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Born by

Water
and
The Spirit



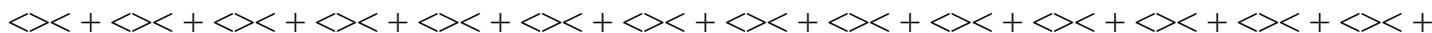
*“To all who mourn and need comfort,
to all who are tired and need rest,
to all who are lonely and need companionship,
to all who sin and need a Savior, and to all who will,
this church opens wide its doors.”*

Baptism of the Lord

“Born by Water and the Spirit”

January 8, 2023

Isaiah 42:1-9; Act 10:34-43; Psalm 29 (UMH 761); Matthew 3:13-17



Prelude

“Winter’s Peace”

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Welcome, Announcements & Registration of Attendance

Good morning! I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I welcome you to our time of worship today. I welcome those who are present with us in the sanctuary as well as those worshipping online via our Facebook and YouTube pages. We welcome your feedback as we continue offering in person and online worship.

We are tracking our attendance, so thank you in advance to all who will let us know that you have watched or read our service this morning. Please email our Administrative Assistant at tappmethodist@gmail.com, with your attendance information.

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!!

* Opening Hymn

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

UMH # 189

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| <p>1. Fairest Lord Jesus,
ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son,
thee will I cherish,
thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.</p> <p>3. Fair is the sunshine,
fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heaven can boast.</p> | <p>2. Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
who makes the woeful heart to sing.</p> <p>4. Beautiful Savior!
Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine.</p> |
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* Call to Worship

The voice of God calls over ball washers:

“Beloved, receive the holy spirit.”

The Son of God beckons:

“Beloved, be of water and the Spirit.”

The Spirit of God proclaims:

“Beloved, be born anew this day.”

The voice of God calls through our baptism. Come! Let us worship.

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* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Spirit of righteousness, God of power and might, help us be a light to the nations and reflection of your glorious salvation. Work in our lives and in our ministries, that the world might know the power of your love and grace. As you alighted upon Jesus at his baptism, descend upon us this day, that we may be a people of hope and possibility. Wash us clean and renew our spirits, through Jesus Christ, our lord. Amen.

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Prayer of Yearning

Gentle Spirit, Holy Dove, reclaim us through the waters of our baptism. As we long to be more than we have become, remake us through the power of your love. In our yearning to taste the fullness of life, restore us through the wonder of your grace. In our desire to live as your beloved children, make us instruments of your kingdom building, that we may be a light to the nations, and a source of hope to those who sit in darkness. Amen.

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The Declaration of Pardon

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;

That proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Children's Time

The Scripture Reading

Isaiah 42:1–9

pp. 670-671

42 Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Acts 10:34-43

pp. 130-131

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John

announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Down to the River to Pray”

Choir

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*** Psalter**

Psalm 29

UMH # 761

¹Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**²Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

³The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, upon many waters.

**⁴The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

⁵The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars,
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶The Lord makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

⁷The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

⁸The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness,
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹The voice of the Lord makes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forests bare;

and in his temple all cry, “Glory!”

¹⁰The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as Ruler for ever.

**¹¹May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

*** The Gloria Patri**

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.***

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

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This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Prayer before the Sermon

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in thy sight, O God our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

The Sermon

"Born by Water and the Spirit"

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

* Hymn of Response

"Spirit Song"

UMH # 347

Refrain:

Jesus, O Jesus,
come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus,
come and fill your lambs.

1. O let the Son of God enfold you
with his Spirit and his love.
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
Oh let him have those things that hold you,
and his Spirit like a dove
will descend upon your life and make you whole. **{R}**
2. O come and sing the song of gladness
as your hearts are filled with joy.
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.
O give him all your tears and sadness;
give him all your years of pain,
and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. **{R}**

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REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

* The Baptismal Covenant IV

UMH # 50

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE:

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ:
Through the Sacrament of Baptism
we are initiated into Christ's holy Church.
We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation
and given new birth through water and the Spirit.

All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.
Through the reaffirmation of our faith
we renew the covenant declared at our baptism,
acknowledge what God is doing for us,
and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:
Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
reject the evil powers of this world,
and repent of your sin?

All: I do.

Pastor: Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression
in whatever forms they present themselves?

All: I do.

Pastor: Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,
put your whole trust in his grace,
and promise to serve him as your Lord,
in union with the Church which Christ has opened
to people of all ages, nations, and races?

All: I do.

Pastor: According to the grace given to you,
will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church
and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

All: I will.

Pastor: Let us join together in professing the Christian faith
as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.
Do you believe in God the Father?

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**All: I believe 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, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**All: 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.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Eternal Father:

When nothing existed but chaos,
you swept across the dark waters
and brought forth light.

In the days of Noah

you saved those on the ark through water.

After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow.

When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt,
you led them to freedom through the sea.

Their children you brought through the Jordan
to the land which you promised.

**All: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Tell of God's mercy each day.**

Pastor: In the fullness of time you sent Jesus,
nurtured in the water of a womb.
He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit.
He called his disciples
to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection
and to make disciples of all nations.

