

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2025

### ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *When Jesus Came to Jordan*

David Cherwien

Prayer of Preparation (*you may wish to prepare for worship by praying silently*)

Gracious God, in Jesus Christ, baptized by John in the Jordan, you came to share our life and deliver us from sin and death. As we are baptized with water, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us to make us your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Tommy Suttle

Call to Worship – (*responsive*)

From the north and south we come;

**from the east and west God calls us.**

Over the mighty waters, the Lord speaks:

**I have called you by name; you are mine.**

Let us worship God.

\* Hymn of Praise 10 – *Sing Glory to the Name of God*

\* Call to Confession

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; yet we are justified by the gift of God's grace through the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

\* Prayer of Confession – (*unison*)

**God our Redeemer, we confess that our lives do not reflect your glory. You walk with us in times of trial, but we abandon others in trouble. You pour out your love for us, but we fail to share your mercy. Forgive us, God of grace. Send us your Holy Spirit to cleanse and recreate us so that we may honor your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.** (time for silent confession)

\* Declaration of Forgiveness (*responsive*)

As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so, in Christ, God speaks to us: You are my child, my beloved; with you I am well pleased. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

\* The Congregation's Response: *Gloria Patri*

Hymn 581

**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.**

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Time with Children

Tommy Suttle

Prayer for Illumination

Light of the world, your good news is for all people. In this day's reading and proclamation, attune our ears to hear your life-giving Word. Open our hearts to receive your blessing, that we may bear your light in our lives, giving witness to your glory and strength. Amen.

First Reading – Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

pew Bible pg. 834

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

Anthem – *This is My Beloved Son*

Dan Uhl

When John baptized the Christ, our Lord, the heavens opened wide.

The Spirit from on high came down, descending like a dove.

Assuring those on Jordan's banks a voice proclaimed these words:

This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased.

Come Holy Spirit heavenly, heavenly dove. Come now in visitation, in visitation.

Renew in us baptismal grace throughout each day, in every place.

You are the way, the truth, the light. Lead us to our salvation.

When John baptized the Christ, our Lord, the heavens opened wide.

The Spirit from on high came down descending like a dove.

Assuring those on Jordan's banks a voice proclaimed these words:

This is my beloved Son. This is my Son.

This, my

beloved Son. This is my Son.

Second Reading – Psalm 29

pew Bible pg. 438

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon – *Glory*

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotwell

\* Communion Hymn 482 – *Baptized in Water*

Invitation to Offering

God has prepared an abundant feast of grace and blessing for us. Let us share these good gifts with the world.

Offertory – *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star*

Johann Christoph Bach

## THE EUCHARIST

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving (*responsive*)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Words of Institution

The Communion

Prayer After Communion (*unison*)

**Loving and gracious God, from east and west, from north and south, you have gathered us at your table, called us your beloved, and fed us from your body. Transform us to be your body in the world, and fortify us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you and our neighbors with great joy. Amen.**

\* Hymn of Consecration 475 – *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

\* Blessing and Charge (responsive)

May the blessing of the Lord our God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit be with you now and forever. **Alleluia!**

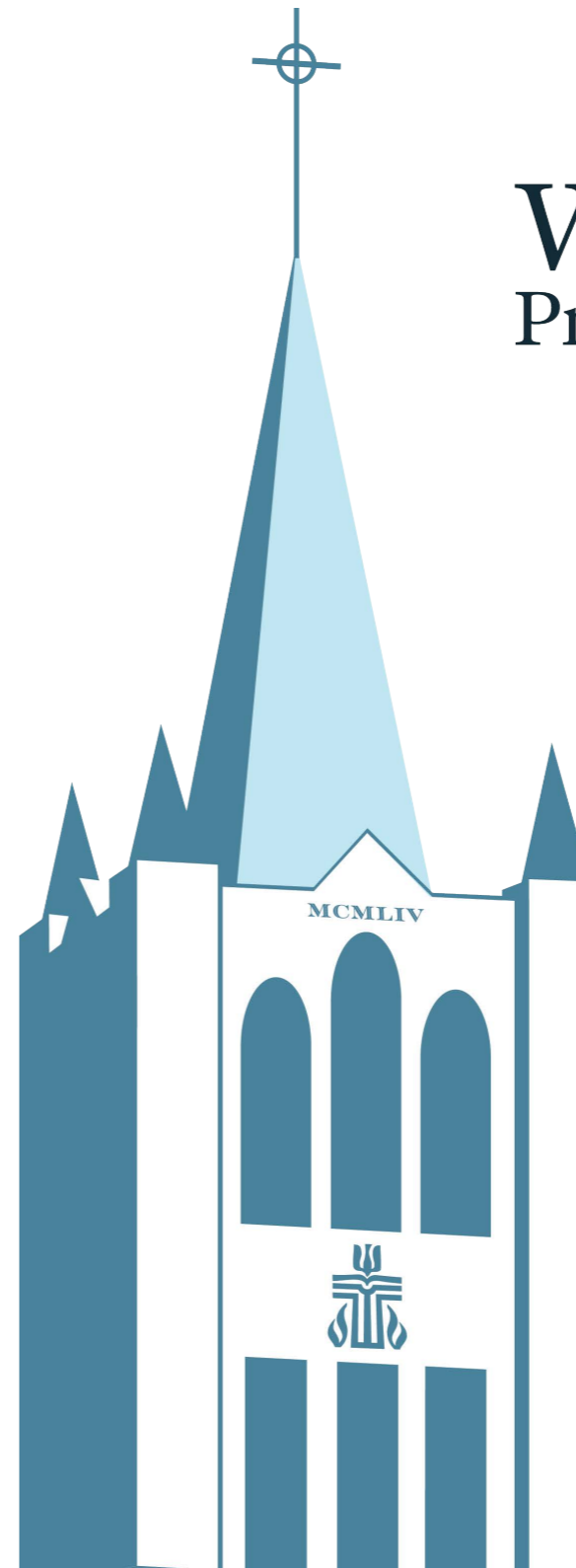
In the name of Jesus, bring good news to the poor. **Amen.**

