



# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 11, 2026

## Baptism of the Lord

*Large-print bulletins are available at both entrances to the sanctuary.*

*Activity bags & bulletins for kids are available in the narthex.*

**\*Indicates those who are able may stand.**

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 **TODAY'S HYMNAL** All hymns today are in the **PURPLE Hymnal, *Glory to God***, unless otherwise noted.



*The Chancel flowers today are given by Rosalie & Jeff Hudson in honor of their 41st Anniversary.*



Welcome & Announcements

Minute for Mission: Stewardship

*Leslie Clark*

Joys & Concerns

Prelude

*Mike Rugge, Organist*

### We Come Into God's Presence

**Call to Worship** (L–Leader / P–People)

L: In the beginning, God's Spirit hovered over the waters of the deep.

**P: In the flood waters, God gave us a promise.**

L: In the Exodus, God parted the waters and liberated Israel from slavery.

**P: In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus was baptized.**

L: In the woman at the well, Jesus gave living water.

**P: In the Upper Room, Jesus washed his disciples' feet.**

L: In the waters of God, we have been blessed as God's children.

**P: Let us praise God!**

\*Gathering Hymn: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30AM  
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Rev. Eliza C. Jaremko, Pastor  
Dr. Chris Thomas, Director of Music † Mike Rugge, Organist



## We Prepare to Hear God's Word

### Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of all glory, you look from heaven & see us as we are – not worthy to kneel at your feet & not ready to welcome your way. Remind us that we are always precious in your sight, no matter how often we forget that we are your beloved children. Forgive us, gracious God. In Christ, stoop down to save us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

L: Brothers and Sisters, we are God's own beloved children.

**P: God has claimed us each by name and given us peace.**

L: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

**P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\*Gloria Patri

#807 (Red Hymnal)

### \*Affirmation of Faith:

*The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;**

**he ascended into heaven and sitteth at 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 catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## We Read and Proclaim God's Word

Time with Our Children

\*Two Cents a Meal Collection

**Old Testament Lesson:** Genesis 1:6-10

(OT, p.1)

\*Hymn: "Baptized in Water"

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**Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 3:13-17

(NT, p.3)

### **Hymn of Preparation: "Listen to the Word that God Has Spoken"**

Listen to the Word that God has spoken;  
Listen to the One who is close at hand;  
Listen to the voice that began creation;  
Listen even if you don't understand.

## We Respond to God’s Word

### Invitation to the Offering

Offertory: Excerpts from “The Blue Danube”

*J. Strauss*

*Fred Heuser, Guitar; Mike Rugge, Piano*

\*Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Alleluia, Alleluia

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\*Prayer of Dedication



*Please note that all bread provided for Communion is gluten-free.*

### Holy Communion

L: The Lord be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**P: We lift them up to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Communion

### Prayer After Communion

**Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life. May we, who drink his cup, bring life to others. May we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. We pray this in Jesus’ name, who taught us to pray together, saying:**

**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 to Live God's Word

\*Closing Hymn: "I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"

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**Benediction** (unison)

**May the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent one from the other.**

L: Our worship together has ended.

P: **Now our service begins.**

Postlude



## PRAYER CONCERNS

*Please keep these people in your prayers this week:*

- Adin Borden
- Sally Burrough
- Nancy & Bob Celebre
- Donna & John Duca
- Joe & Marie Guerra
- Lorrie Heuser
- Sandy Langford
- Evelyn Miraglia
- Carmen Muni
- Dottie Rheinbold
- Michael Sabolcik
- Ken Sichel
- Lynn & Tom Spina
- Ed Trout
- Deborah Blackiston
- Lauren DeCorte, Sue Hawco's daughter
- Marlowe Muni, Kim & Carmen's grandson
- Steve, friend of Tony Logandro
- Meegan Hussain, friend of the Heusers
- Carol & Dick Boyle, sister & brother-in-law of Candace Lowden
- Rev. Daniel Park, friend of the Heusers
- Will Baberick, Polly Mitchell's son
- Kathy Yurkow, sister-in-law of the Hudsons
- Elijah Scardilli, grandson of friends of the Hudsons

