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Sunday, January 12, 2025

Baptism of the Lord

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Aria

Paul Manz

Welcome to all – especially to our guests.

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Pad, located in each of the pews.

Hymns labeled GTG are in the Glory to God Hymnal (purple)

Hymns labeled AAHH are in the African American Heritage Hymnal (beige)

**Please stand as you are able*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

In the beginning, darkness covered the deep,
and God said: Let there be light.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters!

Through the words of the prophet, the LORD said:
when you pass through the waters, I will be with you.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters!

Fear not! Says the LORD: I am with you.
I have called you by name; you are mine.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters!

When Jesus was baptized by John,
suddenly the heavens were torn open.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters!

As Jesus was coming out of the water,
the Spirit of the Most High rested on Him like a dove.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters!

And a voice said: You are my beloved Son;
with you I am well pleased.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters!

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at His baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed Him as your beloved Son. Keep us, your children and people born of water and Spirit, faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called your children, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the power and unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen!**

Gospel Praise

Keep On Singing His Praise
Gospel Choir

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. We want to be Holy, but we are lured by the idols and philosophies of this world. We want to be righteous, but we let our possessions come between us and others. Lord, help us to live into your eternal truth and to seek first your Kingdom. Lord God, help us to lay down our materialism, our consumerism, and our idols and to turn to you. Help us to sing your praises with one voice and one heart as Your Kingdom people so that all may see Your Light in us, the Church. We thank you for your mercy. We thank you for your healing. We thank you for your righteousness. **Amen!**

Declaration of God's Forgiveness

As the voice from heaven said to our Lord, so in Christ, God now speaks to us: you are my child, my beloved one, with you I am well pleased! Thanks be to God!
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Passing of the Peace/A Time for Celebration

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

(Exchange signs of Christ's peace and forgiveness with others. We greet one another as neighbors in Christ. You may say "Peace be with you," or respond, "And also with you.")

***Response GTG #744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!**
Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.
Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong!

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem O All Ye Nations Heinrich Schütz
Chancel Choir

Second Reading Isaiah 43: 1-13

Message

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***Affirmation of Faith**

- 1. The Holy Spirit, the third Person in the Trinity, proceeding from the Father and the Son, of the same substance and equal in power and glory, is, together with the Father and the Son, to be believed in, loved, obeyed, and worshipped throughout all ages.**

- 2. He is the Lord and Giver of life, everywhere present, and is the source of all good thoughts, pure desires, and holy counsels in humanity. By him the prophets were moved to speak the Word of God, and all the writers of the Holy Scriptures inspired to record infallibly the mind and will of God. The dispensation of the gospel is especially committed to him. He prepares the way for it, accompanies it with his persuasive power, and urges its message upon the reason and conscience of humanity, so that they who reject its merciful offer are not only without excuse but are also guilty of resisting the Holy Spirit.**

3. The Holy Spirit, whom the Father is ever willing to give to all who ask him, is the only efficient agent in the application of redemption. He regenerates humanity by his grace, convicts them of sin, moves them to repentance, and persuades and enables them to embrace Jesus Christ by faith. He unites all believers to Christ, dwells in them as their Comforter and Sanctifier, gives to them the spirit of Adoption and Prayer, and performs all those gracious offices by which they are sanctified and sealed unto the day of redemption.

4. By the indwelling of the Holy Spirit all believers being vitally united to Christ, who is the Head, are thus united one to another in the Church, which is his body. He calls and anoints ministers for their holy office, qualifies all other officers in the Church for their special work, and imparts various gifts and graces to its members. He gives efficacy to the Word and to the ordinances of the gospel. By him the Church will be preserved, increased, purified, and at last made perfectly holy in the presence of God.

(The Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 9 The Holy Spirit) c. 1647

Hymn GTG #278

Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire

Call to Offering

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Anthem

Jesus, Still Lead On

arr. Gerald Near

***Doxology GTG #606**

**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever, Amen.**

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn AAHH # 133** Be Still, God Will Fight Your Battles

*Benediction

Postlude

Fugue in E minor

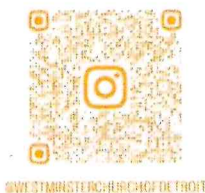
J.S. Bach

The organ postlude is offered as an instrumental prayer. You are invited to remain seated; if you wish to depart, please do so quietly, remembering those who are still worshipping.

Worship Leaders:

The Rev. Dakota Whitaker, Pastor/Head of Staff
Dalos Grobe, Chancel Choir Director/Organist
Victor Boyd, Gospel Choir Director
, Liturgist
Peyton Friday, Myiesha Mokom, Acolytes

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Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, our souls in - spire, and light - en
2 Thy bless - ed unc - tion from a - bove is com - fort,
3 Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son, and thee, of



with ce - les - tial fire; thou the a - noint - ing
life, and fire of love; en - a - ble with per -
both, to be but one, that through the a - ges



Spir - it art, who dost thy seven - fold gifts im - part.
pet - ual light the dull - ness of our mor - tal sight.
all a - long this may be our end - less song:



4 Praise to thine e - ter - nal mer - it, Fa - ther,



Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it. A - men.

133 BE STILL, GOD WILL FIGHT YOUR BATTLES

*The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.
Exodus 14:14*

Verse 1

Leader:

Percussion Hand-claps:* 1. Be still, God will fight your bat - tles. Be

All:

Bass drum/foot stomps: 1. Be still, God will fight your bat - tles.

still, God will fight your bat - tles. Be

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still, God will fight your bat - tles. God

Be still, God will fight your bat - tles. God

will fight your bat - tles if you just keep still.

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Verse 2



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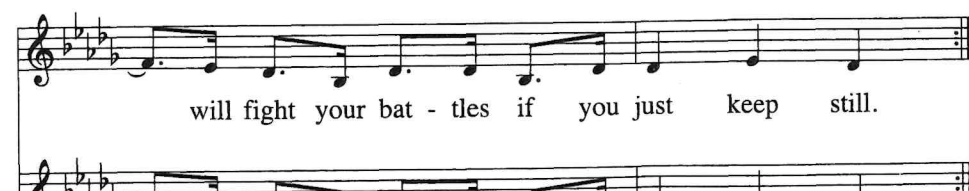
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- * 3. Keep a waitin', God will fight your battles...
- 4. Keep a singin', God will fight your battles...
- 5. I'm a witness, God will fight your battles...