

## January 7, 2024 ~ Baptism of the Lord

Gathering Music ~ Mark Handford

Welcome and Announcements ~ Don Tulley, liturgist

Prelude and Procession of the Cross and the Elements of Communion

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my Soul! And all that is within me, bless his Holy Name.

People: For he has done great things in our world and lives.

Leader: From our birth to the end of our days, God has called us Beloved.

People: For great is God's love and care for us. Amen.

*\*you are invited to stand in body or in spirit*

*\*Hymn ~ "Spirit Pour Out" (A. Graham/R. Graham)*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ *in unison*

Jesus, you saved us from our sins and brought us back to you. Yet we confess that when times grow difficult and painful we don't turn to you. We fall prey to sin and selfishness. Forgive us, Lord. Amen. (A time of silent, personal prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Responsive Chorus #634 ~ *"To God Be the Glory"* (refrain)

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,*

*and give him the glory: great things he has done!*

Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Responsive Chorus #853 ~ *"We Are Marching in the Light of God"* (v.1)

*We are marching in the light of God. We are marching in the light of God.*

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*We are marching, we are marching, ooh, We are marching in the light of God.*

*We are marching, we are marching, ooh, We are marching in the light of God.*

Offering Prayer

*\*Doxology ~ "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" (Avery and Marsh)*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;*

*Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.*

## Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture ~ Psalm 29

Special Music ~ *"Come To The Water"* (J.B. Foley) ~ Celebration Choir

Christian Scripture ~ Mark 1:4-11

Message ~ "In Baptism We are Beloved"

\*Hymn #482 ~ *"Baptized in Water"*

A time for sharing the joys and concerns of our community.

Congregational Response: Lord, hear our Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer ~ *in unison*

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
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 Sacrament of the Lord's Supper ~ *responsive*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

*"All Belong Here"*~ (L. Rand/H. Rand) as recorded by The Many  
***Come and remember who you are here. Do this to remember who I am.  
Come and remember you belong here. All belong here.  
At this table come as you are, broken and bleeding's ok.  
At this table eat and be filled, come and drink in this grace.  
Come and remember who you are here. Do this to remember who I am.  
Come and remember you belong here. All belong here.***

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

## Prayer after Communion

\*Hymn #834 ~ *“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”*

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response #613~ *“O Lord, Our Lord, How Majestic Is Your Name”* (x2)

*O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.*

*O Lord, our Lord how majestic is your name in all the earth.*

*O Lord, we praise your name. O Lord, we magnify your name:*

*Prince of Peace, mighty God; O Lord God Almighty.*

## Postlude

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We welcome Thy Word Is Truth Ministries today as they begin holding their services in Genesis Hall.

All volunteers are invited to join the trustees tomorrow, Monday, January 8, beginning at 9:00AM to take down and put away the decorations.

The Installation of the newly elected officers and reception of a new member will be at the worship service on Sunday, January 14, 2024.

Mark your calendar - All are invited to a Congregational New Year's Party on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at noon, hosted by the Board of Deacons. Cost is **\$10 PER PERSON** payable in advance with cash or check payable to the Board of Deacons. White Elephant Gift Exchange is optional. Please sign up in the lobby.

THANK YOU to those who have made a 2024 Stewardship commitment. And if you have not yet done so, please prayerfully consider making a pledge as soon as possible so that the 2024 budget may be prepared. Goal: \$225,000.00.

To date: General Fund: \$113,958.00; BIF: \$25,985.00 = \$139,943.00

SOUP FOR A CHANGE to support Redford Interfaith Relief has updated their dates and menu. Copies are available on the lobby table.

From Pastor Nate...Announcing the birth of Jude Arnold Achterhof  
December 16, 2023 at 9:49AM ~ 8lbs.12oz; 20.25 in.

Katie and I have started a meal train. Link: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/gkk82m>

Please hold those listed in prayer... and REVIEW and REPORT updates, **PLEASE!**

*In Our Thoughts  
& Prayers*



Bill Garvey, Mike Graham, Janet Frank, Grace Erwin  
August and Faith Kornowicz, Karen Bright, Steve Boyak, Sheldon Davis, Pam Phillips  
Suzanne Tabaka, Jim Roye, Jerry Stone, Beverly Dearth, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Grace Campbell  
Susan Grant, Bruce Phillips, Anna Richardson, Nate Statly (MSU shooting victim) ~ friend of Joey Nicholas  
Kris Purdy ~ niece of Grace Erwin; Julie Newell ~ cousin of Pam Phillips  
Elizabeth ~ sister-in law of Pat Garvey and Andy ~ nephew of Pat Garvey  
Linda Thompson and her sister, Shirley Kircoff  
Joan Velis and family; John Branch ~ father of Christie Piastowski  
Dave Schulz ~ nephew of Carol and Mike Graham  
Cousins of Terry Earnley and Jennifer Speiles ~ friend of Terry Earnley  
Lois Wludyka and John Candiloro ~ friends of August Kornowicz  
Ray and Mary Clark ~ neighbors of Don and Meta Tulley  
Richard Rosenberg and Mike Hyatt ~ friends of Judy McGregor  
Sarah and Mason Young ~ family of Judy McGregor  
Ben Abela ~ son-in-law of August and Faith Kornowicz  
Macaylah Whitlock ~ daughter of the Rev. Kellie and Marc Whitlock  
Pamela Serene ~ daughter of the late Marilyn Allen, Nicole Snead ~ daughter of Bill VanEck  
Nancy Kreipke ~ mother of Christian; Rich McKenzie ~ son of Jean  
Erin Lewis ~ daughter of Pattie Benoit; Phyllis Badman ~ niece of Georgia Hunt  
Christie Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright; Joe Ducsay ~ friend of Mike and Carol Graham  
Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of the late Doris; Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda Seymour  
David Bonandrini ~ son of Ben; Gideon Janku ~ great nephew of Bob Westbrook  
Judy Siegfried ~ sister-in-law of Pam Phillips; Randy Tillman ~ son of Gloria Rubbo  
Mary Rayes ~ friend of Pat Hutchison; Adam Schilling and Eric Shilling ~ grandsons of Ron and Janet Frank  
Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta; Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon and Marion Davis