



Traditional Worship Service The Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 2026

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE Wexford Carol

arr. William G. Flood

Dr. Dan Swank, Tenor

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY LIFE

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Voice of God prods our hearing

The activity of God stretches our seeing.

Together they invite us down into the waters of life where the Spirit flows.

From there we may rise to go, to dare, to walk, and to serve beyond where we have been before.

Martha Brunell, The Abingdon Women's Preaching Annual, Series 2, Year A (Abingdon Press, 2001), 58.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GATHERING HYMN

God is Here!

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ABBOT'S LEIGH

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, in our baptisms, you marked us with your love, inviting us into covenant with you. As we grow older, you reveal more and more of yourself to us. We see and experience the brokenness of the world; we know that we are called to embody your love. But the task sometimes feels too big. It's easier to ignore the pain of others. It's easier to choose blindness. Forgive us for forgetting our baptism, for forgetting that our lives are meant for something bigger.

Rose Schrott Taylor and the Presbyterian Outlook

*Please stand as you are able

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

WE LISTEN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Bob Hunsicker and Anna Hunsicker

Book of Acts: Act 10:34-43

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Leader: The word of the Lord;

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Karen Kinney

“Living Our Baptisms”

WE RESPOND

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

What does living your baptism mean to you? How does renewing our own baptismal vows move us to action for mission and ministry?

*SERMON HYMN

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The Church of Christ in Every Age

WAREHAM

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS (see insert)

Ruling Elders: Jean Hunsicker, Linda Filipovits, Jon Conrad

Deacons: Jean Toulouse, Debbie Castellano

Trustees: Susan Nelson, Glenn Rossetti

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION AND OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory What Cheer? Good Cheer!

Peter Warlock

Chancel Choir

What cheer? What cheer? Good cheer!
Good cheer!
Be merry and glad this good New Year!

I tell you all with heart so free:
Right welcome, welcome ye be to me;
Be glad and merry, for charity!
What cheer?

'Lift up your hearts, and be glad
In Christ's birth,' the angel bade
'Say each to other, if any be sad:
What cheer?'

Now the King of heav'n his birth hath take
Joy and mirth we ought to make;
Say each to other, for his sake:
'What cheer?'

*Doxology

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Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

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 DEDICATION

*SENDING HYMN

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Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Fanfare

Kenneth Leighton

*You're welcome to stay and enjoy the Postlude or to depart while the music is played.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!*

Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons and Installation of Trustees

Statement on Ordination and Installation

One: There are different gifts,

All: But it is the same Spirit who gives them.

One: There are different ways of serving God,

All: But it is the same Lord who is served.

Presentation of Officers

Renunciations

Ordination calls the whole church to renewed commitment, so together, we will reaffirm our baptismal vows and profess our faith as we answer the following questions.

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? Do you? **(All: I do.)**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? Do you? **(All: I do.)**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? Will you, with God's help? **(All: I will, with God's help.)**

With the whole church let us confess our faith.

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living 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.

Constitutional Questions

Friends, God has called you by the voice of the church to serve Jesus Christ in a particular way. Understanding and accepting the work to which you have been called, please answer the following Constitutional Questions:

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? Do you?

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and new Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's word to you? Do you?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the Confessions of our Church as authentic and reliable expositions of what scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those Confessions as you lead the people of God? Do you and will you?

Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of scripture, and continually guided by our Confessions? Will you?

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world? Will you?

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church? Do you?

Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? Will you?

Will you be a faithful Elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? Will you?

Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Will you be a faithful trustee, watching over the financial and property matters that provide for the mission and ministry of the church? In your ministry, will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Questions to the Congregation

Do we, members of the church, accept these persons standing before us as Elders and Deacon chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? DO WE?

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the church? DO WE?

Installation Prayer

Declaration of Installation