

# MORNING WORSHIP

January 12, 2025

Half past Ten O' Clock

## Baptism of the Lord

*When the organ begins, please prepare for worship through silent prayer and meditation.  
Following the service, greet one another with joy and affection!*

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TIME OF MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

+WELCOME AND NOTICES

PRELUDE

*Baptized in Water*

arr. Dale Wood

CHORAL INTROIT

"Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire"

VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When we pass through the cleansing waters of baptism and the troubled waters of our lives,  
God declares:

**People: I will be with you.**

Leader: When we go through the fires that refine us and the fires that threaten our livelihoods,  
God declares:

**People: I will be with you.**

Leader: Even when we travel to the far corners of the earth or down into the depths of our souls,  
God declares:

**People: I will be with you.**

Leader: So come, let us worship God whose love never fails, whose presence never leaves, whose mercies  
never end.

**All: Praise be to God who, in the form of Jesus, waded into the waters of baptism to prove God's  
solidarity with us! Amen.**

+\*HYMN 484

"Out of Deep, Unordered Water"

RUSTINGTON

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Creator of the universe, we gather amazed at Your power and glory. We are eager to worship You  
and offer our praise, but often we are reluctant to answer when You call our name. We sing our songs of  
tribute in the sanctuary, but shy away from the river, lest we are forced to trust You in the unpredictable  
currents of life. Forgive us when we forget Your promise to be with us always. Renew us with the power of  
Your ever-present love, and strengthen us to proclaim Your justice throughout the world. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 43:1

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

\*SUNG RESPONSE 479

"Ho, All Who Thirst"

JACOB'S WELL

**Ho, all who thirst, come now to the water,  
and all whose souls are parched and weary, come and drink!**

**Ho, all who thirst, come now to the water,  
and from your heart will flow a never-failing spring!**

*Choir Only: Why forsake the Lord, the fount of living water, choosing broken cups that cannot be filled?*

**Ho, all who thirst, come now to the water,  
and all whose souls are parched and weary, come and drink!  
Ho, all who thirst, come now to the water,  
and from your heart will flow a never-failing spring!**

*Choir Only: All who come may take this gift of living water. They will thirst no more, for they shall be filled.*

**Ho, all who thirst, come now to the water,  
and all whose souls are parched and weary, come and drink!  
Ho, all who thirst, come now to the water,  
and from your heart will flow a never-failing spring!**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

*Immediately following the Message for Young Disciples, children age four through second grade are invited to Children's Chapel.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22, pew Bible pg. 935

SERMON

"Expectations"

Lori Archer Raible

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE LOAF AND CUP

*The sacrament will be shared by the method of intinction. As ushered, proceed down the center aisle, take a piece of bread, then a cup. After communing, return to your pew by the side aisle. If preferred, please raise your hand and the Elders will serve the elements in your pew. All bread is gluten free.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Text to Give

704-734-9818

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Take Me to the Water"

arr. Michael Woytiuk

\*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

**Loving God, who guides us with Your everlasting presence, we offer these gifts with grateful hearts.  
As Jesus stood with us in the waters of baptism, may these offerings stand as a testament to Your love  
and grace. Use them to bring hope, healing, and transformation. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

# BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 481	“I Believe in God the Father”	GENEVAN 42
*BENEDICTION		
*CHORAL RESPONSE	“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”	CWM RHONDDA
*POSTLUDE	<i>From Heaven Above to Earth I Come</i>	J.S. Bach

\*Those who are able please stand.

+Ushers may seat late worshipers

## SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WARMLY WELCOMES ALL WHO VISIT

Selwyn Avenue is glad you are with us this morning. We welcome all visitors, celebrating God’s creativity in human diversity. We’d like to stay in touch with you! Please take a moment to fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate. Please ask an usher if you need help locating the nursery, restrooms, changing tables, or large print hymnals.

Membership is by one of three paths: 1) profession of faith in Jesus Christ (for those who have never been part of a Christian church); 2) re-affirmation of faith (for those who formerly were part of a congregation but have not been involved in recent times - for example, you were baptized and/or confirmed but moved and never engaged with a new congregation); or 3) transfer of membership from another congregation (your membership is with another church). New members and prospective members are invited to participate in Orientation Classes, which are scheduled several times a year, and are a wonderful way to meet others and learn about our church and all the opportunities here. We always stand ready to be in communication with you about your particular situation. The contact information for all staff members is in the bulletin each week.

**WORSHIP BAGS FOR 4 YRS. - 5TH GRADE** Age-appropriate activities for readers and non-readers to encourage their participation in following along in worship are available in the narthex. Please return the bag to the basket after worship.

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