

BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY

8:30AM & 11:00AM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022

We are now accepting new members!

*RINGING OF THE BELL

GATHERING *(Please take a moment to sign the attendance pad and pass it on to your neighbor.)*

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE (TFWS#2251) *We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus* J. Ylvisaker

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively):*

L: Today we celebrate a special baptism ...

P: THE BAPTISM OF JESUS OF NAZARETH!

L: God says ... Look! See my chosen servant, the One in whom I utterly delight ...

P: I HAVE PLACED MY SPIRIT ON HIM; HE WILL BRING TRUE JUSTICE TO THE NATIONS.

L: When Jesus was baptized, the heavens opened up, the Spirit came down like a dove; and there was a voice from heaven saying ...

P: THIS IS MY DEARLY LOVED SON, WITH WHOM I AM DELIGHTED!

L: The joy of the Lord be with you all.

P: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

*OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE UMH#252 *When Jesus Came to Jordan*

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN *Heather Connor/video/8:30am
Lori Meyers/11:00am*

SPECIAL MUSIC Lord God, Your Love Has Called Us Here Carey
Lessie Polk, soloist, 8:30am

Shall We Gather at the River Carter
LUMC Chancel Choir, 11:00am

*I BELIEVE! A CREED *(responsively):*

L: I believe in God ...

P: WHO SPEAKS THROUGH THE PROPHETS AND LIFTS OUR GAZE UP TO HIGH AND BEAUTIFUL PATHS AND PEAKS.

L: I believe in Jesus Christ ...

P: FREE OF CORRUPTION YET WILLINGLY NUMBERED AMONG THE SINNERS BAPTIZED IN THE WATERS OF THE JORDAN.

L: I believe in the Spirit ...

P: WHO RESTED ON JESUS LIKE A DOVE, AND WHO INSPIRED HIM WITH SUCH LOVE AS THE WORLD HAS NOT SEEN BEFORE OR SINCE.

L: I believe that those who are baptized into Christ shall share ...

P: HIS SPIRIT, HIS MISSION, AND HIS ULTIMATE VICTORY OVER SIN AND DEATH.

L: I believe that there is no human ability that cannot be enlarged, and no weakness that cannot be used by Christ to the glory of God.

P: I BELIEVE THAT THIS BELIEVING IS A GIFT FROM GOD ...

L: not to be used for self-gratification, but for the building up of the church and for humble service to the world.

P: I BELIEVE IN MYSELF AS A BAPTIZED CHILD OF GOD, THE RECIPIENT OF A HEALING GRACE WHICH PRECEDES AND SUPERSEDES ALL MY EFFORTS TO BE TRUE.

L: And with the help of God, we will attempt to live our beliefs all the days of our lives, and by His grace, dwell in the house of the Lord, forever!

ALL: AMEN!

*GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 3:13-17* MSG

*GLORIA PATRI #71

WITNESS TO THE WORD *Identical Birthmarks* Rev. L. Kim Eanes

*THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT IV *(UMH#50-52)*
Congregational Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

*HYMN OF PRAISE UMH#157 *Jesus Shall Reign*

PRAYER CONCERNS, PASTORAL PRAYER, THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

OFFERTORY (TFWS#2089) *Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice* D. A White

*THE DOXOLOGY UMH#95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE UMH#193 *Jesus! The Name High Over All*
(vv. 1-3)

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE (TFWS#2173) *Shine, Jesus, Shine* G. Kendrick

**Please stand if you are able*