

Baptism of the Lord Sunday
January 8, 2023

8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Prelude - Holy, Holy, Holy - Charles Callahan

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. 64** - Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

*Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.*

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

Matthew 3:13-17 (New Testament page 2)

God's Word for Young Disciples

(Those in grades K-4 may be excused for Children's worship during the 11:00 service. They may be picked up in Asbury Hall.)

Anthem (11:00) - *Come to the Water* - John Foley

Sermon - *Beloved*

Pastor Jon Priebe

RESPONSE

The people of God respond to the Word

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.

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.

Baptism/Remembrance (Hymnal page 50)

Discipleship Moment

Offertory - *Christ Our Lord to Jordan Came* - Marcel Dupré

(Please fill out the presence card found in the pews and place it in the offering plates in the narthex or bring it to the front during the offertory.)

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/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. 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.*

Benediction and Choral Response - (Hymn No. 438)

Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my daily labor to pursue; Thee, only Thee, resolved to know in all I think or speak or do.

Postlude - *March on the Old Hundredth* - Brenda Portman



The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God and given
in loving memory of Dan Patrino, by his family.

Service Music: 11:00 Chancel Choir

Music: One License A-731491

CHURCH NOTES

Women's Bible Study: Join us for a new study *Chasing Vines* by Beth Moore. In this study, Beth shows us from Scripture how all of life's concerns-the delights and the trials-matter to God. He uses all of it to help us flourish and be fruitful. There are two opportunities to participate: Tuesdays from 7-9 pm and Wednesdays from 10 am to noon. The study will last 12 weeks, beginning January 24 & 25. The study uses both the book *Chasing Vines*, and a study guide. The cost for the books is \$18.00. Please register with Kathy Kuzas at Ext. 212 or kkuzasfumccf@gmail.com by January 16.

Alpha Study: Alpha is for beginning Christians, those who are not of the faith but curious, or even those further along in their faith who want a refresher course on the big picture of the Christian faith. It will start Tuesday, February 7 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. and will be led by Jerry Killian. Please contact church office, 330-923-5241, by January 31 if you are interested in participating or if you have any questions.

Heart4theCity: This mission church of the East Ohio Conference provides a weekly food pantry, a store where they offer items at a very reduced price, and other programs for those in need. They are currently in need of blankets, bedding, towels, small electric kitchen appliances, and heavier work style insulated gloves. Donations may be left in the bin outside the church library. We are in need of a lay person to act as liaison between Heart4theCity and First Church. This would entail finding out what Heart is in need of, starting a collection at church, and delivering it to Heart as needed. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact Pastor Mike at Ext. 217 for more information.

Ramsey+ and Financial Peace University: Do you want to create a life without financial stress? Learn how to steward your money well? We've invested in a Ramsey+ site license so every family in our church has access to a one-year membership full of tools and resources to help you honor God with your money. It includes access to Financial Peace University and other money courses, the premium version of the EveryDollar budgeting app, unlimited live coaching session, free federal tax filing and more. If you're ready for this go to <https://www.financialpeace.com/hosts/fumccuyahogapc> and sign up. A Financial Peace class will begin in February. More information to come.

Hat & Mitten Mission - We are starting our Hat & Mitten mission now that the weather is growing colder. We are asking for new or gently-used gloves/mittens/winter hats, or new socks. The donation table is located across from the church office, outside of the chapel. Items may be left there, or if the line is empty, please feel free to bag the items, then place them directly outside on the line at the corner of Portage & 3rd.

Blessings Box - Our blessing box certainly lives up to its name by blessing those in the community who need assistance with food. If donating items, please avoid items in glass, as these may shatter and injure someone due to the cold weather. Items may be placed in the box directly, or brought inside and placed on the donation table located outside the church library.

2023 Altar Flowers: We are taking orders for altar flowers in 2023. The cost is \$38 and the church takes care of the ordering and delivery. If you would like to reserve a date, contact Christy Meyers at Ext. 210 or cmeyersfallsumc@gmail.com.

Acme Receipts: Receipts dated through December 24 may still be turned in at the Welcome Center. All receipts will be due by the end of January.

Next Steps

A Voice From Home

Matthew 3:17 – who heard the voice from heaven calling Jesus God’s son?

vs. 14 – why does Jesus seek John’s baptism for the forgiveness of sins?

Corroborating Witnesses

The Gospels agree on one detail in the baptism: that Jesus is God’s beloved Son

Baptism always celebrates what God is doing, not what we do

In Jesus’s baptism, God made clear you are loved beyond what you will ever know

Questions for Reflection:

Question for Discussion: How do forgiveness of sins, our status as God’s beloved, and a belonging in the Body of Christ shape my understanding of my baptism? Has this changed or developed over time?

Memory Verse: **Matthew 3:17** – *And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom*

I am well pleased.”

Readings for this Week: Psalm 40:1-11, 1 John 3:1-2, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

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DEEPEST SYMPATHY & PRAYERS:

Sharon Minier and family on the death of her brother, Skip Higley on 12/23.

Ken and Dorothy Bates and family on the death of their son, Brett Bates on 12/11.