\* Postlude – *Andante con moto*

Flor Peeters



\* Please stand at the \* as you are able. Unison readings are **printed in bold**. Today's liturgy is from *Call to Worship Lectionary Aids for 2015-2016, Year C*.



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

*“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation—everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!”*

II Corinthians 5:17

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## PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

(\* new added prayers)

*Terri Banks, friend of Pam Love – at home with 24-hour care*

*Linda Basden, neighbor of Janeil Harris – Alzheimer's*

*Dave Beveridge, friend of Alice Crotwell – stomach cancer*

*Jan Bozeman – constant pain*

*Glenda Brown – prayers for health*

*Laura Pearce Cureton, Nancy Johnson's goddaughter – nerve block therapy continues*

*Kim Davis, Dan Davis's sister-in-law – battling cancer*

*Vida Davis, sister of Ruthie Davis – dementia*

*Jessica Dubing, daughter of a friend of Ruthie Davis – paralyzed from motorcycle accident*

*Cathy Dudley – Bedford Care (Medical Blvd)*

*Bill and Louise Edwards, friends of Charles Brown – strength and endurance*

*Teresa Ginn, Michael Ginn's aunt – dementia*

*Brigitte Glowiak, Carolyn McLarnan's family – breast cancer*

*Arlandra Harvey, former choir member – waiting for a kidney transplant*

*Charlotte Hill*

*Ann Johnson*

*Geraldine Jones*

*Collier Knutson, grandson of a friend of Gwen Combs – waiting on heart transplant*

*Roger Kuyrkendall, Carrie Creel's father – Alzheimer's*

*B.J. Lambert – strength and endurance*

*Margaret Lochhead's coach's niece – diagnosed with malignant brain tumor*

*Laura Mills, Ann Johnson's friend – cancer diagnosis*

*Glenn Nobles – endurance and strength*

*Mary Norval, co-worker of Chrissy Yelverton – cancer treatments*

*Carolyn Mitchell Pintard, Bill & Betty Mitchell's daughter – grave health issues*

*Debbie Quimby, Karen Reidenbach's aunt – recovering at home after long hospital stay*

*Shannon Love Roberson, daughter of Pam Love – health issues*

*Gibson Smith, friend of Charles Brown – cancer*

*Laura Todd, Grayson Rayborn's cousin – multiple health issues*

*Louise Traxler, Karen Reidenbach's mom – Bedford Care (Medical Blvd)*

*Elizabeth Robinson, Betty & Bill Mitchell's daughter – chemo and radiation treatment*

*Isobel Treen, Carolyn McLarnan's cousin – heart issues*

*\*Jerry Waltman – moving from treatment for mesothelioma and Parkinson's disease to hospice.*

Katie and Michael would like to *thank the congregation* for all the diapers, wipes and gift cards for baby Nicholas Ray, it was such a blessing. We look forward to introducing him to you soon!



## Greeting and Announcements

**Welcome to Westminster!** We're very glad to see you in worship, and we hope you will sense Christ's presence. If you are looking for a place to grow and serve, we'd love to tell you more about us. Please silence cell phones during the worship hour.

**The January/February Today** devotionals are on the narthex table.

Today, we will observe the **sacrament of communion**. All are welcome to receive God's gifts at the table. To serve everyone, we will use grape juice and gluten-free bread.



Communion Sundays are also **Breadbasket Sundays**—a time when you are encouraged to make contributions to the Breadbasket ministry.

**Offering envelopes for 2025** are on a table in the narthex. Be sure to pick one up today.

**Deacons** will meet today at 11:35 a.m. The Session will meet next Sunday.

**Circle 3** will meet today at 5:00 p.m.

**Circle 1** will meet Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

**Circle 2** will meet Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

**Brown Bag Bible Study** will meet on Tuesday at 11:00 a.m.



Please join us for Wednesday night dinner this week at 5:30 p.m. There is no charge for the meal, but donations are encouraged. We need a headcount, so please place a reservation slip in the offering plate or call the office.

**Menu:** Adults — Chili, baked potatoes, salad and chocolate chess pie

**Activities** at 6:00 p.m. — The youth and children will retire upstairs, and Christopher will lead the adults in a book study by J. Ellsworth Kalas titled *A Faith of Her Own: Women of the Old Testament*.

**Chancel Choir** will meet at 6:30 p.m.

**Our next Potluck** will be Jan. 29.

**Men of the Church** will meet Thursday at 7:00 a.m. at Loblolly Bakery for breakfast.

**New Beginnings** will meet on Monday, Jan. 20, at noon. Please let Tommy or Martha know you're coming.

**The youth** will be going to J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church in McComb on Jan. 18. Please let Christopher, Tommy, or Cassie Reid know if you plan to go.