

SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP

Baptism of the Lord

January 9, 2022

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Time for quiet prayer and meditation . . .

“Be still and know that I am God.”

We Come Before God in Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude “I Will Sing the Wondrous Story” arr. Kerrick

\* Call to Worship

Leader: All who thirst, come to the water  
and drink deeply of the living stream.

People: Come, all who are weary;  
Come, all who yearn for forgiveness.

Leader: Our gracious God beckons and blesses us.

People: Let us give praise for new life in Christ.

\* Hymn “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty” No. 35

\* Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God  
in baptism you grafted us into the body of Christ,  
promising us forgiveness of sin and newness of  
life.

But we fail to live as forgiven people.  
We keep destructive habits and hold grudges.  
We allow our past to hold us hostage  
and are reluctant to welcome new life in Christ.

In your loving-kindness,  
have mercy on us and free us from sin.  
Remind us of the promises you have made to us in  
baptism,

so that we may live as your people,  
claimed in the waters of your grace. Amen.

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* Gloria Patri

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.

God Gives to Us Through His Word

Ordination & Installation of New Officers (11:00 a.m.)

Those to be ordained and installed:

Class of 2023

Class of 2024

Elders

Wilma Shealy

Deacons

Lucas Durham  
Melissa Wilbanks

John Dockery  
Mary Ann Merritt

Those to be installed:

Elders

Floride Caldwell  
Paul Cook  
John Cutchin  
Joel Ledbetter  
Kathy Lyles  
Robert Sams

Gregg Branham  
Karen Cooper  
Phil Darity  
Dennis Latham  
Scott Wilbanks

Deacons

Britt Burnett  
Dustin Coats  
Chad Lister  
Greg Lucas  
Melanie Branham  
Eric Goodwin  
David Owen  
Stephen Roach

Solo

“Song of Simeon”  
Soloist, Robert Norris

arr. Card

Scripture Lesson Luke 2:21-40

Sermon

The Gospel of Luke  
VI. My Eyes Have Seen Your Salvation

Dr. Seel

We Respond to God’s Word

\* Hymn

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

No. 630

\* Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of  
heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son  
our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius  
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He  
descended into hell; the third day He rose again  
from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth  
on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from  
thence He shall come to judge the quick and the  
dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic  
church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of  
sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life  
everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer

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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us” arr. Ray

\* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication No. 606

\* Hymn “Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace” No. 545

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Benediction Response “Make Us Holy, Make Us Whole”

*In your love, make us whole. May we rest in your compassion.  
Calm the lost, weary soul in the warmth of your love.  
May your peace fill our hearts. May we know the love of Jesus.  
By your grace, you console. Make us holy, make us whole.*

\* Postlude “O For a Thousand Tongues” arr. Birchwood

\* Congregation Stands

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please write your  
request, tear off this  
form, fold, and place in  
the offering plate.

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Name and date: (optional)

(These are kept confidential!)

The Tuesday Morning Prayer  
Group meets each week at  
10:00 a.m. to pray for the  
EPC family and any other  
special needs.

WELCOME TO VISITORS

If you are visiting today,  
we would like you to know  
that it is a privilege to have  
you with us. It is our hope  
that you will find a warm  
welcome and an atmosphere  
to worship God.

