

THE CHURCH OF THE MASTER

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Welcome to worship in the name of God the Father, his beloved Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, who descended as a dove at Jesus' baptism. May we all sense God's touch today.

First Sunday After the Epiphany Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 2026

11:00 AM

Silent Preparation for Worship

May we always live "soaking wet" in the waters of baptism.

May worship today refresh us for living out our faith all week.

Welcome

* **Hymn of Praise #319 - Blessed Assurance**

* **Call to Worship:** (responsively)

Christ was brought to Jerusalem and presented to the Lord at the time of purification. The proper sacrifice was made, according to the law of Moses.

HIS PARENTS FULFILLED THAT WHICH WAS REQUIRED OF THEM.

Simeon was a devout man. The spirit revealed that Simeon would see the Messiah before he died.

THE SPIRIT'S WORDS WERE FULFILLED AND SIMEON MET THE MESSIAH.

The Lord will always faithfully fulfill his promises to us through his Son.

WE SHALL PROCLAIM WITH SIMEON, "MY EYES HAVE SEEN YOUR SALVATION!"

COME, LET US WORSHIP HIM, AS IN THIS NEW YEAR WE BEGIN OUR DAYS AND OUR LIVING IN THE PRESENCE AND PROMISE OF CHRIST'S FORGIVING LOVE. AMEN.

* **Prayer of Praise and Adoration**

* **Confession of Faith - Apostles' Creed (#622 in hymnal), page 5 on this PDF**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

DEAR GOD, WE DON'T EXPECT MUCH. WE DON'T PRAY PASSIONATELY AND WAIT PATIENTLY. WE DON'T LOOK FOR ANSWERED PRAYER IN THE TEMPLE OR ANYPLACE ELSE. GOD, MAKE US MORE LIKE SIMEON! WHEN PRAYERS AREN'T ANSWERED ACCORDING TO OUR TIME FRAME, WHEN WE DON'T SEE ANY PROOF THAT YOU ARE WORKING, WE GROW FRUSTRATED, EVEN ANGRY WITH YOU. TEACH US TO GROW IN THE SILENT DAYS OF WAITING FOR YOUR PROMISES TO BE FULFILLED. GOD, MAKE US MORE LIKE SIMEON! FORGIVE US WHEN WE ATTEMPT TO RECREATE YOU AND YOUR WILL ACCORDING TO OUR WISHES. GIVE US EYES TO SEE YOU AS YOU REALLY ARE, AND TO BELIEVE THAT YOU FULFILL ALL OUR DREAMS. GOD, MAKE US MORE LIKE SIMEON!
AMEN

Announcements

* *Hymn of Preparation #66 - "There's Something About That Name"*

Epiphany Theme: "Epiphany Reveals Who Christ Jesus Is!"

Scripture: Isaiah 42:1-9 (vv.1-3,4-6,7-9)

Matthew 3:13-17 (vv.13-15,16-17)

Sermon: "Epiphany Reveals Who Christ Jesus Is: The New Era Servant and Beloved Only Begotten Son of the Father!"

Lord's Prayer

* *Doxology (#39)*

* *Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings*

* *Prayer*

* *Closing Hymn #80 - "Take the Name of Jesus With You"*

* Please stand if able

Church of the Master Ministries

Sunday	11:00 AM	Worship Service (Holy Communion celebrated on the 1 st Sunday of each month)
	12:00 PM	"Hour of Prayer Power" in Hahn Hall.
Monday	5:00-9:00 PM	Bushiken Karate
Tuesday:	6:45 PM	Bible Study Fellowship (Men's Group) - contact Ed Bungert, zajdml@optimum.net
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Online Bible study: Contact Ron Rivera for info on joining
	5:00-9:00PM	Bushiken Karate
Thursday	7:30 PM	Women's Alcoholic Anonymous
Saturday	12:00 noon	Online Bible study: Contact Ron Rivera for info on joining
	9:30AM-1:00PM	Bushiken Karate

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

"Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer"

The Prayer List

Our prayers reflect a wonderful and whole-hearted commitment to intercessory prayer by this congregation. Each name will remain on the prayer list for 3 weeks.

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Prayers for Those with Special Needs:

Diane * Elena Caldera * Anne Dowling * Jerry Kemps * Jane Maze * Donald Zuvich

Prayers for Those Who Are Ill or have Medical Concerns:

Lily * Kathy Cortese * Heather * Carole Mahon * Pat * Elder Alistair Sealy * Francesca * Mike * Rev. Liz Brantum * Frank Font * Sharon Alexander * Rosa Stewart * Terry Mahon * Carol & Wally Cintron * Gene Peterson * Damon Hayden * Janet (friend of Mahon family) * Beverly Morrison * Patti Zeig * Rev. Singletary * Connie * Loretta Byrd & Wendy * Diante * Allen Ford * Alice & Alex Rivera * Arlene 'Auntie' Mayers *

Prayers for Those Dealing with Turmoil or Family Difficulties:

Pat's family * Cintron family * Heather * Donny & Carolyn Rosemond * Nancy & Gene Peterson * Barbara * Jay Escobar & family * Sharon Alexander * Damon & Alex and family * Wintress * Kiera & Avery & Martz family * Tyler, Nicole & Jackson * All caregivers * everyone battling addictions

Prayers For Those Seeking Direction/Needing God's Presence in Their Lives:

Heather * Zachariah Bungert * Ed & Marnie Reidy and their sons * Elvis Frias Sr. & Theresa * Diante Stinson * Corey Streeter * young adults

Prayers for Those Seeking Employment:

Prayers for World Concerns:

Concerns for job security for Federal workers * An end to the war between Russia & Ukraine and the Middle East conflict * An end to all the violence * Peace and healing in our community and the nation * All first responders * Our country's safety * The future of our churches * The President and his administration * Pastor Sohail Latif and his congregation in Pakistan * Worldwide conflicts * Sean Buckley & Katie Mahon and all active duty members & their families

Prayers for the families & friends of those who have died:

PRAYERS FOR THE GROWTH OF CHURCH OF THE MASTER:

Lord, please send people through our doors with whom we can share the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH OF THE MASTER MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Christ-centered community church united in prayer and loving Christian fellowship, Bible teaching and preaching Christ crucified,

Blessed Assurance — 319

FANNY J. CROSBY

PHOEBE P. KNAPP



1. Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je-sus is mine! O what a fore - taste of
2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per-fect de - light! Vi-sions of rap - ture now
3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion—all is at rest, I in my Sav - ior am



glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God,
burst on my sight; An - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove
hap - py and blest; Watch-ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove,

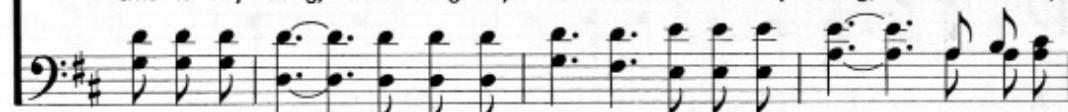
CHORUS



Born of His Spir - it, washed in His blood.
Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. This is my sto - ry,
Filled with His good-ness, lost in His love.



this is my song, Prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long; This is my



sto - ry, this is my song, Prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long.



ASSURANCE AND TRUST

The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

From thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.**

There's Something About That Name — 66

GLORIA GAITHER and
WILLIAM J. GAITHER

WILLIAM J. GAITHER

Music score for 'There's Something About That Name' in 3/4 time, featuring a treble clef and a bass clef. The lyrics are as follows:

Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus; There's just some-thing a - bout that
name! Mas-ter, Sav-ior, Je - sus, Like the fra-grance
aft-er the rain; Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus, Let all
heav-en and earth pro - claim: Kings and king-doms will
all pass a - way, But there's some-thing a - bout that name!

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WORSHIP: THE SON

Isaiah 42:1-9 (vv. 1-3, 4-6, 7-9) Matthew 3: 13-17 (vv. 13-15, 16-17)

“Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom I delight;
I will put my Spirit on him,
and he will bring justice to the nations.
² He will not shout or cry out,
or raise his voice in the streets.
³ A bruised reed he will not break,
and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.
In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;

⁴ he will not falter or be discouraged
till he establishes justice on earth. In his
teaching the islands will put their hope.”

⁵ This is what God the LORD says—
the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them
out, who spreads out the earth with all that
springs from it, who gives breath to its people,
and life to those who walk on it:

⁶ “I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness;
I will take hold of your hand. I will
keep you and will make you to be a cove-
nant for the people and a light for the Gen-
tiles,

⁷ to open eyes that are blind, to free captives
from prison and to release from the dungeon
those who sit in darkness.

⁸ “I am the LORD; that is my name!
I will not yield my glory to another
or my praise to idols.

⁹ See, the former things have taken place,
and new things I declare; before they spring
into being I announce them to you.”

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴ But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

¹⁵ Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.

¹⁶ As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

80 — Take the Name of Jesus with You

LYDIA BAXTER

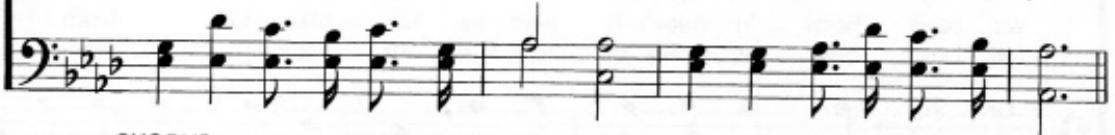
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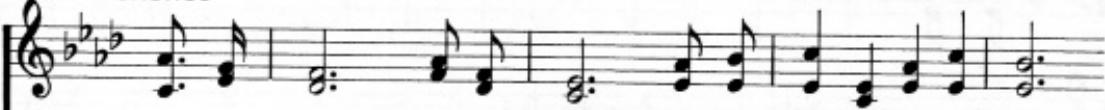
1. Take the name of Je - sus with you, Child of sor - row and of woe;
2. Take the name of Je - sus ev - er, As a shield from ev-'ry snare;
3. O the pre-cious name of Je - sus! How it thrills our souls with joy,
4. At the name of Je - sus bow - ing, Fall - ing pros-trate at His feet,



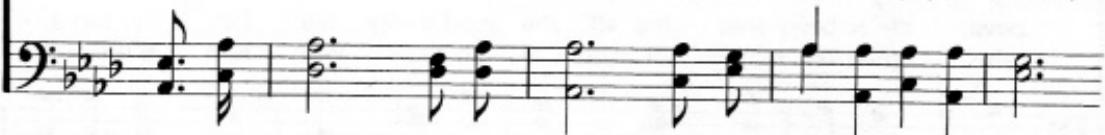
It will joy and com - fort give you— Take it, then, wher-e'er you go.
If temp - ta - tions round you gath - er, Breathe that ho-ly name in prayer.
When His lov - ing arms re - ceive us And His songs our tongues em-ploy!
King of kings in heav'n we'll crown Him When our jour-ney is com - plete.



CHORUS



Pre - cious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heav'n;



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WORSHIP: THE SON