

January 12, 2025 The Baptism of the Lord

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THE CHURCH GATHERS

Silent Prayer and Time for Centering

Prelude

*CALL TO WORSHIP ***

Creator God,

in the beginning your Spirit brooded over the waters and you brought forth light.

Your Spirit gives us birth.

Your light shines within us.

Brother Christ, you submitted to baptism in the Jordan River; you immersed yourself in our life.

Your presence warms us.

We rejoice in your grace.

Holy Spirit,

your breath gives us life;

your flame burns with compassion within us.

Alleluia!

We immerse ourselves in your grace,

that we may always shine with the light of your love.

Alleluia!



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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION ***

Loving God, we are precious in your sight,
Yet we often forget that we are your beloved.
We confess that our love is fickle and inconstant.
We follow selfish goals
and deny that our way of life
harms others and hurts your world.
We are sorry and we want to change.
Create in us a clean heart,
strengthen our resolve,
reconcile us one to another,
and bless us with your peace.
Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE ***

Beloved, God forgives your sins; know that you are pardoned and be at peace to love the Lord and serve the world.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

THE CHURCH HEARS THE WORD OF GOD

<u>Old Testament Lesson:</u> <u>Isaiah 43:1-7</u> (Pg. 585) *

ANTHEM



Christmas Joy

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky has withdrawn,
when the kings see their prophecy rightly
fulfilled,

when the princes and shepherds have gone; then the true work of Christmas begins.

To find the lost,

to heal the broken hearts,

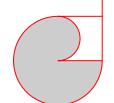
to feed the hungry,

to rebuild the nations,

to bring peace among all brothers,

to make music in the heart.

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*HYMN OF PREPARATION

500 Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart



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*GOSPEL LESSON: <u>Luke 3:15-22</u> (Pg. 834) **

PRESIDER: For the word of God in Scripture,

For the word of God among us,

For the word of God within us,

Thanks be to God! **ALL:**

*GLORIA PATRI

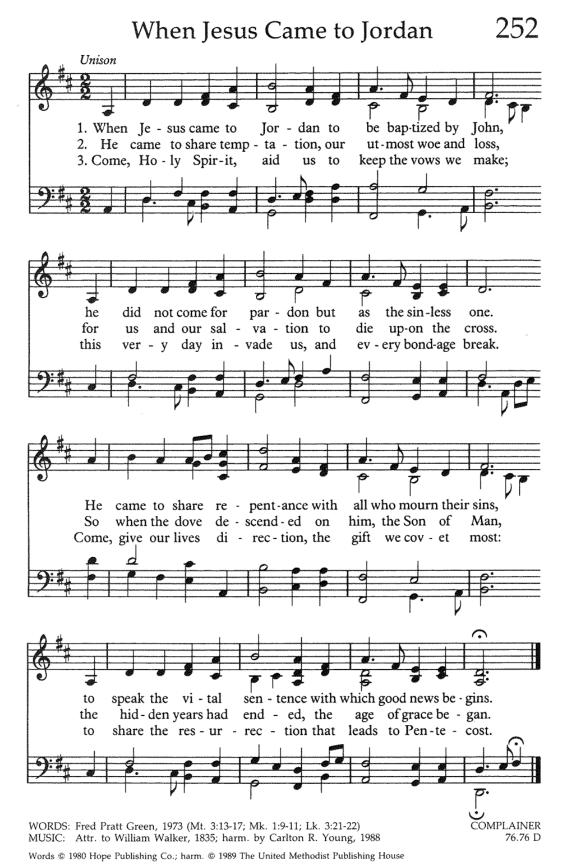


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Karen Manning MESSAGE:

"THE POWER OF THE WATER"

THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE WORD OF GOD



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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PRAYER SONG SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

Chorus

Spirit of the Living God,
fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the Living God,
fall afresh on me;
Melt me, mold me,
fill me, use me,
Spirit of the Living God,
fall afresh on me.

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SILENT PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer (UMH p. 895)

PRAYER SONG (See Above)

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THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD

94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



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Offertory Prayer:

THE CHURCH IS SENT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION



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Voluntary

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Looking Ahead

Readings for January 19, 2025
The Second Sunday After the Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5 / Psalm 36:5-10

First Corinthians 12:1-11/ John 2:1-11

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