

Welcome to

8 January 2023

Baptism of Our Lord

May God who gathers us around Himself in the Word and Sacrament to bless us with His forgiveness this morning be your source of comfort, strength and renewal as you worship today. In the Name of Christ, we are all called to come and hear that the Lord is Good!

Prelude – *Preparing our Souls through silence, reading and reflection*

Announcements and Prayer Concerns– *Sharing our life together*

Congregational Prayer

Invocation and Confession – *Entering into the Presence of the Lord*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
(Matthew 28:19) **C: Amen**

P: Make us to know your ways, O Lord, and teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for whom we wait. (Psalm 25:4-5) **C: Amen**

P: If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; but if we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1:6-7)

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.

C: According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Amen (Psalm 51:1-2, 10-12)

P: Let it be known to you, that through Jesus Christ, the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. (1 John 1:6-7) He commanded us to preach and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. (Acts 10:42-43) **C: Amen**

Announcements and Schedule

Studies this Week:

Wednesday – 7:00pm – Women’s Group – 169 Buxton Dr.

7:00pm – Men's Group – 169 Buxton Dr.

Thursday – 10:30am – Bible Study– Not this week

7:30pm – Bible Study - Not this week

We have prayer cards for you to mail to anyone you lifted up at the Altar during Communion. Feel free to bless others with these.

Today we collect the Society of St. Andrew Offering. Please bring it down during the Offertory.

In January we are collecting Hats, Gloves, & Scarves for the Christmas Shoe Boxes. There is a tote in the Narthex for boys and one for girls. Let’s fill these up each month so we can see how many boxes we can fill this coming November!

The Winter Seminar, hosted by the Blue Ridge Institute of Theological Education, will be on the topic of the Trinity and will be held in Roanoke, January 19-21. The cost is only \$100.

Informational sheets are on the table in the Narthex.

Lord, thank you for another year of life and all that you provided for us last year. We lay before you all the disappointments and unfinished work, and we ask for your mercy, peace, and joy as we look to the year ahead. May we delight in the gift of your presence as we discern the journey you have for us in this new year.

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Call to Worship – Psalm 29

*Hymn #398 “Baptized in Water”

First Lesson – Isaiah 42.1-9

Call to Prayer #604 “Shall We Gather at the River”

Pastoral Prayer (followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison)

Second Lesson – Romans 6.1-11

Offertory -

*Doxology – #668

*Gospel – Matthew 3.13-17 **“Praise be to thee, O Christ”**

Sermon – “Not as I Expected...Better!”

*The Apostles’ Creed

Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Unending Hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the Highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the Highest.

The Mystery of Faith:

Christ has died; Christ is Risen; Christ will come again.

Receiving the Body and Blood of Christ

*Hymn # 391 “We are Called to be God’s People”

*Benediction

*Dismissal and Recessional

Prayer List

Tom Langford, Bill Warman, Carolyn Ashwell, Liz Griffin, Harry Burns,
Larry Shepley, Diane Geiger, Gail Everett, Betty Mann, Katie Epley,
Yvette Clark, Darby Atkins, Mike Toney, Jean Moriety, Heather
Wright, Jimmy Gratto, Fred Greene, Starke Camden, Jean McCormick,
Cyndy Williams, Nikki Vogt, Gwen Miller, Chip Brand, Helen Kinzer
& those persecuted around the world.

Let us pray for all our elected Officials and our Country.

The situation in the Ukraine, the people of Moldova, esp. Dimitri, Stella
and Lorina, friends of Andy’s.
Michael & Danielle Dorrsett's baby Paisley, who will need heart surgery
Margaret Kihnley, sister of Sue Rossiter
Kathy Van Clapdurp
Glen Harvey
Keith Byers, friend of Sherry’s, recovering from a serious fall
Pat Wheeler, broken wrist
Bea Gardner, recuperating from knee surgery
Wayne Williams regaining strength
Robert Wright, recuperating from a heart attack
Chris Griffin, Web's mom, general health issues
Kelly Osborne, daughter of friend of the Kinzer’s with cancer
Betsy Hoefer, health issues
Charles and Lucinda Houglund
Sharon Powell, cancer, and Lisa Reynolds, Requested by the Harveys
Cayden Slayton, 11 yo, difficulties with COVID from last year
Dick Kihnley, Sue Rossiter’s brother in law, cardiac concerns
Justice Ashwell, Carolyn’s grandson
Katherine Stone, back surgery, friend Agnes
Leslie Hair, cancer
Duval McDaniel, Carey’s uncle, recovering from a fall and surgery
Laura Cash, friend of Web’s
Louanna Epley, lost her husband; Katie’s sister in law
Sherry Marsh, starting dialysis, and her family
Debbie Reeves, cancer
Kevin Thomas Mele, on dialysis
Nancy Turner, treatment for cancer, friend of Martha’s
Bob and Vivienne, friends of the Dietrich’s, health issues of Bob
Elwood Hutchins and his wife, with dementia, friends of Martha
Dr. Jim and Sue Henry, Mona's parents
Melody Henry, Mona's sister a nurse and all health care givers
Betty Shepherd, friend of Martha Mahanes