

KIMBALL MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 101 VANCE AVE. KANNAPOLIS, NC 28081

January 7, 2024 **Baptism of Our Lord**

11:00 am

A: Assisting Minister

C: Congregation



Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit of God moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.

Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

- Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy Ρ endures forever.
- С Amen.
- Ρ Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

- С we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake Ρ God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- С Amen.

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



✤ GREETING

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

✤ Kyrie

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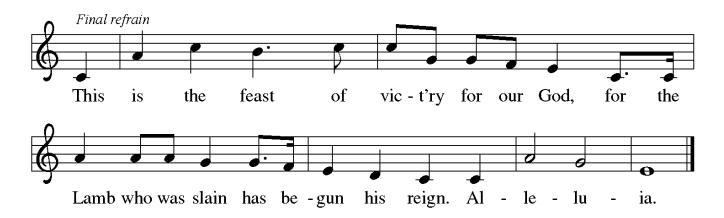


CANTICLE OF PRAISE

This is the Feast

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

LET'S TALK

Children's Time

Reading

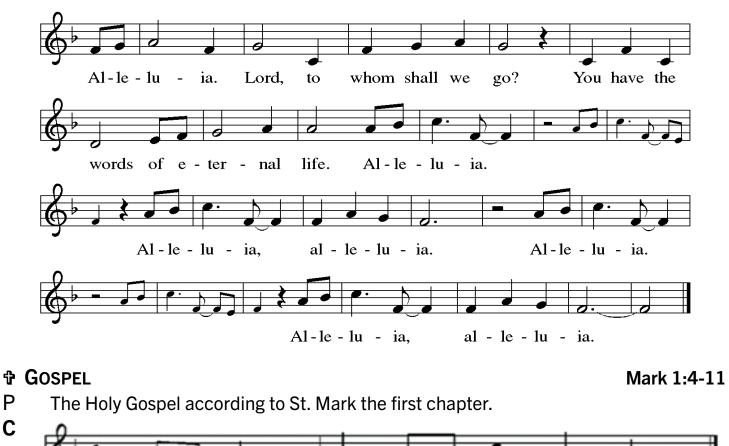
Acts 19:1-7

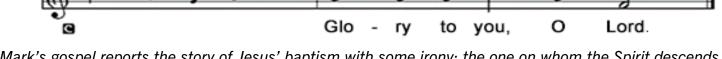
In Ephesus, Paul encounters people who had received John's baptism of repentance but had never heard of the Holy Spirit or of baptism in the name of Jesus. After Paul baptizes them, the Holy Spirit comes upon them and empowers them with gifts of the Spirit.

L A reading from the nineteenth chapter of Acts.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

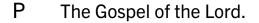
- L Word of God, word of life.
- C Thanks be to God.
- L Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.





Mark's gospel reports the story of Jesus' baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." ⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."





BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

SERMON



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HOLY BAPTISM

P In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

A sponsor for each candidate, in turn, presents the candidate.

I present Maydin Ezra Kohlmeier to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

- P In Christian love you have presented this child for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring him to the services of God's house, and teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As he grows in years, you should place in his hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for his instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of his Baptism and in communion with the Church, he may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ.
- P Do you promise to fulfill these obligations? I do.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

A As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

Each prayer petition will conclude: "God of grace," The congregation's response is: **"receive our prayer."**

- P Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
- C Amen.

THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give him thanks and praise.
- P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

- P By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- P Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that he who is here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of him who is cleansed by this water and bring him forth as an inheritor of your glorious kingdom.
- P To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
- C Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

- P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.
- P Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?
- C I do.
- P Do you believe in God the Father?
- C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- C 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.
- P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- C 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. Amen.

BAPTISM

P *Maydin Ezra Kohlmeier*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon *Maydin*: 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.
- C Amen.

The minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized.

- P *Maydin*, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.
- C Amen.

A lighted candle may be given to by a representative of the congregation who says:

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

- P O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon the father and mother of this child. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their child. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with their child the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

WELCOME

The ministers and the baptismal group turn toward the congregation; a representative of the congregation says:

- P Through Baptism God has made this new brother a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.
- C We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.
- ✤ Sharing of God's Peace
- A Following his resurrection, the Lord Jesus breathed peace upon his disciples. We share in this peace of Christ in the Church today. The peace of the Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- A Please greet those around you with words of peace.

(Especially greet the children and youth.)



OFFERING PRAYER

- P Let us pray. Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.
- C Amen.

✤ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

✤ Lord's Prayer

- P Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit let us pray, as Jesus taught.
- C 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 and ever. Amen.