*pray without ceasing*  
1 Thessalonians 5:17

	<b>Greeters</b> Dan & Kathy Mullan	<b>Deacons</b> Anne Andrews Bill Burrough Janice Perry	<b>LiveStream</b> Korey Owens Erin Gallagher	<b>Counters</b> Will Burrough George Newnam Mark Zimmerman
	<b>Nursery</b> Kam Evans Maria Masi	<b>SS: Adults</b> Class-led Room 2	<b>Faith-Walk Class</b> Pastor Eliza Nursery	<b>Communion</b> Al Andrews Leslie Clark
	<b>SS: PreK-Grade 2</b> Kate Colantonio Room 3	<b>SS: Grades 3-5</b> Cara Blair Room 7	<b>SS Grades 6-8</b> <i>Could be YOU!</i> Room 6	

## **Scripture Verses for Today's Service**

### **Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 1:6-10 (NRSV)**

<sup>6</sup> And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup> So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. <sup>8</sup> God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup> And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup> God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

### **Gospel Lesson: Matthew 3:13-17 (NRSV)**

#### *The Baptism of Jesus*

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup> And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;  
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;  
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - dering from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love!  
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.



Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

## Baptized in Water



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing the  
 tomb with Christ our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
 sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.  
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.  
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

Each stanza of this compact and carefully constructed text about baptism begins with allusions to John 3:5 and Ephesians 1:13. The interplay of constant and changing lines accentuates each added image. It is set here to a Gaelic tune first transcribed in the 19th century.

# 488 I Was There to Hear Your Born-ing Cry



1 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry; I'll be there when  
 2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word, I was there to  
 3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no



you are old. I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to  
 cheer you on. You were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord to  
 lon - ger young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, com -



see your life un - fold. I was there when you were but a  
 whom you now be - long. If you find some - one to share your  
 plete what I've be - gun. When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es



child with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of  
 time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to  
 in and you shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as



light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."  
 make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
 I have 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."

Originally created to accompany a video series on baptism, this hymn speaks in the imagined conversational voice of God, assuring the person being baptized of God's presence throughout the changing stages of life. It offers a reminder that baptism is a once-in-a-lifetime event.

# Church Announcements



THIS WEEK @ FIRST PRES...

**Sunday, January 11**

9:30am - Sunday School for ALL Ages  
**NO CHOIR REHEARSALS TODAY!**

10:30am - Worship in Sanctuary & on FB

11:30am - New Members Class in the  
Pastor's Study

**Wednesday, Jan. 14**

11:00am - Adult Bible Study, on Zoom  
7:00pm - Session Meeting, Parlor

**Thursday, Jan. 15**

6:45pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal  
7:30pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## We Need Your Help to 'Lasso' Our 2026 Budget!



*"You want a balanced budget for 2026? Just say the word (**submit your pledge**), & we'll throw a lasso around it and make it happen!"*  
In *It's a Wonderful Life*, George offers to lasso the moon for his sweet angel, Mary. In our church, our pledging families give wings to our angels ... like the many volunteers who help with Christian Ed, music & worship, missions, fellowship, care & membership, all musical areas, finance – you name it, we have SO many angels. As of this week, we are at **94% of our goal**, with \$16,120 still needed to meet our 2026 budget. If you have

not already pledged, please prayerfully consider your commitment for 2026 and let us know as soon as possible.

**Be part of the final 6%** and help us throw that lasso with perfection so we can pull down a balanced budget. Pledges can be submitted online by scanning the **QR code** here, using the **link in your e-News**, or by filling out a **pledge card** located in the narthex. *Thank You! – Your Stewardship Committee*



## Confirmation Informational Meeting

All teens in 8th grade or greater are invited to join this year's confirmation class. Pastor Eliza is holding an Informational Meeting on **Sunday, February 1**, after worship in the Teen Room upstairs. At the meeting, we'll discuss the schedule, curriculum, and answer any questions you may have. Contact Pastor Eliza with any questions.



# PER CAPITA

## Your Contribution Makes the Difference!

Every year, we ask our congregation members to please contribute their per capita cost to help meet our church's budget. In 2026 the cost is **\$40 per member**. In the past you have been wonderful & generous in donating your per capita shares. Many of you gave enough to cover others as well ... *thank you!* We hope that you will do so again this year. Please donate by using the envelope provided in your pledge envelope box and bring it or mail it to church, or fill out the brief form below & include it with your payment.

