers, Lowell Bashlor, Jr., Kenneth Benner, Andrew Craig, Jackie Rose, Mike Cummings, Patrick Dooley, Maria Dreiling, Cesia Enriquez, Heather Ford, Jim Haugen, Jo Jones, Pauline Mudrick, Cordell Parvin, Kathy Roberts, Sheila Simmons, Ezra Schuyler Soto, Joe Wallace, Daniel Woodbury, Religious violence against Christians in northeast India, Mission co-workers Tyler & Rochelle Holm and the people of Malawi, Jim McGill (Niger)

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