✤ INVITATION

P In this meal, righteousness and peace meet together. Come, take your place at the table.

You may receive the Elements as the words are said: The Body of Christ given for you; The Blood of Christ shed for you.

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.
- C Amen.

✤ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.
- C Amen.

BENEDICTION

- P God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
 + bless you and remain with you always.
- C Amen.
- SENDING HYMN

Brightest and Best of the Stars

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- DISMISSAL
- A Go in peace to serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

SENDING HYMN

Brightest and Best of the Stars

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KIMBALL'S WEEKLY NEWS January 7, 2024



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and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.

THIS WEEK AT KIMBALL

Sunday 1/07

7:15 am Men's Breakfast 8:30 am Contemporary Worship 9:45 am Joe Gribble SS 10:00 am Faith Formation 11:00 am Traditional Worship 6:00 pm Epiphany Dinner

Monday 1/09 6:30 pm Book Club at Fran Pattersons

Wednesday 1/10 6:30 pm Contemporary Ensemble Practice

Thursday 1/11 5:00 pm Samaritan's Table 7:00 pm Property Committee

Sunday 1/14 8:30 am Contemporary Worship 9:45 am Joe Gribble SS 10:00 am Faith Formation 11:00 am Traditional Worship

COMMITMENT CARDS / TIME AND TALENT

If you have not turned in your 2024 Commitment Cards or Time and Talent form, please do so as soon as possible. They are available from our ushers and can be placed in the offering plates, or you may bring them by or mail them to the Church Office. Thank you for your commitment to Christ's Church.



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God's work. Our hands.



EPIPANY CELEBRATION

Our Epiphany Celebration is this Sunday evening, at 6:00 pm, sponsored by our Young Adult

Sunday School Class. We will enjoy a time of good food (Soup and Sandwich Supper) and fellowship including the Three Kings Cake. You will also have an opportunity to meet our new Music Director, Brian Sevison. A nursery is provided...it will NOT be a late evening. We hope you signed up to join us!

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given by Ryan and Natalie Keith to the Glory of God and in honor of our daughter, Iris Amanda Keith. Happy 2nd birthday. We love you very much.



TUESDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB SPECIAL GUEST AUTHOR

Our Tuesday Morning Book Club will

be meeting at 10:00 am on January 16th in the church parlor. We are excited to welcome Author Susan Amond Todd from Matthews, NC as our guest speaker.

Anyone is welcome to be part of this event. Please let Donna Taylor (704-224-7327) or Prebble Henrickson (704-425-3032) know if you will attend in order to provide adequate refreshments.

IT'S WITH GREAT JOY that we welcome the Kohlmeier family (Steve and May) this morning, as they transfer their membership to us and as we baptize Maydin at our 11:00 Service.

The family is sponsored by Phil and Debbie Troutman, and are at home at 325 Cook Street in Kannapolis (704-490-5147). There will be more information on this family in the February Issue of the Newsletter. We rejoice to have them as our newest members!

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WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

All names will remain on the prayer list for only 2 weeks, unless resubmitted.

KIMBALL MEMBERS

Svlvia Anderson Jerry Beam Becky Brantley Brad Brothers Sharon and Doug Brothers Brenda Brown Mabel Brown **Buttner Family** Florence Calandra Jean Davis Mary Dorton Lisa and Eddie Dunlow Teresa Erwin Caleb Falls Ava Farris Shelly Farris Judy Ferguson Liz Fisher Fran and Keith Garver Leigh Glass Todd Haley Prebble Henrickson **Bob Hill and Family** Teresa Erwin Tim and Huyla Jackson David and Diana Keck, Sr. Eric and Jenny Jones Steve and Peggy Lynch Ed MacTaggart Dianne Marlin Margaret McCombs Taylor and Kaylee Murph Hunter and Holden Patterson John Patterson Marty and Perriann Payne John Pendleton Louise Propst Andy, Lisa, Grace, and Blake Robinson Joe Saullo Juanene Savage Kathy and Cliff Scott **Betty Shaver Roger Sizemore** Conrad Sloop **Earlene Snipes** Mary Jo Snipes Gaye St. John Sarah Teumer **Randy Triece** John Troutman **Betty Walker** BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Dana Absher **Richard and Peggy Barlowe** Hans Bengston DeBerry and Judy Blackwelder Dennis Blackwelder Margaret Blackwelder Tommy Brown Terry Burton **Charlie Buttne** Florence Calandra Family of Jacob Cole Tim Cox Ben Davenport Mike Davis Val and Judy Edwards Elvin, Janet, AC, Ava Will Fesperman Tommy Graves Julie Hagy Hearn Family Kym Lawson Phyllis Lee Nancy Mitchell Paul Parker Baby Cohen Pence Quinn Family Mishrelle Rayfield Gary Ritchie Gerri Ruane David Shippel Pete Stone Allison Tice Ken Upright Wiley Family Buck and Judy Wingler Joann and Albert Wingler

PRAYERS-SPECIAL NEEDS If you know of a member of the congregation who is hospitalized, sick, or has special needs, contact:

Church Office @ 704-933-4101 Pastor John Futterer @ 704-699-2547 Deacon Liz Fisher @ 704-713-1758.

