

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Baptism of the Lord

January 7, 2024

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Elder John Jordan, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

“All Hail the Power of Jesus Name”

Dr. Gilbreath

We Gather in God’s Presence

Pastor’s Welcome

Rev. Brogdon

Call to Worship:

One: On that first day, when time began:

All: you gave birth to creation; light danced through the darkness; the waters of hope flowed free and clear.

One: On that first day at the Jordan, when redemption began:

All: you spoke of life for all your children, as your Child stepped into the waters of forgiveness, dancing in hope with his cousin, John.

One: On this first day of the week, when we begin anew:

All: you call us to faithfulness, as we open our hearts to you, your voice claiming us as your own.

*Hymn

“Here in This Place”

#401

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

God among us, forgive us when we assume you are far from us and when we fail to recognize our part in your ongoing ministry. We lament that so many feel forsaken. We grieve for all the wounds not healed, actions not taken, and calls not answered. Teach us to participate in your mission in the world, to remember our baptism, to hear the call on our lives, and to help those who are sent our way. Transform us, so that we may be more like Christ. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response

“O Lamb of God”

#555

Assurance of Pardon:

One: God is indeed among us! We have been baptized into Christ, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. In Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God! Amen!

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri

#581

We Listen for God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Elder John Jordan

Scripture Reading

Acts 19:1-7

Elder John Jordan

*Hymn

“Baptized in Water”

#482

Scripture Reading

Mark 4:1-11

Rev. Brogdon

Sermon

“Muddy the Waters”

Rev. Brogdon

We Respond to God’s Word

Call for the Offering

Offertory

“One Day”

Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology

#606

*Prayer of Dedication

Communion Anthem

“See the Bread, See the Wine”

Choir

Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving – Written by Thom M. Shuman

One: May the Creator of heaven and earth be with you!

All: And also with you.

One: People of God, lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the One who gave his Heart to heal us.

One: Let us give thanks to the One who made everything and called it “good.”

All: How right it is to give our thanks and praise to the One who calls us 'Beloved.'

One: Into the shadows of silence, you hummed the first chords of creation...

One: With those who ran to the river's side, and those who immersed themselves in grace, with our beloved sisters and brothers in every time and place, we sing of your love:

All: Holy, holy, holy! Creator of Light and life. Heaven and earth sing forever of your love and joy. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes to be baptized by water and the Holy Spirit. Hosanna in the highest!

One: Blessedness is your nature, Holy Imagination, and your Bright Morning Star is our Savior, Jesus Christ...

One: On this day, we remember our baptism, we would proclaim the life which was his, and the hope which is ours in that mystery we call faith:

All: *Bathed in your tears, Christ died for us; washed in the resurrection waters, Christ rose for us; bringing the waters of life to us, Christ will come again.*

Rev. Brogdon continues.

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

Prayer After Communion

God of grace, we give you thanks for the meal we have shared in your beloved community. As we have received the bread and cup through the gift of your grace, send us forth in your Spirit to share these gifts with others, that they too may know and trust your presence, power, and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Are Sent Into the World

*Hymn	“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”	#547
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*Benediction		Rev. Brogdon
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Postlude	“Take the Name of Jesus with You”	Dr. Gilbreath
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*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar:

Mon., Jan. 8 9:00 AM-11:00 AM remove decorations
HAD Lunch - Please sign upon the bulletin board to bring cornbread, rolls, or dessert.

Wed., Jan. 10 4:30 PM Choir
5:30 PM CONNECT-Bible Study with Rev. Tripp

Sun., Jan. 21 Congregational Meeting following the service.



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Scripture Reading, John Jordan: Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

Scripture Reading, Rev Brogdon: Mark 4:1-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice

came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."