

**Baptism of the Lord**  
**January 9, 2022**

**8:30 am**

**11:00 am**

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***Prelude - Processional - Psalm 93 - Peter Hurford***

The Lord reigns, he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength; indeed, the world is established, firm and secure. Your throne was established long ago; you are from all eternity.

***Call to Worship***

The voice of the Lord is upon the water

**The God of glory thunders, the Lord upon many waters.**

The voice of the Lord is powerful.

**The voice of God is full of majesty, let us praise the name of the Lord!**

***Opening Hymn No. 252 - When Jesus Came to Jordan***

When Jesus came to Jordan  
to be baptized by John,  
he did not come for pardon.  
but as his Father's Son.  
He came to share repentance  
with all who mourn their sins,  
to speak the vital sentence  
with which good news begins.

He came to share temptation,  
our utmost woe and loss,  
for us and our salvation  
to die upon the cross.  
So when the Dove descended  
on him, the Son of Man,  
the hidden years had ended,  
the age of grace began.

Come, Holy Spirit, aid us  
to keep the vows we make,  
this very day invade us,  
and every bondage break.  
Come, give our lives direction,  
the gift we covet most:  
to share the resurrection  
that leads to Pentecost.

***Invocation***

**Living God, when the Spirit descended on Jesus at his baptism in Jordan's water you revealed him as your own beloved Son. You anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made and boldly confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior now and forever. Amen.**

## PROCLAMATION

*The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages*

### **Scripture Reading**

Luke 3:15-22 (New Testament page 60/56)

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, added to them all by shutting up John in prison.

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **God's Word for Young Disciples**

**Anthem** - *God So Loved the World* - Hustad

### **Sermon**

Rev. Jon Priebe

### **Hymn No. 2051** (FWS) - *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*

"I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell."

"When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;  
You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun."

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.  
When the evening gently closes in, and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise."

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I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold."

### **Baptism**

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

**We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your

care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

### ***Discipleship Moment***

### ***Doxology***

**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.**

### ***Prayers of the People and The 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **SENDING FORTH**

*The people of God are sent forth to serve others and witness to their faith.*

### ***Closing Hymn No. 189 - Fairest Lord Jesus***

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,  
O thou of God and man the Son,  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,  
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,  
robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer  
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,  
and all the twinkling starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine.

### ***Benediction and Choral Response - (Hymn No. 666)***

**Shalom to you now, shalom my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and**

through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

**Postlude** -*Let God Arise* (Psalm 68) - Peter Hurford



**The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God and are given:**

in loving memory of Donald MacFarlane, by Doris Kuzas;

in loving memory of Dan Patrino, by his family.

**Altar Guild:** Carol Lewis, Elizabeth Stroud

**Service Musician:** Mark Wade, hammered dulcimer

**Music:** One License A-731491

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**Being Baptized Today:** Owen Stone Nemeth, son of Bret and Paris (Elliott) Nemeth and Hope Eowyn Rogalski, daughter of Mark and Anna (Lehman) Rogalski.

## NOTES

**New Church Sign?** Next Sunday, January 16, Rev. Priebe will hold a brief meeting after the 11:00 worship service to share information and answer questions about the new sign being considered. It will also be live-streamed for those who can't make it in person. If you have any concerns or questions, feel free to attend or call Rev. Priebe.

**Pledge Cards:** If you have not yet turned in your 2022 pledge card, please do so by either dropping it in the drop box in the breezeway, or bring it to Sunday morning worship. The pledges allow us to continue to do kingdom work here on Earth by funding the upkeep of the physical building, mission projects and outreach, spiritual formation and growth, worship, along with our numerous choral and musical programs and much more. If you are unable to stop by church to drop your pledge card off, please call our Financial Officer, Nancy Yeager, Ext. 216, and she can take your pledge information over the phone!

**Upcoming Adult Discipleship Opportunities:** Due to the rise in the omicron strain of COVID, we are going to postpone the start of our classes until the first Sunday of February. The "Ministry By Strength" class will be at 5:45 pm, with our plan at this time to meet in person. "Disciple Like Jesus" will also meet at 5:45 pm - at this time we are still deciding whether it will be an in person class or a virtual class. If you are interested, please contact Karol with your preference.

**Children's Ministries:** As we are following the information on the health situation in the area, we are making some difficult but necessary decisions about the children's programs in the coming weeks. We have decided to postpone ROCK, including the bell and choir programs, Sunday School and Children's Worship until February 6.

**Heart4theCity Needs Your Help!** Our current project is to collect coats for children and youth. Heart4theCity wants to help these children who don't have proper winter clothing. Can you help? From now through January we will be collecting (in the bins by the offices) new or gently used coats for all age children and youth. Check your closets or go to the stores. Please help as you can.

**Altar Flowers:** We are now taking orders for altar flowers in 2022. The cost is \$38 and the church takes care of ordering and delivery. If you would like to reserve a date, contact Christy Meyers at [cmeyersfallsumc@gmail.com](mailto:cmeyersfallsumc@gmail.com) or Ext. 210.

## Next Steps

### A Voice from Heaven

vs. 22 - Is this the first time God has spoken in the book of Luke?

the Gospels only tell us of God speaking twice – here and the Mount of Transfiguration

### Thirty Years of Silence?

vs. 21 – after they'd all been baptized, Jesus was praying

with you, Beloved, God is well pleased

Questions for Reflection: If God is only recorded audibly speaking a handful of times in the Gospels, that means there are an awful lot of times that God was probably silent. Jesus regularly withdrew to pray, but we're not told that God spoke back. How do I handle the times when I can't hear God's voice clearly? Is that perhaps because of guilt or grief or anger or distraction? What do I make of the fact that the rare messages almost always convey love?

Questions for Discussion: Why do you think Jesus was baptized by John at the beginning of his ministry? Why do you think God chose this moment for a rare direct word from heaven?

Memory Verse: *1 John 3:1a* – "See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are."

Readings for this Week: John 3:16-17, Luke 8:4-15, Luke 9:28-36

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**DEEPEST SYMPATHY & PRAYERS:**

Ken and Dorothy Bates and family on the death of their daughter, member Brenda Pennino on 12/26.  
Tom, Jim and Mike Zrelak on the death of their mother, member Kathy Zrelak on 12/18.