

January 8, 2023

Baptism of Jesus

GATHERING MUSIC 8:15 *Light Dawns on a Weary World*

10:45 Choir *Light Dawns on a Weary World*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God says:

“Look! See my chosen servant,
the One in whom I utterly delight;

**All: I have placed my Spirit on him,
he will bring true justice to the nations.”**

Leader: When Jesus was baptized, the heavens opened up,
and the Spirit came down like a dove;

**All: and there was a voice from heaven saying:
“This is my dearly loved Son,
with whom I am delighted.”**

OPENING HYMN #793 vv 1, 2, 4 *Be Thou My Vision*

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Pastor: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism as we come before God to make public affirmation of baptism into Christ.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

All: Amen.

Pastor: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,
the powers of this world that rebel against God,
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**All: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

Pastor: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

All: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

All: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence both now and forever.

All: Amen.

FONT SONG #453 vv 1, 3, 4 *Baptized and Set Free*

(You are invited to the Baptismal font to touch the waters of God's presence of love and grace.)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY

NextGen, Bible Study, Ignite! Small Group

SCRIPTURE READING...ISAIAH 42:1-9 NRSV

Here is 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 or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;

a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

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 upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:

I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to 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 idols.

See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL...MATTHEW 3:13-17 NRSV

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, 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 it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented.

And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.

And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner

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MESSAGE SONG #581 vv 1, 2, 4 ***You Are Mine***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GENEROSITY IMPACT

Introducing our Interim Children's Ministry Coordinator, Megan Getman.

Megan joined our congregation a year ago and has been coordinating our Sunday School ministry this school year.

She will now be leading our children's ministry, including Sunday School and faith formation events.



Welcome to staff, Megan!

THANK OFFERING

- To make a gift online to the mission and ministry of Shepherd of the Hills, use this link: shephills.org/give.
- Scan the QR Code with your camera phone to give now.
- By mail, send to 3525 Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX 78746



OFFERING RESPONSE #692 *We Are An Offering*

PRAYER OF THANKS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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;
lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.

COMMUNION INVITATION

*As we celebrate this sacrament, all are invited to receive the Risen
presence of Jesus.*

*God is really present—in bread and wine—forgiving sins and
promising new life.*

Bread/wafer— “The body of Christ given for you”;

Wine— “The blood of Christ shed for you.”

COMMUNION MUSIC 10:45 Choir ***All Glory Is Yours*** Bob Moore

POST - COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Pastor: May your life be a river.
May you flow with the purpose
of the One who created
and called you,
who directs your course
and turns you ever
toward home.

May your way shimmer
with the light of Christ
who goes with you
who bears you up
who calls you by name.

May you move
with the grace of the Spirit
who brooded over
the face of the waters
at the beginning
and who will gather you in
at the end.

SENDING SONG Choir *I Saw the Light*

COMMISSIONING

Leader: Named and claimed by the waters of baptism and God's
holy Word, we are called out into the world, walking wet
with God's promises. We go in peace to love and serve the
Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God...And We Will!

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS

We pray for Rodney Varner and Callie Ray Bell.

We pray for family and friends of Shepherd members:

Adryana Aldeen, Director of Advancement at Mariposa.

Jim Enochs, father of Charlie Enochs.

Jim Butler, father of Katie Eckermann.

We pray for Rebecca Guengerich on the death of her cousin, Jim Nestingen. Surround all who mourn with the peace and promise of resurrection.

We pray for John Turman on the death of his uncle, Cliff Gustafson. Surround all who mourn with the peace and promise of resurrection.

We pray for the people of Ukraine caught in the middle of war and violence. Our hearts break when women and children are displaced and families torn apart by the evil actions of others. May you break open hearts so that swords may be beat into plowshares, spears into pruning hooks.

We pray for our global ministry partners: Rev. Karen Castillo in Guatemala; Iglesia Luterana Augustina Virgen del Rosario, Aurora 8 de Octubre, Guatemala. We pray for Malcolm and Joy Henderson and the ministry of CHARIS in Haiti.

We pray for our local ministries: Mariposa Family Learning Center, Bread For All and Upbring Ministries.

We pray for our faith community, that we may be a church without walls and live out loud...faithfully!

**Prayers for family and friends are listed for 2 weeks, unless we are notified otherwise.*

WORSHIP TEAM

Pastors Pr. Tom Grevlos, Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner
Director of Worship/Arts Kevin McClure
Acolyte (8:15) Austin Eckermann
Altar Steward (8:15) Kitt Richter; (10:45) Linda Roesle
Assisting Minister (8:15) Larry Wikelius; (10:45) Alana Oehler
AV Dave Wegner, Jamie Nichols, Peter Walsh, Jonathan Wolff,
Vince and Jake Yokubaitis, and Pete Forsberg
Bread Kitt Richter
Communion Assistant
(8:15) Larry Wikelius, Austin Eckermann, Kit Richter
(10:45) Alana Oehler, the Robertson family
Food For Fellowship Bob and Judy Haugen
Hosts (10:45) Anita Knight and the Robertson family
Tellers Anita Knight and the Robertson family
Admin Ministry Coordinator Amanda Forsberg
Campus Operations Dave Wegner
Communications Director Dabney Gomes
Student Ministry Coordinator Joel Timmons
Executive Director Bill Dawson
Finance Controller Kevin Marlow
Interim Children's Ministry Coordinator Megan Getman

HAVE A GREAT WEEK!

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