

# Order of Worship for 1/12/25

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\* Please rise in body/spirit | Congregational responses are in bold

# **GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** 

Since Christ My Soul From Sin Set Free

#### 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.

## OPENING PRAYER (all)

Holy God, when Jesus was baptized in the Jordan the heavens opened, the Spirit descended, and your voice affirmed your love in Jesus for the healing of the human race and all creation. By water and word you lovingly invite us into this same life-giving mission. May your Spirit, moving like a stream of water flowing from its source, work in us this day to realize your vision of a world made new in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

#### \*OPENING HYMN #492

Baptized in Water

1 Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit, Cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King; Heirs of salvation, Trusting the promise, Faithfully now God's praises we sing. 2 Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit, Dead in the tomb with Christ, our King; One with his rising, Freed and forgiven Thankfully now God's praises we sing.

3 Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit, Marked with the sign of Christ, our King; Born of the Spirit, We are God's children, Joyfully now God's praises we sing.

# \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all)

We are precious in your sight, O Lord, yet we often forget that we are your beloved. We confess that our love is fickle and inconsistent. 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.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In the name of Jesus Christ,

All: We are forgiven.

\*HYMN #576 Gloria, Gloria

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

#### PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 43:1-7

Old Testament page 672

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 3:15-18, 21-22

This is the Word of the Lord New Testament page 60

Thanks be to God!

SERMON Rev. TJ Shirley

### \* REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I do.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love? I will, with God's help

With the whole church, let us confess our faith:

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.

\*HYMN #361 How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word! What more can be said than to you God hath said, To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, For I am thy God and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go, The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply; The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5 "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

#### **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Thee We Adore

\*DOXOLOGY #592

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Give Strength, O Lord and bless us with peace.

# **SENT IN GOD'S NAME**

## \*CLOSING HYMN #499

Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed

Wonder of wonders, here revealed; God's covenant with us is sealed. And long before we know or pray, God's love enfolds us every day.

Here in this sacrament we see God's grace unbound, for all, for me! May we respond with joyful praise In loving service all our days.

This child of God, though young or old, We welcome now into Christ's fold, To know with us God's loving care; Here all our joys and sorrows share.

Now we our vow of faith renew, Stretch wide our sights to global view, And claim with Christians far and near A larger family held dear.

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE My Hope is Built

