



## ETIPHANY/BAPTISM OF THE LORD

### Sunday, January 7, 2024



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## GATHERING

**PRELUDE:** *"Adoration"* .....Florence Price

### Welcome and Announcements

### CALL TO WORSHIP

The voice of the Lord is over the waters, and in the temple God's people say: Glory!  
The heavens opened, the Spirit descended, and a voice sounded: This is my Beloved Son.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, you sent your Son to be baptized among sinners, to seek and save the lost.  
May we, who have been baptized in his name, never turn away from the world, but  
reach out in love to rescue the wayward; by the mercy of Christ our Lord, who lives  
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

✦ **Hymn:** *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore The"* .....No. 464

### CALL TO CONFESSION

We have all sinned, not one of us is clean; but there is mercy for those who call on the  
name of the Lord. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

### CONFESSION OF SIN

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We  
confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring  
your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth,  
and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to  
welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge  
the world. Amen.

### *SILENT PRAYER*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Every valley is lifted up; every mountain, made low. Now the glory of the Lord is revealed, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

THE PEACE

Peace of Christ be with you! And also with you.

Gloria Patri.....No. 579

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, our hope and strength, by the power of your Spirit prepare the way in our hearts for the coming of your Word, so that we may see the glorious signs of your promise fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HEBREW LESSON

Genesis 1:1-5  
(Pg 1)

The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God

A READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalms 29  
(Pg 504)

EPISTLE LESSON

Acts 19:1-7  
(Pg 139)

The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark*  
Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:4-11  
(Pg 38)

*The Gospel of the Lord*  
Praise to you, O Christ

Message.....Reverend Kyle Armentrout-Steward

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

✦ Choral Response: "Peaceful As A Dove" .....Bob Moore

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)  
(Pg 14)

# EUCCHARIST

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

**Sanctus**.....Christopher Grundy

**Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again...**

## SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

✦ **Hymn of Reflection: "Fairest Lord Jesus"** .....No. 306

**The Lord's Prayer** (*DEBTS, DEBTORS*)

## SENDING

### OFFERING

✦ **DOXOLOGY**.....No. 592 (*Lyrics only*)

✦ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**O God, we recognize that we have been blessed with great abundance. In offering these gifts, may we be strengthened to proclaim your faithfulness and your salvation this day and always. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

✦ **Hymn: "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"**.....No. 398

✦ **CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

✦ **POSTLUDE**

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### PARTICIPATING IN OUR SERVICE TODAY:

Message.....Mayor David Goins

Liturgist.....Reverend Kyle Armentrout-Steward

Music Director.....Mark Brooks

Audio/Streaming technician.....Claudia Droste

Guest Violinist.....Eva Koxma

**NOTE: Where you see the " ✦ " symbol, please stand if you are able.**

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## The Weeks Ahead

**January 14th**– Ordination of Officers will take place during worship.

**January 21st**—Annual Congregational Meeting.

**If you have not turned in end of the year reports, please turn them in as soon as possible. Thank you and Happy New Year!**

## Volunteer Opportunities

If you need a ride to Sunday's service, please call the office at 618-465-3595. Thank you.

The deacons will be offering communion for homebound members. If you or someone you know is homebound and would like to receive communion please contact the office.

"Over 55" is back running thanks to our church. For more information, please reach out to Jacqueline Wiseman

