



St. John's Episcopal Church

Hear the Spirit ~ See God's Beauty ~ Act in Love

*The First Sunday after the Epiphany
The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ
January 11, 2026 10am*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude *Schmucke dich, O liebe Seele*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn #76 *On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry*

WINCHESTER NEW

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Presider One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

The Collect of the Day

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Presider The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

The First Lesson: Isaiah 42:1-9

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Reader The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29 *Afferte Domino*

Tone III.4

1 *Ascribe—tó the LÓRD, yōu gods, **

ascribe to the LORD / glory and strength.

2 *Ascribe to the LORD the glóry due his Name; **

worship the LORD in the beauty / of hóliness.



3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the migh/ty wáters.

4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice / of splendor.

5 The voice of the LORD bréaks the cédař trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars / of Lébanon;

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like / a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness / of Kádesch.

The Second Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

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*Reader
People* The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn #121 *Christ, when for us you were baptized*

CAITHNESS

*Verses 1 - 3 will be sung before the reading of the Gospel.
Verse 4 will be sung after the reading.*

The Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

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Presider The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Following the Gospel

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

The Sermon

The Rector

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate for Baptism

The Presider says The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The family stands and presents the candidate as the people remain seated.

We present Theodore James Lantz to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Presider asks the parents and sponsors the following questions:

Presider

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

I will, with God's help.

Parents and Sponsors

Presider

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Presider

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Parents and Sponsors

Presider

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

I renounce them.

Parents, and Sponsors

Presider

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

I renounce them.

Parents and Sponsors

Presider

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

I do.

Parents and Sponsors

Presider

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

I do.

Parents and Sponsors

Presider

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

I do

Parents and Sponsors

The congregation stands and the Presider addresses them.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

We will.

All respond

Presider

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Priest

Do you believe in God the Father?

People

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Priest

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the

Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Priest Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **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.**

Priest Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Preside Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidate

Celebrant Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Presider blesses the water.

The Baptism

The Candidate is presented to the Presider, who then baptizes with these words:

Presider I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen!**

The newly baptized is marked with the sign of the cross with Chrism, with these words:

Priest You are sealed with the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

People **Amen!**

The Presider prays over the newly baptized, and then presents a candle lit from the Paschal Candle.

All then join in praying the St. John's Baptismal Prayer.

St. John's Baptismal Prayer

People **Bless we beseech thee, O heavenly Father, the parents of this child, and give to them and to all in whose charge he may be the spirit of wisdom and love: that his home may be to him an image of thy kingdom, and the care of his parents a likeness of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Presider Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All are invited to exchange greetings of peace.

Welcome and Announcements of our Ministries

The Rector

Offertory Hymn #339 *Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness*

SCHMUCKE DICH

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Presider gives thanks to God, continuing until the words

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus S-130 which can be found in the front section of the hymnal

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

The Presider continues the Eucharistic Prayer, continuing until the words

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory.

The Presider continues the Eucharistic Prayer, continuing until the words

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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 trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem S-164 which can be found in the front section of the hymnal

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.**

Communion Anthems:

When Jesus went to Jordan's stream
Wash O God, our sons and daughters

Geystliche gesangh Buchleyn 1524
B.F. White (1800-1879)

All who seek to receive Christ in the sacrament of this meal are welcome to partake of the bread and wine. Please come to the altar up the center aisle and return to your pew down the side aisles. You are welcome to receive both the bread and the wine, bread only, or a blessing. To receive the bread, stand or kneel at the altar rail and the priest will place the host in your hands. The wine is available either from the common cup, or in individually pre-packaged containers on small tables at either end of the altar rail. To receive the wine from the pre-packaged cup, open the foil seal at the top of the container, drink the wine, and place the empty cup into the basket.

The Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand as able.*

Presider Let us pray.

People **Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn #448 *O love, how deep, how broad, how high*

DEUS TUORUM MILITUM

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Wir Christenleut haben jetzt ein Freund*

Bach

*The flowers on the altar today were arranged
by Alice Krapf*

During our service of Holy Baptism this Sunday, the Prayers for the Candidate replace the Prayers of the People. We continue to pray that God may comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Bridget, Lyn, Megan, Cecilia, Elizabeth, Lin, David, Alicia, Renee, Lino, Melina, and all those who are in need of prayer.

Ministers Serving Today:

The Rev. Greg Johnston, Rector
Douglas Witte, Organist and Choir Director
Brendan Ryback, Vestry Person of the Day
Simon Ringrose and Nancy Armstrong, Readers
Shannon Fry, Intercessor
Kate Gunsch, Chalice Bearer
Catherine Womack and Joanne Graziano, Ushers
Robin Moody, Altar Guild
Jen DiManno, and Laura Carroll, Coffee Hour Hosts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, we welcome Theodore James Lantz to the household of God. Theodore – “Teddy” is the son of Stephen and Katelyn Lantz.

Sunday, February 1, 2026

St. John’s Annual Meeting ~ following the 11am service

*All are welcome and encouraged to attend as we review 2025 and set the stage for 2026,
electing Vestry members and officers*

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