



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

January 7, 2024

Baptism of Our Lord

8:30 am

P: Pastor

A: Assisting Minister

C: Congregation

GATHERING MUSIC

Shine, Jesus Shine

Graham Kendrick

BOB 204

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

ELW 817

WELCOME

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.

LET'S TALK

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.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the first chapter.

C **Glory to you O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11

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."

P The Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor John Futterer

SONG OF RESPONSE

I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry

John Ylvisaker

BOB 116

The image shows a musical score for a song. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written between the staves. The first system contains three lines of lyrics, and the second system contains two lines of lyrics.

1. "I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be
2. "When you heard the won - der of the Word I was
3. "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too

there when you are old. I re -
there to cheer you on; you were
old, no lon - ger young, I'll be

joyed the day you were bap - tized to
 raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to
 there to guide you through the night, com -

see your life un - fold. I was
 whom you now be - long. If you
 plete what I've be - gun. When the

there when you were but a child, with a
 find some - one to share your time and you
 eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you

faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you
 join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your
 shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as I have

3rd time to stanza 4

wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."
 vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
 al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."

4. "I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be

there when you are old. I re -

joiced the day you were bap - tized to

see your life un - fold."

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be God, the one who forms us, + Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

C Amen.

P Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God,

C you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake 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.

C Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

A With the people of God in Christ now and in every time, let us confess our faith.

C **I believe in God, the Father 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 catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

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.**

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

We have two options for Communion during this time. You are free to come forward to receive the bread and pre-filled cups of wine from our clergy and lay assistants, returning to your seats after you've deposited the empty cup and following the guidance of our ushers; or you may continue to use the pre-packaged communion elements which are available from the ushers at the entrance to the Sanctuary. However you choose to receive Communion this morning, know that we are glad you're here for this Sacrament!

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 Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

You may receive the Elements as the words are said:

The Body of Christ given for You; The Blood of Christ shed for You.





- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
 What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en?
 What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His Grace.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The God of glory, + Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG

The River is Here

Andy Park

BOB 215

VERSE

1. ♪ Down the__moun - tain, the riv - er__ flows__ and it
2. The riv - er__ of God { is teem-ing__ with life, ♪ and
3. Up to the__moun - tain we love to__ go,__ ♪ to

brings re - fresh - ing wher - ev - er it goes.__ ♪
all who__ touch__ it can be__ re - vived.__ And
find the__ pres - ence ♪ of__ the Lord.__ A -

Through the__ val - leys and o - ver__ the fields, the
all who__ lin - ger on this riv - er's shore, will
long the__ banks__ of the riv - er__ we run, we

riv - er__ is rush - ing and the riv - er__ is here. The
come__ back thirst - ing for__ more of__ the Lord. The
dance__ with laugh - ter, giv - ing praise to__ the Son. The

CHORUS

riv - er of God sets our feet to danc - ing, the

riv - er of God fills our hearts with cheer; The

riv - er of God fills our mouths with laugh - ter and

we re - joice for the riv - er is here.

THE DISMISSAL

A Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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.



EPIPHANY 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!

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

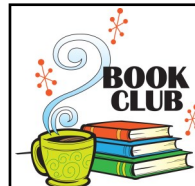
- 5:00 pm Samaritan's Table
- 7:00 pm Property Committee

Sunday 1/14

- 8:30 am Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am Joe Gribble SS
- 10:00 am Faith Formation
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship

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.

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.

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!

WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

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

KIMBALL MEMBERS

Sylvia 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 Triage
John Troutman
Betty Walker

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 Busted, 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

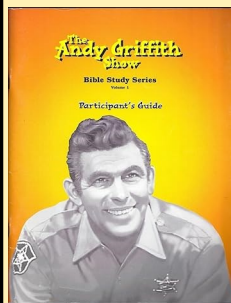
ITEMS WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF:

- 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.

REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING	
December 31, 2023	
Attendance	129
GENERAL FUND	\$ 6,427.00



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

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music@kimballchurch.org

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.