

***DOXOLOGY #607**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN #634**

To God Be the Glory

***BENEDICTION**

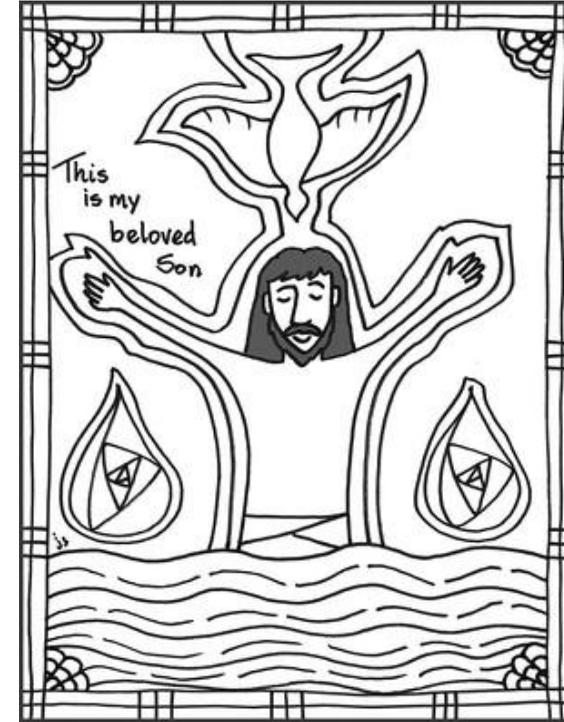
POSTLUDE

Come Christians Join to Sing, arr. Michael Ware

Thank you for sharing in this time of worship with us. Thank you for sharing in this time of worship with us. The liturgist is Jason Pinkerton. The Usher is Kristen Tyagi. Sharing her gift of music is Dani Patdu-Pinkerton. Coffee hour is hosted by Gloria Hurdle. The worship service is recorded and available on YouTube and the church's website.

Large print hymn books, individual seat cushions, and children's activity packets are available from the usher at the entrance. Children of all ages are welcome to stay in the sanctuary for all parts of the worship service. There is also childcare available in the room off the front of the sanctuary. A diaper changing station is in the room labeled "Teen Lounge" just past the bathrooms

Bathrooms are located outside of the sanctuary to the right, through the narthex, and up the small set of stairs. An ADA-accessible bathroom is located in the fellowship hall. To access the fellowship hall, drive around to the parking lot and enter through the double doors.



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BAPTISM OF THE LORD

CHURCH OF THE COVENANT

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 11, 2026

Baptism of the Lord

11:00 am

(*) *You're invited to stand as you are able.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE Simple Gifts/Sheep May Safely Graze, arr. Jennifer Eklund

ANNOUNCEMENTS & MOMENT OF PREPARATION Rev. Caitlin Culp

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: In the waters of baptism,

People: God marks us as kindred in His name.

Leader: In the waters of baptism,

People: the heavens open up and the Spirit pours out love.

Leader: In the waters of baptism,

People: God names us Beloved.

Leader: In the waters of baptism,

People: God claims us as Her own.

***OPENING HYMN #688** *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Gracious God, you claim us and call us, you support us and uphold us, you save us and free us from our sin. Yet we slip into old habits, worshiping idols that have claimed our hearts, disregarding our impact on the earth and our neighbors.

Forgive us. Meet us at the water again, that we might know we belong to you.

Silent prayer...

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***RESPONSE #582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

ANTHEM *Meditation* by Massenet Dani Patdu-Pinkerton, violin

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Jason Pinkerton

FIRST SCRIPTURE Psalm 29 Jason Pinkerton

Leader: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN Kent Hamaker

SECOND SCRIPTURE Matthew 3:13-17

SERMON Caitlin Culp

***HYMN #10** *Sing Glory to the Name of God*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Unison*) *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, 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 the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

You're invited to share prayer requests aloud.

Prayer requests are in the bulletin insert.

INSTALLATION OF THE RULING ELDER CLASS OF 2028

Questions for the Incoming Ruling Elders

Questions for the Congregation

Caitlin Culp

Clerk of Session

EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING