

Colonial Heights

United Methodist Church



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Baptism of the Lord

Whether this is your first time with us, a return visit or something you do every Sunday morning, we are delighted that you are here. Thank you for joining us today and we look forward to seeing you again. Have a blessed day!

Children's Worship

Welcome

Prelude

It Is Well With My Soul
arr Mary McDonald , CCLI#5875665

David Eilart

Call to Worship

Come! Let us follow Jesus to the edge of the Jordan River to be baptized.

We come to be cleansed and made whole.

Come! Let us witness John's confusion and Jesus' insistence that John baptize God Incarnate.

We come to join Jesus in choosing life in the kingdom of God.

Come! Let us hear God declare the truth of Jesus' identity and the truth of our identity as baptized people.

We come to remember and embody who we are as beloved children of God.

Come! Let us worship God who leads us into the baptismal waters and salvation life.

We come to worship God who empowers us through divine presence to live together as the family of God.

*Opening Hymn

Baptized In Water (vs 1, 3)

CCLI #2700434

CEL 465

Opening Prayer

Eternal God,
at the baptism of Jesus,
you revealed him to be your Son,
and anointed him with the Holy Spirit,
Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit
faithful to their calling as your people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Posted on the Church of Scotland's Starters for Sunday website, <https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/home>. Re-posted on the re:Worship blog at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2014/01/collect-baptism-of-our-lord.html>.

Prayer and
The Lord's
Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as 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, for ever.

Amen.

*Hymn **Take My Life And Let It Be Consecrated** CEL 597

(vs 1,5,6)

Frances Ridley Havergal, Henri Abraham Cesar
Malan CCLI #1390

Offertory

Doxology **Praise God From Whome All Blessings Flow** UMH 94

Words: Thomas Ken
Music: Geitstliche Kirchengesange harmony by Ralph Vaughan Williams

Scripture

Isaiah 42:1-9
Matthew 3:13-17

Message **Power of Presence** Rev. Rhonda Hobbs

Time of Reflection

Prayer of Confession

We are incredibly stubborn, O Lord.
We have entered the season
in which your light has been given to the world,
your blessings have been poured out on the world,
and yet all we can think about is our own problems,
our own needs, our own desires.
Help us to desire you, Lord.
Help us to yearn for your presence.
Pour your baptismal waters over us again,
cleansing us from our self-pity and arrogance.
Nourish and heal us so that we may joyfully serve you.
Wash away our jealousy, greed,
and all negative thoughts and behaviors
that stand in the way of our truly being
the people you have called us to be.
Again, let us receive the blessings offered in creation,
in the birth and baptism of Jesus,
and in the ministry of the saints of light.
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

The love of God is always offered to us,
freely, joyfully, for all eternity.
Rejoice, dear friends,
this is the good news of our Lord. Amen.

Posted on the Worship Connection page of the Ministry Matters website, <http://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/article/entry/4549/worship-connection-january-12-2014>. Re-posted on the re:Worship blog at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2014/01/epiphany-confession-baptism-of-our-lord.html>.

*Hymn

Just As I Am (vs 1,2,4)

CEL 488

Charlotte Elliott, David Moffitt, Sue C. Smith,
Travis Cottrell, William Batchelder Bradbury
CCCLI#5635850

Benediction

Postlude

**Congregation Standing, as able*



Inclement Weather Policy

For the safety of our congregation and staff, Colonial Heights UMC follows the Knox County Schools inclement weather schedule.

If Knox County Schools are **closed due to weather**, all church services and activities will be **canceled or postponed** for that day.

Upcoming Events

Ash Wednesday Service, Feb 18 at 6 pm

Palm Sunday Service, March 29 at 10:45 am

Maundy Thursday Service, April 2 at 6 pm

Children's Easter Event, April 4 at 11 am

Easter Day Services, April 5, 2026

Sunrise at 7:30 am

Breakfast to follow

Worship Service at 10:45 am

Upcoming Bible Study

Why Did Jesus Have to Die?

Bible study based on Adam Hamilton's book

Our Lenten Bible study will begin on **Sunday, February 1, at 3:00 p.m.** in the J Ray Stuart Sunday school room. We will wrestle with the question, "Why Did Jesus Have to Die?" using the book by the same title by Rev. Adam Hamilton. There will be six sessions, about 90 minutes each allowing time for Hamilton's video presentation and class discussion.

The syllabus is below.

Books: The cost of books has increased a great deal. We are asking that each participant **purchase their own book and read the first chapter** (if possible) by February 1st start of class. Amazon prime members may purchase the book on sale for \$15.99 from **January 14th to 24th**, the regular price is \$23. There is also a Kindle version \$13.

Syllabus (subject to change if inclement weather)

2/1/26	Introduction / Chapter 1 Lift High the Cross
2/8/26	Ch. 2 O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done
2/15/26	No Class – Happy Valentine's Day Weekend
2/22/26	Ch 3 Agnus Dei: Atonement as New Passover
3/1/26	Ch. 4 Were You There
3/8/26	Ch 5 What Wondrous Love Is This
3/15/26	Ch 6 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

This Week @ Colonial Heights Jan 11 to 18

Office Hours : Monday thru Thursday 9 am to 2 pm

<u>Sunday</u>	9:45 am	School	<u>Sunday</u>	9:45 am	School
	10:45am	Worship		10:45am	Worship
<u>Wednesday</u>	5:00 pm	Feed the Hungry			
	5:30 pm	Handbells			
	6:00 pm	Choir Practice			
	7:00 pm	SpiritLed Practice			

Upcoming Feed the Hungry Meals

- Wednesday, **January 14** (5-6pm), Lasagna
- Wednesday, **January 21** (5-6 pm) is Chilli & Cornbread
- Wednesday, **January 28** (5-6 pm) is Minestrone Soup
- Wednesday, **February 4** (5-6 pm) is Pork Chop Dinner
- Wednesday, **February 11** (5-6 pm) is Meatloaf Dinner
- Wednesday, **February 18** (5-6 pm) is Chicken Pasta Dinner
- Wednesday, **February 25** (5-6 pm) is Swedish Meatball Dinner

Outreach : We are still collecting hats, gloves and scarves until the middle of January.

Stay Connected with Us!

- ◆ Want to donate online?
- ◆ Want to sign up for our eNewsletter?
- ◆ Want to stay connected?



Simply **scan the QR code** to visit our website! From the menu, you can:

- Click “**Give**” to make a donation
- Select “**Register for eNewsletter**” to receive online updates

Explore the **Calendar** for upcoming events.

There are so many ways to stay connected —don’t miss out!

Patrick Minton - Music Director

Lisa Atkins - Admin & Communications

David Eilart - Pianist

Linda Brown - MDO Director