



This is
my beloved Son,
with whom I am
well pleased.

Matthew 3:17

The Baptism of Our Lord
January 8, 2023

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Brightest and Best”

Robert Hobby

The Ten Commandments *Please stand.*

The Lord is God, our God, and has brought us out of bondage to sin and death, commanding us to observe our conduct before him and our neighbor.

¹You shall have no other gods before me.

²You shall not take the name
of the Lord your God in vain;
for the Lord will not hold guiltless
those who take his name in vain.

³Remember the Sabbath day
to keep it holy.

⁴Honor your father
and your mother,
that your days may be long
in the land which the Lord
your God is giving you.

⁵You shall not kill.

⁶You shall not commit adultery.

⁷You shall not steal.

⁸You shall not bear false witness
against your neighbor.

⁹You shall not covet
your neighbor's house.

¹⁰You shall not covet your neighbor's wife,
his workers, his livestock,
or anything that is your neighbor's.

Confession and Absolution

Hymn: “Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing”

Greeting and Kyrie Eleison

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

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Leader:



Glory be to God on high!

Congregation:



And on earth peace, good will toward all. We praise you, we bless you,

we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory,

O Lord God, heaven - ly King, God the Father Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,

Son of the Father: You take away the sin of the world, have mercy
on us. You take away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.
You sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.
For you are holy; you on - ly are the Lord; You only, O Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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Leader: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And with your spirit.

Heavenly Father, in Jesus' baptism you declared him to be your beloved Son and set him apart as your agent of grace for your creation. May we who are baptized into his life also be sent as agents of grace in your world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.

A - men.

Please be seated.

First Lesson: Isaiah 42:1-9

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.

Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: "I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his Name;
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God
of | glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;

**⁶He makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the
LORD | shakes the wilderness;

the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.

**⁸The voice of the LORD makes the | oak trees writhe
and strips the | forests bare.**

⁹And in the temple | of the LORD
all are | crying, "Glory!"

**¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as King for- | evermore.**

¹¹The LORD shall give strength | to his people;
the LORD shall give his people the bless- | ing of peace.

Second Lesson: Romans 6:1-11

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

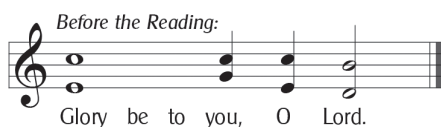
Offering

*Please stand for the Gospel.***Gospel Acclamation**

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The Gospel is written in the third chapter of Matthew.

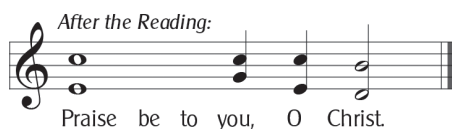


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Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles Creed

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We confess our faith with the Apostles Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father, the Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

Please be seated.

Children's Chat

Sermon: "Why Jesus was Baptized"

Hymn: "All Who Believe and Are Baptized"

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Prayers of the Church

Following each prayer:

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

Exhortation

Preface and Sanctus

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Leader *Congregation*



The Lord be with you. And with your spir - it

Leader



Lift up your hearts.

Congregation



We lift them to the Lord.

Leader



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places to give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who humbled himself by being baptized with the baptism of repentance so that he would be identified with sinners from the outset of his earthly ministry. In so doing you have made us, through Christian baptism, to have our identity in you, for which we are careful to rejoice and exclaim with all the company of heaven:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est

The Lord's Prayer

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Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

¹hallowed be thy name,

²thy kingdom come,

³thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

⁴Give us this day our daily bread;

⁵and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

⁶and lead us not into temptation,

⁷but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus, on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you; do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: Take, and drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Agnus Dei

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O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin
of the world, have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world,
grant us peace. A - - - - - men.

Distribution of Communion

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Remain seated after the distribution.

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood strengthen and preserve you in true faith to everlasting life.

Nunc Dimittus

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Lord, now let your servant de- | part in | peace,
ac- | cording to | your | word.
For my eyes have | seen your sal- | vation,
which you have prepared before the | face of | all | people:
A light to | lighten the | Gentiles
and the | glory of your | people | Israel.
Glory | be to the | Father,
and to the | Son, and to the | Holy | Spirit,
As it | was in the be- | ginning,
is now, and ever shall be, | world without | end. | A- | men

Thanksgiving

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Benedicamus

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Leader: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Leader: *Congregation:*

Bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “As with Gladness Men of Old”

Arr: Janet Linker

*We remain seated, worshipping silently during the postlude,
standing at the end of the postlude to face the processional cross,
now at the rear of the sanctuary.*

Benediction

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The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace.



Sunday, January 8

- Children's play dress rehearsal, 8:45am
- Children's play participants arrive at church, 3pm
- Children's play, 4pm (refreshments to follow)
- Kathy Ketchie Circle, 5pm
- Vespers at the parsonage—finger foods at 6pm; Vespers at 6:30pm are also live-streamed to our Facebook page.

Monday, January 9

- Faith Academy program, 1-3pm
- Grace Ridenhour & Hama Lingle Circles, out to eat, 6pm
- Melissa Lura Circle, 6:30pm

Tuesday, January 10

- Adult confirmation class at 10am and 6pm
- Bonnie Bost Circle, 7pm
- Executive Committee, 7pm
- Girl Scouts, 7pm

Wednesday, January 11

- Classical Conversations homeschool meets each week during the school year, 8:30am-3:30pm
- Call Committee, 6pm
- Choir practice, 6:30pm
- Confirmation, 7:30pm

Thursday, January 12

- Bible Study, 10am and 6pm

Sunday, January 15

- Finance Committee, 9am
- Youth & Family Committee, 2pm
- Men's Choir practice, 3pm
- Worship & Music Committee, 3pm
- Handbell practice, 4pm
- Vespers at the parsonage—finger foods at 6pm; Vespers at 6:30pm are also live-streamed to our Facebook page.

Acolyte and crucifer training will be held Sunday, January 22nd at 3pm in the sanctuary. This training is for any youth currently in the 4th grade or higher. Please contact Bethany Whisnant if your child plans to attend, or if you have any questions. You may text or call 704-640-2402.

Please **write your name in the friendship register** on your row so we will have a record of your attendance, and a record of how many people we have worshipping with us each Sunday. If you are visiting, and would like the pastor to contact you, please include your contact information.

Special prayers for members and friends of St. Paul’s:

- Jenny Earnhardt – Surgery this week
- Teresa Peeler – Recovering from surgery
- Crystal Moore – Cancer (friend of Amy Barringer)
- Lynn Proice – Health concerns
(daughter of Betty and Don Camerlin)
- George Reese – Recovering from surgery
- Dottie Stancil – Health concerns
- Abby Walker – Recovering from surgery
- Amy Watson – Cancer (friend of Greg Wilhelm)
- Jane Wilhelm – Health concerns

Please see the monthly Epistle for a complete list of prayer needs for members, homebound, family, and friends.

Stewardship

General Fund Offering (1/1)	\$4,122
Other Offering (1/1).....	\$609
Sunday School Attendance (1/1).....	60
Worship Attendance (1/1).....	169
General Fund YTD Receipts as of (1/1) ..	\$4,122
General Fund YTD Budget as of (1/1)	\$8,203

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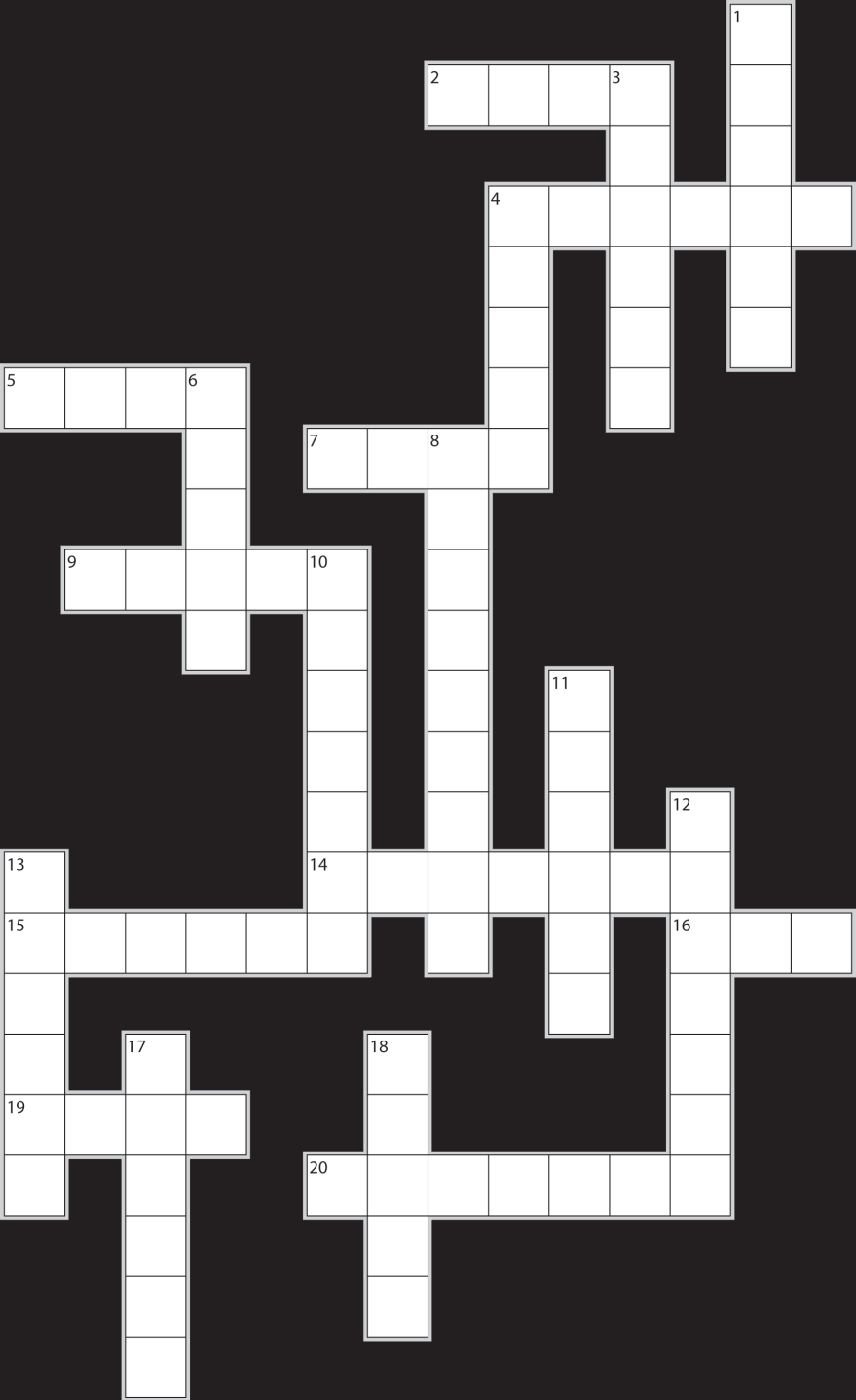
*Find the 25 **bold** words from Romans 6:1–5.*

