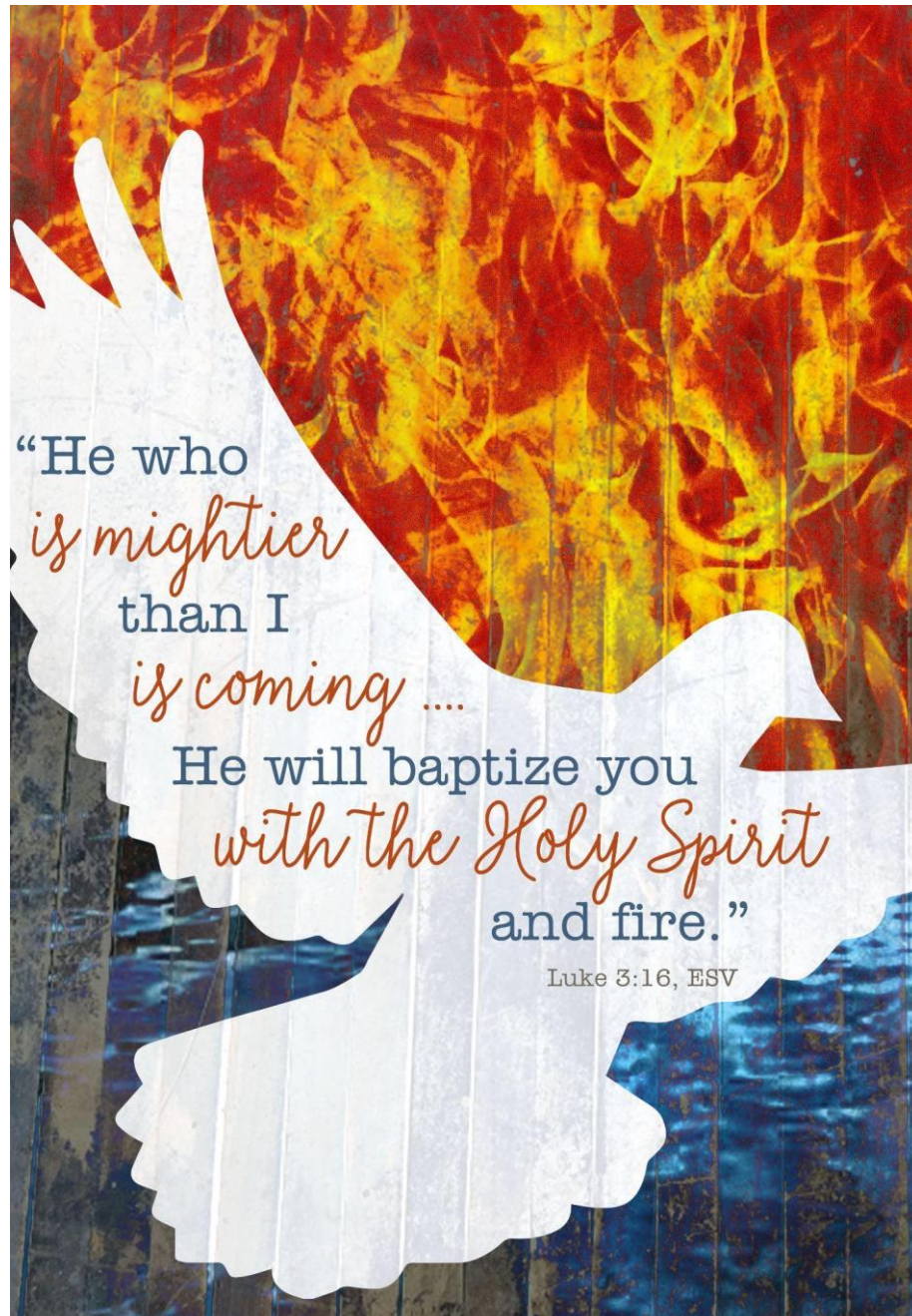


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*"To all who mourn and need comfort,  
to all who are tired and need rest,  
to all who are lonely and need companionship,  
to all who sin and need a Savior, and to all who will,  
this church opens wide its doors."*

# Tappahannock Memorial UMC

## Baptism of The Lord

### “Remember and Re-Member”

January 12, 2025

Isaiah 43:1-7; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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#### Prelude

#### “Wonderful Peace”

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#### Welcome & Announcements

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](mailto: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

#### “Shall We Gather At The River”

UMH #723

1. Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?  
Yes, we’ll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.
2. On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,  
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day.  
Yes, we’ll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.
3. Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.  
Yes, we’ll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.
4. Soon we’ll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.  
Yes, we’ll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

#### \* Call To Worship

We hear God’s voice.

**It thunders through creation.**

God’s voice is strong.

**It shatters the cedars of Lebanon.**

God is still speaking.

## **Calling out our names.**

Listen for God.

## **God calls us beloved.**

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### **\* Opening Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

God of strength, God of love,  
surround us with your love.

