

# MORNING WORSHIP

January 11, 2026

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

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

WINCHESTER NEW

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The voice of the Lord is powerful and full of majesty.

**People: May the Lord bless us with God's Peace!**

Leader: The voice of the Lord proclaimed Jesus as God's beloved.

**People: In our own baptisms, we are claimed as God's beloved.**

+\*HYMN 177

"I Will Come to You"

YOU ARE MINE

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Merciful God, we confess that we are estranged from You and from one another. We treat others as strangers rather than as people created in Your image and fellow children of God. We exploit the earth as though it were our possession rather than a gift entrusted to our care and a reflection of Your image and glory. Forgive us our sins and transform us by Your Spirit that we might live as people who have been baptized as Your own children. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, hear these words of assurance— God has forgiven us of our own sins and set us on new paths. Let us remember our baptisms and trust in God's mercy to restore our right standing as God's own. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

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

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

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

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Isaiah 42: 1-9, pew Bible p.657  
Matthew 3:13-17, pew Bible p.879

SERMON

"Claimed"

Margo Fraga

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

\*HYMN 507 (verses 1, 3, and 5)

“Come to the Table of Grace”

TABLE OF GRACE

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE LOAF AND CUP

*(The sacrament will be shared by the method of intinction. As directed by the ushers, 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.)*

COMMUNION ANTHEM

“Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

RESTORATION

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)

**O God, in our baptisms, we have been named and claimed as Your covenant people, connected deeply with You, with one another, and with the earth. May these gifts be used as a witness to Your love, peace and justice at work in the world, renewing the face of the earth. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN 744 (verses 1, 3, and 4)

“Arise, Your Light is Come!”

FESTAL SONG

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

ELLACOMBE

\*POSTLUDE

*From Heaven Above to Earth I Come*

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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