K V Q L G A N E J N Y E X N N
J E I D C O I I V Y R F W E O
H F I N L P D S S I O O O W I
E E E U N I T N O C L R N N T
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T H M D E T I N U S M I K A R

What shall we say then? Shall we **continue** in **sin**, that **grace may abound**? **God forbid**! How could we who **died** to sin, **continue** to **live** in it? Or do you not **know** that all of us who were **baptized into Christ Jesus** were baptized into his **death**? We were **buried** therefore with him through **baptism** into death, that as Christ was **raised** from the dead through the **glory** of the **Father**, we also might **walk** in **newness of life**. For if we have become united with him in a death like his, we shall be **united** with him in a **resurrection** like his.

Unscramble the verse:

Siht si ym doelebv osn hitw omhw I ma wlel daelsep.



Two Year Daily Lectionary

Epiphany 1, Year 1

Sunday – Isaiah 40:1–11; Hebrews 1:1–12; John 1:1–7, 19–20, 29–34

Monday – Isaiah 40:12–24; Ephesians 1:1–14; Mark 1:1–13

Tuesday – Isaiah 40:25–31; Ephesians 1:15–23; Mark 1:14–28

Wednesday – Isaiah 41:1–16; Ephesians 2:1–10; Mark 1:29–45

Thursday – Isaiah 41:17–29; Ephesians 2:11–22; Mark 2:1–12

Friday – Isaiah 42:1–17; Ephesians 3:1–13; Mark 2:13–22

Saturday – Isaiah 42:18–43:13; Ephesians 3:14–21; Mark 2:23–3:6

ACROSS

2. If you wait for him, your strength will be renewed.
(Isaiah 40:25–31)
4. Repent and believe this. (Mark 1:14–28)
5. What John saw walking toward him (John 1:1–7, 19–20, 29–34)
7. God enlightens us so that we may have this. (Ephesians 1:15–23)
9. We are reconciled to God through this. (Ephesians 2:11–22)
14. Verses 21–23 begin to indicate that the God of Israel is this.
(Isaiah 41:17–29)
15. Jesus went from town to town to do this. (Mark 1:29–45)
16. Who is the radiance of the glory of God? (Hebrews 1:1–12)
19. God cannot be likened to this. (Isaiah 40:12–24)
20. Think: Verse four indicates that God predates this. (Isaiah 41:1–16)

DOWN

1. They ministered to Jesus in the wilderness. (Mark 1:1–13)
3. Where is the highway for God to be made straight? (Isaiah 40:1–11)
4. You have been saved by this. (Ephesians 2:1–10)
6. We have redemption through this. (Ephesians 1:1–14)
8. The affliction of the man brought to Jesus (Mark 2:1–12)
10. It was made for man. (Mark 2:23–3:6)
11. Who will be with you when you pass through the waters?
(Isaiah 42:18–43:13)
12. Through revelation this was made known. (Ephesians 3:1–13)
13. What God put upon his servant (Isaiah 42:1–17)
17. What Jesus told Levi to do (Mark 2:13–22)
18. Christ dwells in our hearts through this. (Ephesians 3:14–21)

Unscramble the verse:

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Next Sunday's Lessons: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 11:1-9; John 1:29-42a

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