

# *Tappahannock Memorial United Methodist Church*

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HE COMMANDED US TO  
**PREACH**  
—TO THE—  
**PEOPLE**  
AND TO TESTIFY...

ACTS 10:42, ESV

*“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

### “Preach To The People”

**Isaiah 42:1-9; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17**

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#### **Prelude**

#### **“Down To The River To Pray”**

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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 worshiping 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**

You who created the heavens and stretched them out above us, you who spread out the earth beneath our feet and summoned sprouts and shoots,

**Breathe life into us, God Who Creates!**

You who came to the river, you who sought the Baptizer and the Jordan waters,

**Welcome us to the waters of life, Jesus the Christ!**

You who soared through the heavens, you who hovered and rested upon Jesus,

## **Alight upon us today, Spirit of God, Heaven's Dove.**

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### **\* Opening Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

You Who Call Us, we come before you  
in answer your call in our life.

You created the heavens and the earth  
and placed us here for life and hope.

We know your dream for a world  
that is righteous and just,  
a world you promise will come to pass.

Breathe your Spirit upon us again and again,  
and bring to life our passion for your bold vision.

Make us lights to those who sit in darkness!

In the name of Jesus, who descended into the waters  
of baptism to show us the way to righteousness,  
and of the Soaring Spirit, who alights upon those  
who arise from these life-giving waters.

Amen.

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### **Prayer of Yearning**

**God of Holy Expectation,**

**when we read about those who serve you,  
like John, like Jesus, those whom you love  
and delight in, we yearn to feel your delight  
in us as well.**

**Our voices can seem weak, our efforts in vain.**

**Sometimes we feel like dimly burning wicks,  
just about to go out.**

**Sometimes we are the ones sitting in darkness,  
even though you call us to help others  
find their way out of the darkness.**

**Holy One, take us by the hand.**

**Strengthen us in our weakness,  
that your holy work may be accomplished  
through us and that we may know your delight  
in the core of who we are. 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.**

### **Anthem**

### **“Come, Be Baptized”**

### **Choir**

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### **Children’s Time**

### **Pastor Becca**

### **Scripture**

### **Isaiah 42:1-9**

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*<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup> He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching. <sup>5</sup> Thus 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: <sup>6</sup> I 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, <sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup> I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. <sup>9</sup> See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.*

### **Scripture**

### **Acts 10:34-43**

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*<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how 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. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not 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. <sup>42</sup> He 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. <sup>43</sup> All 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.**

**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.*

\* **The Gospel**

**Matthew 3:13-17**

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<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.”

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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

### “Preach To The People”

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

#### \* Hymn of Response

#### “*Baptized In The 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 is 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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#### \* Affirmation of Faith

#### The Nicene Creed

UMH #880

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **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 this 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 of 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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**\* The 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*****“Peace Like A River”***

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

## PRAYER LIST

Faye Brooks, Frauke Darnell, Jean Edwards, Bruce George, Jim Glass, Bill Hendricks, Cindy Huber, Kelly Lafollette, Warren Minton, the family of Billy Mothershead, Thomas Mundie, Whitney Orlando, Nate Parker, Russ Riles, Jack Robertson, Jane Ruffa, Jay Ruffa, the family of Rev. Reggie Rumberg, Susie Shiriak, Colin Smith, Regan Smith, Alison Sullivan, Beverly Taylor, Thomas Tignor, Nancy Tiller, Jack Titmus, Marianne Towler, Biddy Acree Walker, Barbara Watkins, Ellie Wawner, Ashley Wind. Inclusion and equality for the LGBTQ family and friends. All affected by critical weather and violence, everyone who struggles with drug addiction and alcoholism, 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

### PRAYERS AND CARDS ARE WELCOME FOR THESE MEMBERS

Lee Black, Jean Edwards, Betty Gregory, Edna Parrish, and Barbara Watkins.

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

## SERVICE AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

<b>Today, January 11<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Baptism Of Our Lord Sunday</b>
	<b>11:15 AM</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
<b>Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Wednesday Morning Group</b>
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Second Sunday After Epiphany</b>
	<b>11:15 AM</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>

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