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9:00 am Faith Formation

10:15 am Worship Service

January 11, 2026

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Baptism of Christ

PRELUDE

GREETING

If able, please rise in body or spirit

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come! Let us follow Jesus to the edge of the Jordan River to be baptized.

We come to be cleansed and made whole.

Come! Let us witness John's confusion and Jesus' insistence that John baptize God Incarnate.

We come to join Jesus in choosing life in the kingdom of God.

Come! Let us hear God declare the truth of Jesus' identity and the truth of our identity as baptized people.

We come to remember and embody who we are as beloved children of God.

Come! Let us worship God who leads us into the baptismal waters and salvation life.

We come to worship God who empowers us through divine presence to live together as the family of God.

Hymn #647

We Have Come to Join in Worship

Please be seated

CALL TO CONFESSION

The light of Christ has been born into the world revealing our need to repent and to remember our baptism.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you show no partiality, yet we are not always as accepting or affirming. Forgive our short-sightedness and help us to see as you see, that you love all your children. Pour your baptismal waters over us again, cleansing us from our arrogance and hatred toward

others.

Wash away our jealousy, greed, and all negative thoughts and behaviors that stand in the way of our truly being the people you have called us to be. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Washed in the love of God, we become new creations filled with God's love.

Rejoice, dear friends, this is the good news of our Lord.

SR. CHOIR ANTHEM

God Is There

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of life and new life, as these words from Scripture are read, may it be to us as if the heavens are opening and we see your Spirit descending on us like a dove, revealing your love for us as your beloved children. Amen.

Scripture: Isaiah 42:1-9

Matthew 3:13-17

The word of the Lord.

Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

If able, please rise in body or spirit.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

We affirm our baptism into the faith and family of Jesus Christ. We profess Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior and renounce the powers of evil, desiring instead the freedom of new life in Christ. Living into that new life we promise again to be Christ's disciples following in the way of our Savior, resisting oppression and evil to show love and justice and witnessing to the work and word of Jesus Christ.

We promise to grow in our Christian faith and to be faithful members of the church of Jesus Christ celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission in all the world. We promise each other our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church. Together, may we live in the Spirit, building one another up in love, sharing in the life and worship of the church and serving the world for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Hymn#241

When Jesus Came to Jordan

Please be seated

Koinonia Time (community; communion; fellowship; intimacy)

(Please date, sign, and pass the pew pad to your neighbors)

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Our Creator/Mother/Father/Spirit, 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

God gives us not only genesis life but the new life born of repentance, forgiveness, and resurrection. Therefore, with generous hearts, let us give back a portion of what has already been given to us in our baptismal covenant with God and each other.

OFFERTORY

If able, please stand in body or spirit

Offertory Response

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, you heavenly host.

Praise Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Great saving God, you have gathered us into one baptism, regardless of our backgrounds and conditions. Therefore, we praise you with our tithes and offerings. May they join with others to become a mighty river, bringing your peace and healing to the world. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(If you are joining us online, you are invited to have a piece of bread or something similar and a beverage to join with us around Christ's Table.)

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

COMMUNION PRAYER

It is right and a good and joyful thing to give you thanks, O God...

With the water of baptism reminding us of your love for us, Voice of Heaven, we lift our praises to you.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth,

Heaven and earth are full, are full, of the

Majesty of thy Glory.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

(If you are unable to come forward to receive the elements, please let an usher know so that the elements can be brought to you.)

Please stand in body or in spirit

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ. We thank you for this holy meal, for bread broken and cup poured, for love made visible and mercy made real. Send us forth into the world to seek justice, love boldly and to bear witness to the light of Christ in all the world. Amen.

Hymn #679

Baptized in Water

BENEDICTION

Go in peace; love and care for one another in the name of Christ; and may the Spirit of God, who filled John and Jesus, fill your hearts, souls, and minds; and may the love of God, be your guiding light and your shining star, both now and forevermore. Amen

*Please be seated***Postlude**

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Head Ushers for January are Lance Ide and Tara Howell

Ushers today are Erin Rush and Karen Peterson

Altar Guild the month of January are Karen Rush and Amy Smith

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We Have Come to Join in Worship 647

1 We have come to join in wor - ship and a - dore the Lord our God.
2 See them gath - er all a - round you, those he bought at such a cost;
3 Let us love our God su - preme-ly; let us love each oth - er, too.

Let us come in prayer, ex - pect - ing God to speak his might - y Word.
see the wea - ry, see the hurt - ing, see the lone - ly, see the lost.
Let us care for all his peo - ple till our God makes all things new.

All is vain un - less the Spir - it of the Ho - ly One comes down.
Be his hand, and touch the need - y; be his gos - pel, let it sound!
Christ will call us home to heav - en; at his ban - quet we'll sit down;

Chris - tians, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show - ered all a - round.
Be his bod - y, and sweet man - na will be show - ered all a - round.
Christ him - self will rise and serve us liv - ing man - na all a - round.

WORDS: Ken Bible (1950 -) and George Atkins (18th c.)
MUSIC: *Columbian Harmony*, 1825; arr. William Moore (19th c.)

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1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John,
 2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,
 3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;

he did not come for par - don but as the sin - less one.
 for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.
 this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - ery bond - age break.

He came to share re - pent - ance with all who mourn their sins,
 So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,
 Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:

to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.
 the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.
 to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

WORDS: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000); para. Matthew 3:13-17, Mark 1:9-11, Luke 3:21-22
 MUSIC: *Neuermehrtes Gesangbuch*, 1693
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Baptized in Water

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Unison

1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it,
 2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it,
 3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it,

cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;
 dead in the tomb with Christ, our King;
 marked with the sign of Christ, our King;

heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his prom - ise,
 one with his ris - ing, freed and for - giv - en,
 born of one Fa - ther, we are his chil - dren,

faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

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