We appreciate your help!! *Leslie Clark, Stewardship Chair*

As a reminder, per capita is the per-member cost charged by our presbytery to cover its expenses. You can find a full explanation on the *Per Capita Apportionment* envelope in your pledge box.

### Per Capita Contribution 2026

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Env. # \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Members: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$40.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Total Due)

## Chancel Flowers for 2026

Please reach out to Patti Pawling to **confirm your desire to renew your Chancel Flower dedication for 2026!** Patti will be working off of the current 2025 chancel flower calendar. Let her know if you want to

keep your same week for next year, choose a different date/week, add a new dedication for next year, or not renew your dedication in 2026.

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## Sunday School Update

We are so grateful for the many teachers who volunteered to lead Sunday School classes in the fall! The January-May sign-up is open & we hope to see everyone today, as our Sunday School classes resumed. We have a **special need for our great**



**6-8th grade class**, but also need teachers for the PreK-2nd class & 3rd-5th class. Remember that whether you teach one, three, or more sessions, it all helps tremendously! You can sign up on the board in the Parlor, by scanning the QR code here, or clicking the link in your weekly e-News.

## Eco Laundry Sheet Update!

Unfortunately, the Friendship Circle is unable to hold their scheduled fundraiser selling the Earth Breeze eco-sheets.



## 2026 Epiphany Stars Are Here!

Don't forget to pick up your Epiphany Star for 2026! Each star displays a special word to guide your intentions & prayer time for the new year. The stars will be available in the narthex or church office if you haven't picked one up yet. Please contact the office if you'd like one mailed to you.

## Volunteer Opportunities at Cathedral Kitchen

Pre-pandemic, a group of six people from our church volunteered monthly at Cathedral Kitchen. Much has changed since then, including a recent drastic increase in the number of visitors for their dinner service. In 2026, the Mission Committee has opportunities to help out again. We are looking for several volunteers to help assemble the much-needed utensil packets one weekday in February (*date is still being determined ... stay tuned!*).



## Game Collection for UrbanPromise



We are sure that many of you recall the wonderful summer sermon series that Eliza had on the importance of board GAMES (“Faith on Board”) and what they can teach us as we play. Some of the games were *Monopoly*, *Life*, *Jenga*, *Clue* and *Candy Land*. We can all agree that playing games as a family can be educational, fun, competitive and also a little bit crazy at times. The Mission Committee has come up with a plan to support UrbanPromise families. We'd like to provide each student in grades Kindergarten-8th grade with a game that they can take home and play with friends and/or family. These games will be on the small scale (no large board games) and as reasonably priced as we can get. On Sunday, December 28, we will have a poster in the parlor displaying different game names on slips of paper. **Please consider taking one or 2 slips, purchasing the game(s), and returning them to church by Sunday, January 25.** The students will all be given their games in February before their annual weeklong break, aptly named “Family Week.” Thanks for your help as we promote families *playing* & learning together.

## 2026 Offering Envelopes Available for Pick-Up

Don't forget to pick up your 2026 offering envelopes in the parlor! Contact the office if you need your box delivered to you, or if you would like envelopes and were not assigned any.



## Presbytery-Wide Youth Gathering for Grades 6-12!

**SAVE** *the DATE!*  
**Saturday, Feb. 28**

Save the date for our first presbytery-wide Youth Gathering on **Saturday, February 28**, from 12:00 - 4:00pm at Haddonfield Pres. Church. We'll share a fun & meaningful afternoon that includes:



- Lunch
  - Energizing worship with a youth-centered speaker
  - Space for small-group conversations to help young people connect and reflect
  - A hands-on mission project where we'll practice compassion & justice together
- It's a day to grow, play, wonder, & remember that faith comes alive in community.



**GET READY TO TACKLE HUNGER!**

**IT'S TIME FOR...**

**SUNDAY,  
FEBRUARY 8**

As this is Ruth's **10th year** coordinating this event, we're celebrating after worship with games & snacks at our ...

**10<sup>TH</sup> YEAR TAILGATE PARTY!**

Last year we collected our most units yet -1171- between money & soup donations. We are more than capable of getting that number to **1200** or more this year. Let's make our 10th year, our best one yet! But most importantly, **GO BIRDS!** -Ruth Gallagher

Bring your cans to church or place them in the food donation bin by the office entrance.

Donate via PayPal, by scanning the QR code here & selecting **Souper Bowl of Caring** in the dropdown list.

