

Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 2026

GATHERING: *God invites us to enter His presence*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

 **CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Responsively*)

Hob Pusey

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;
**for he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.**
Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.**

—Psalm 24:1-4, NRSV

 **INVOCATION**

Hob Pusey

O gracious and holy God,
give us diligence to seek you,
wisdom to perceive you,
and patience to wait for you.
Grant us, O God,
a mind to meditate on you,
eyes to behold you,
ears to listen for your Word,
a heart to love you,
and a life to proclaim you,
through the power of the Spirit
of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

 **OPENING HYMN 267** *Come, Thou Almighty King*

CONFESSING: *God invites us to be honest with Him*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Hob Pusey

The psalmist models a transparent faith with these words:
Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts.
See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.
We express our longing for God's leading
by our own transparent confession.

—based on Psalm 139:23-24, NRSV

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Hob Pusey

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. **Amen.**

TIME FOR SILENT CONFSSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hob Pusey

This is the message we have heard from God
and proclaim to you,
that God is light and in God there is no darkness at all.
If we walk in the light, as God is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another,
and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

—from 1 John 1:5, 7, NRSV

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be, world without end.
A-men, A-men*

OFFERING: *Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him*

INVITATION Let us be faithful stewards of our time, our talents, and our money. so that our treasure is in heaven and our giving pleases God.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Beautiful Savior - John Steiginga, Oboe*

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God forever. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with You
All: And also with you*

PREPARATION HYMN 106 *Praise Him! Praise Him!*

PROCLAIMING: *God speaks to us through His Work*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Lord God, help us to know your ways; teach us your paths.
Lead us in your truth, and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation;
for you we wait all day long. Through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

—based on Psalm 25:4-5, NRSV

SCRIPTURE READING *Ephesians 1:15-23*

¹⁵ For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love^[a] toward all the saints, ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸ having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰ that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

SERMON *"A Prayer for the Saints"* Rev. Dan Stewart

HYMN OF RESPONSE 405 *My Faith Has Found A Resting Place*

RESPONDING: *We respond to God's Word*

PROFESSION OF FAITH (In Unison)

Christ Jesus,
though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

**and every tongue should confess
to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord!**

—from Philippians 2:5-11, NRSV

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Loving God,
we offer these prayers,
joining our voices to the great chorus of those
who sing your praise and depend on you alone.
We long for that day when all your children
will live in your peace and praise your name.
Until that day, give us sturdy patience and enduring hope,
rooted only in Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

COMMISSIONING: *God sends us out into the world as His witnesses*

 **COMMISSION HYMN 249** "*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*"

BENEDICTION & BLESSING

POSTLUDE

 *Please stand if you are able.*