**All: Declare Christ's works to the nations,
his glory among all the people.**

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit,
and by this gift of water call to our remembrance
the grace declared to us in our baptism.

For you have washed away our sins,
and you clothe us with righteousness throughout our lives,
that dying and rising with Christ
we may share in his final victory.

All: All praise to you, Eternal Father,

**through your Son Jesus Christ,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
lives and reigns for ever. Amen.**

REAFFIRMATIONS OF FAITH

Pastor: Remember your baptism and be thankful.

Response: Amen.

Pastor: The Holy Spirit work within you,
that having been born through water and the Spirit,
you may live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us rejoice in the faithfulness of our covenant God.

**All: We give thanks for all that God has already given us.
As members of the body of Christ
and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church,
we will faithfully participate in the ministries of the Church
by our prayers, our presence, our gifts,
our service and our witness
that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: The God of all grace,
who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,
establish and strengthen you
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
that you may live in grace and peace.

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Sharing of Our Joys & Concerns

We want to continue to pray for the healing of the nations through this pandemic, and for all those impacted by: war – especially the people of Ukraine and Russia; natural disasters; and other catastrophic events. Remember those who have been in the hospital for treatments and surgeries, as well as for COVID 19. Remember those who are isolated with no one to interact with. Please continue to pray for: your prayer partners; our homebound folks; those in nursing, rehabilitative, and assisted living facilities; as well as for those on the front lines. Please let us know of other prayer concerns and needs.

Pastoral Prayer

The 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 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,
forever. Amen.**

The Offering

Special Offering: Safety & Security System

Please remember to keep your tithes and offerings current so that the ministries of our church can continue. You may mail them to P. O. Box 326, Tappahannock, VA 22560, use the E-Giving link available on our website www.tappahannockmethodist.org, or download our mobile app: Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement. Thank you for your continued support!

The Offertory

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

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*** Doxology**

UMH # 95

*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.*

*** Closing Hymn**

“We Know That Christ is Raised”

UMH # 610

- 1.** We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. **2.** We share by water in his saving death.
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold, Reborn, we share with him an Easter life
and our despair he turned to blazing joy. as living members of a living Christ.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 3.** A new creation comes to life and grows
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe, restored and whole, will sing:
Alleluia!

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*** Benediction**

*** Postlude**

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing ”

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Thank you for joining us in worship!

PRAYER LIST

The family of Rev. Larry Adams, Dave Baker, Tri Blanks, Eddie Bliss, Alice Boyd, Priscilla Carter and husband, Brittany Clark, the family of Doug Clark, Olivia Egge, Brock & Tammy Fielder, Peyton & Mae Lynne Guest, Ronnie Harvey, Bill Hendricks, Josh Hodges, Sarah Hundley, Rev. Steve Hundley, Rev. Barb & Alan Jacobs, Jean Johnson, Paige Klemm, Tenley & Hailey and Robin & Bill Kuhnert, Vicky La Follette's cousin Teresa, Carolyn Lewis, Kathleen MacDonald, Jacob McGuckin, the local Mennonite community, Amy Mahan, Ray Massie, Janet Murphy, Monica Newsham, Nate Parker, Eleanor Rehm, Terri & Shawn Schurer, Mary Lou Simpson, John & Debbie Snyder, Jackson Titmus, and Brody Verlander. Inclusion & equality for the LGBTQ family & friends. All affected by critical weather and violence, everyone who struggles with drug addiction and alcoholism, those in peril, all missing persons, those who serve in the Armed Forces, students and educators, the people of Ukraine, Russia, and Europe during this time of war, everyone around the world as we fight the spread of COVID-19, and the UMC during the separation and as the church moves forward.

MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS: SSGT Jonathan Simpson.

PRAYERS AND CARDS ARE WELCOME FOR THESE MEMBERS

Lee Black, Barbara Brooks, Jim Climaldi, Jean Edwards, Cecile Farmer,
Don and Carol Nicholas, Edna Parrish, Eleanor Rehm, and Jean Rhines.

** Please contact the office for the phone number or address for any of these members of our church family*

SERVICE AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Today:	10:00 am	Baptism of the Lord Sunday Worship w/ Choir Safety & Security System
	11:15 am	Sunday School
Monday:	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday:	10:30 am	Wednesday Morning Discussion Group
Sunday, Jan 15:	8:45 am	Glory Ringers Rehearsal
	10:00 am	2 nd Sunday after the Epiphany Worship w/ Choir
	11:15 am	Sunday School: In-person only
Monday, Jan 16:	No Choir Rehearsal	
	7:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting

All meetings are offered in-person and via Zoom unless stated otherwise.

***We seek to be the Disciples of Christ, welcoming all as we nurture
and support one another through service and outreach.***

Our facility is handicap accessible.

Pastor: The Reverend Rebecca L. Minor, Cell Phone: 757-870-8265

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Pastor's Office Hours: Tue - Thu: 9am - 2pm

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