Gather us in as your beloved children.

Open our ears to hear your voice.

Open our hearts to the power of your transforming love.

May your waters of grace pour over us,  
renewing us for your work in the world.

Bless us in this holy time. Amen.

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### **Prayer of Yearning**

**Loving God, sometimes life seems overwhelming.  
There is so much happening that we can't control.  
We feel like we are drowning.  
Then we hear your voice saying, "Don't fear,"  
and we remember that your love supports  
and sustains us.**

**You are there when we feel overwhelmed.**

**You are there when we struggle.**

**You give us what we need.**

**Help us place our trust in you,  
as we step away from fear,  
secure in your love. 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**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

### **Children's Time**

**Pastor Becca**

### **Scripture**

**Isaiah 43:1-7**

**pg. 672**

*<sup>1</sup>But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for*

*I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. <sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. <sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup>Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; <sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— <sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."*

**Scripture**

**Acts 8:14-17**

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*<sup>14</sup>Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup>The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup>(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup>Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.*

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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**

**Response: With joy the Lord of Hosts proclaim; extol the great almighty name.**

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

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

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

**The voice of the Lord is powerful,  
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.                   R**

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

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

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

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

The voice of the Lord makes the oaks to whirl;  
and strips the forests bare;  
**and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"**

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as Ruler for ever.  
**May the Lord give strength to his people!**  
**May the Lord bless his people with peace! R**

**\* The Gloria Patri**

**UMH #70**

*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.*

**\* Gospel**

**Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

**pg. 60**

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you 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**

**"Remember and Re-Member"**

**Rev. Rebecca L. Minor**

**Reaffirmation of Baptism**

**UMH #50**

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**

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?

**I do.**

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

**I do.**

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?

**I do.**

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

**I will.**

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?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**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.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**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**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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.

**Sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

**Tell of God's mercy each day.**

In 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.

**Declare his works to the nations,**

**his glory among all people.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit,  
and by his gifts 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 praise to you, Eternal Father,  
through your Son Jesus Christ,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit  
lives and reigns for ever.**

**Amen.**

## **REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

**Amen.**

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

**Amen.**

## **THANKSGIVING**

Let us rejoice in the faithfulness of our covenant God

**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.**

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.

### **\* Hymn of Response**

### ***“Baptized In Water”***

**TFWS #2248**

1. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;  
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,  
faithfully now God’s praises we sing.
2. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
dead in the tomb with Christ, our King;  
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,  
thankfully now God’s praises we sing.
3. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
marked with the sign of Christ, our King;  
born of one Father, we are his children,  
joyfully now God’s praises we sing.

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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, Russia, Israel and Palestine; natural disasters; gun violence; 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. I would once again ask that we pray for those who have chosen to keep their illnesses between themselves and God. While we respect their privacy, they still need our collective prayers.

## Pastoral Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer

UMH #895

**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

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](http://www.tappahannockmethodist.org), or download our mobile e-giving app identified on the last page of today's bulletin. 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

#### ***“Spirit Song”***

UMH #347

1. O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love.  
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.  
O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove  
will descend upon your life and make you whole.  
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.  
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
2. O come and sing the song with 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.  
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.  
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

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### \* Benediction

#### ***“Go Now In Peace”***

UMH #665

Go now in peace, go now in peace,  
may the love of God surround you,

everywhere, everywhere you may go.

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\* **Postlude**

**“Shall We Gather At The River”**

## **Thank you for joining us in worship!**

### **PRAYER LIST**

Wright Andrews, the family of Claude Beasley, Eddie Bliss, Nancy Brumfield, Tom Burgess, Bob Burke, Faye Brooks, Sally Conway, Cookie Evans, the family of Cecile Farmer, the family of Tinker Fornash, Christian Foster, Betty Gregory, Roxanne Griffith, Bill Hendricks, Cindy Huber, Shirley Johnson, Carolyn Lewis, Ron Lucas, Jacob Magruder, Michelle Miranda, Tawana Murry, Gerry Rose, Cathy Short, Colin Smith, Rev. Dr. John Tate, Rev. Dr. Robert Taylor, Allen Turner, Bryan Wachsmuth, Barbara Watkins, Ellie Wawner, Betty Whitten. Inclusion and equality for the LGBTQ family and 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, Israel, Palestine, and Sudan during this time of war.

### **MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS**

SSGT Jonathan Simpson

### **PRAYERS AND CARDS ARE WELCOME FOR THESE MEMBERS**

Lee Black, Barbara Brooks, Jean Edwards, Carol Nicholas and Edna Parrish.

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

### **SERVICE AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES**

<b>Today, January 12<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Baptism Of The Lord</b>
	<b>11:15 AM</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
<b>Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>:</b>	6:00 PM	Leadership Board Meeting
	7:00 PM	Choir
<b>Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>:</b>	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Group
<b>Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>:</b>	10:00 AM	Second Sunday After Epiphany
	11:15 AM	Sunday School

*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.***

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