MILITARY

- Rajeem Baptist (Washington)
- Robert Busteed, Jr. (Virginia)
- Christopher Bame (California)
- Dustin Gatz (Serbia)
- Ben Kirchner (Georgia)
- Chris Kirchner (Missouri)
- Preston Mays (Maryland)
- Mike Peterson (Virginia)
- Chris Overcash (NC)
- Andrew Smith (Arizona)

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS January 7, 2024

LECTORS 8:30 David Sloan 11:00 Michele Nichols

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS 8:30 David Sloan / 11:00 Anne Futterer

Acolytes 8:30 Riley Dodson / 11:00 Liza Lee

COUNCIL ASSISTANTS 8:30 Donna Taylor / Melissa Little 11:00 Tom Ramseur / Ben Hesley

COMMUNION PREPARERS 8:30 Debbie and Jessica Troutman 11:00 Tim and Huyla Jackson

> HEALING PRAYER MINISTERS 8:30 Debbie Troutman 11:00 Lindsay Daugherty

GREETERS 8:30 Melissa Little / Doris Teumer 11:00 Alice Lloyd / Shirley Miller

PROJECTION/SOUND 8:30 Randy Price / Rick Teumer 11:00 Nathan and Abby Carpenter

> TELLERS Randy and Amy Price

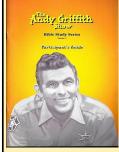
BLESSING BOX NEEDS

ITEMS WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF:

- Poptarts
- Canned Chicken and Tuna
- Vienna Sausages
- Apple Sauce and Fruit Cups
- Canned Good
- Mac 'N Cheese
- Ramen Noodles
- Saltine Crackers
- Graham Crackers

Thanks! Kara Hardister / Kathy Hunter

Please place your items in the old Joe Gribble Sunday School Classroom on the first floor of the educational building.



ANDY GRIFFITH BIBLE STUDY

Pastor John begins a six week class entitled "The Andy Griffith Bible Study" beginning next Sunday morning in the Young Adult Sunday School Classroom, upstairs near the nursery. If you're a young adult and

not already involved in Sunday School - please join us! There is nursery care during the Sunday School Hour...please join us!

ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTIONS

BILL PAY – Most banks today offer a bill payment service with recurring feature. Individuals can set up their offering as a bill, and a check will be issued from that account and mailed to Kimball. The frequency of the check issuance and the amount of the check is determined by the individual and is easily changed.

TITHE.LY (through kimballchurch.org) – By going to our church website, individuals can present offerings through an electronic service provided by Tithe.ly. The offerings can be set up as a one-time event or as recurring. There is a charge for this service and the individual has the option of paying the charge, or the amount will be deducted from the offering when sent to Kimball. If you would like any more information about any of these options, or assistance in getting one of the options set up, please contact any member of the finance team, or the church office.





Our next Youth event is Saturday, January 20th - a trip to Charlotte for lunch and a Charlotte Checkers' Hockey Game. We'll meet at Kimball Memorial at 12:30 on that Saturday. Cost is \$20 for lunch/hockey - Please turn your money in to the Church Office or speak with Deacon Liz or Pastor John about your desire to attend. Thank you!

KIMBALL STAFF

Rev. John Futterer, Senior Pastor pastor@kimballchurch.org

Deacon Liz Fisher, Minister of Word & Service youth@kimballchurch.org

> Keith Sutton, Parish Administrator churchoffice@kimballchurch.org

Brian Sevison, Music Director (Chancel Choir / Handbells) and Accompanist <u>music@kimballchurch.org</u>

Rev. Dr. David Keck, Pastor Emeritus Mabel Brown, Parish Worker Emerita

INCLEMENT WEATHER: In case of icy/snowy weather this winter, please check our website, facebook page, and WSOC Channel 9 for updates on cancellations/postponements. We will also be sending out text/phone messages to inform the congregation about any changes in worship or other activities should the weather become dangerous.