

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2025

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Shelly Shull, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Dr. Gilbreath

We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome Rev. Tripp Brogdon

Call to Worship:

One: The voice of God resounds upon the water.

All: *The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.*

One: The Son of God is named, "Beloved."

All: *And all who worship shout out, "Glory!"*

One: Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.

All: *Let us worship God in holy splendor!*

*Hymn "Shall We Gather at the River" #375

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

We are precious in your sight, yet we often forget that we are your beloved.

We confess that our love is fickle and inconstant. We follow selfish goals

and deny that our way of life harms others and hurts your world. We are

sorry, and we want to change. Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our

resolve, reconcile us one to another, and bless us with your peace. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me" v.1 #582

Assurance of Pardon:

One: God's words of comfort and restoration are more powerful than any foolishness, any mistakes, any sins we commit. This is good news: we are God's people!

All: *Thanks be to God! By water and word, by the Spirit of God's redeeming grace, we are marked and sealed as God's beloved children. Amen.*

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri #581

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination Shelly Shull

Scripture Reading Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 Shelly Shull

Choir Anthem "God's Gifts" Choir

Scripture Reading Isaiah 43:1-7 Rev. Tripp Brogdon

Sermon "Created, Formed, Redeemed, Called and Claimed" Rev. Tripp Brogdon

*Hymn "Baptized in Water" #482

We Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith: 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

Call for the Offering

Offertory "You Are My Hiding Place" Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

*Hymn "How Firm a Foundation" #463

*Benediction Rev. Tripp Brogdon

*Postlude "God Will Take Care of You" Dr. Gilbreath

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar of Events:

Mon., Jan. 13 HAD – sign up to bring rolls, dessert or serve.
Wed., Jan. 15 2:00 PM Session Meeting
Thurs., Jan. 16 1:00 PM Caring Hands
Mon., Jan. 20 6:00 PM NAP Men’s Meeting at First Presbyterian in Athens.
Dinner will be served. If you would like to carpool, you can meet at St. Andrew at 5:00 PM. Sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend.

Guests

Welcome! It is a blessing to have you in worship with us today. We warmly invite your participation in the worship, fellowship, and ministry of our congregation. The pastor is available to answer any questions you might have after worship, by email or phone. There is a place for you here.

Children’s activity bags are available from an usher for the sermon time. Please leave the bag in the pew as you leave. A nursery is provided for children 3 years of age and under.

Live Streams and recordings of each week’s worship service are available on our YouTube channel. For more information, visit us at www.standrewdecalur.org



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Scripture Reading, Shelly Shull: Luke 3:15–17, 21–22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, “Give them up,” and to the south, “Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— everyone

who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”