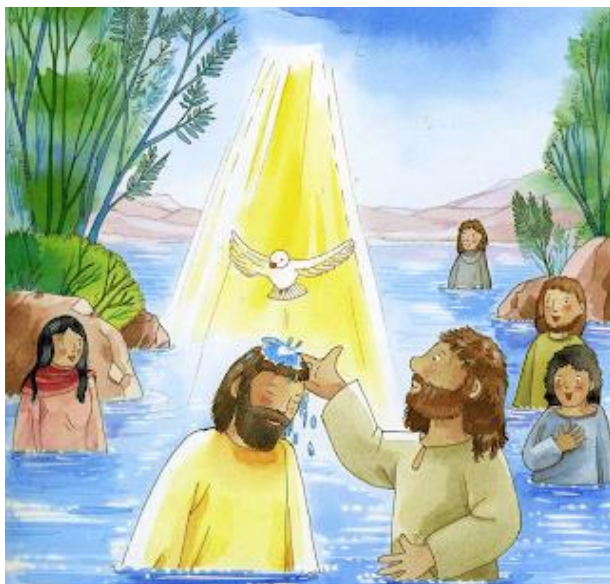


January 20, 2019 – 10:00 am

# THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST



First Sunday after Epiphany

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- THE BELLS CALL US INTO SILENT REVERENCE.
- THE CANDLES ARE LIT TO LIGHT OUR WAY INTO WORSHIP
- CCLI LICENSE #11164431
- LITURGY WRITTEN REV. LAVON BAYLER
- **PLEASE RESPOND WITH WORDS IN BOLD PRINT.**
- **\*PLEASE STAND IF COMFORTABLY ABLE.**

PRELUDE: **Prelude on “Deep River”** John Troutman

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: Gather from East and West, from North and South. God is calling us; listen, for God is naming you.

**MANY: The voice of God thunders through our midst.  
The voice of God is powerful and full of majesty.**

One: Bow in awe before the one who created you. God knows you completely, yet accepts you.

**MANY: The voice of God commands our attention.  
The voice of God is like fire and tornado.**

One: God reaches out to strengthen, not condemn us. God brings us through terror to a place of peace.

**MANY: Ascribe to God glory and strength.  
Worship God in awe, wonder, and joy!**

**\*OPENING HYMN: NCH 420**

**“We Praise You, O God, our Redeemer”**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:**

**God of cleaning waters and purifying fires, touch our lives today to recall us to the power of our baptism and reconfirm our commitment to Jesus Christ. Name us**

**again as your own people: precious, gifted, created to glorify you in fullness of life, in peace with ourselves and one another. Send your Holy Spirit once more to energize our worship and enliven our witness in the world. Hear us as we pray for one another and for your church in every place. Amen.**

**\*GLORIA: NCH 759**

**Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three- in-One; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

**FIRST TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 43:1-7  
Lay Liturgist**

**RESPONSIVE PSALM READING: Psalm 29 Page 638**

**CHOIR ANTHEM: “We Have Come to Lift Up the Name”**

**TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:**

**\*GOSPEL READING: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

**Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**SERMON: “The Epiphany of Hope”**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE: NCH 128**

**“In the Bleak Midwinter”**

**PASTORAL PRAYER: Beginning with a time for silent personal prayer. Concluding with the Lord’s Prayer.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**PRAYER RESPONSE: NCH 769**

**Hear our prayer. O God. Hear our prayer, O God.  
Incline your ear to us. And grant us your peace.**

**INVITATION TO SHARE:**

**OFFERTORY: "Shall We Gather at the River"**

**Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.**

**\*DOXOLOGY: NCH 780**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

**For bringing us safely to this hour, we give you thanks.  
O God of wind and fire. May our offerings honor you.  
May our lives reflect your mercy. May our hands  
bestow on others the blessings we have received. May  
our prayers unite us with one another and with  
Christ, in whose name we celebrate the privilege of  
giving. Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN: NCH 82**

**"Go, My Children, With My Blessing**

\*BENEDICTION:

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: Three-fold-amen  
**Amen, Amen, Amen**

\*POSTLUDE: **“Lift Up Your Songs of Praise”**  
Camille Saint-Saens



**PRAYER LIST:** *Today we lift up in prayer* Barbara Moran.  
*And prayers for healing:* Tom Petroff, Dave Seneczyn, Roger Fox, Ardella Morris, Eric White, Alice Stidham, Sandy Fort, Darlene Bax, Stacy Bunetic, Ethan Reiss, Gary Carr, Craig Meyer, Amanda  
*Shut-ins:* Darleen Bax, Terry Kissel, Ardella Morris & Jacquie Mantle  
Our condolences to the family of Paul Fuchs  
Our condolences to the family of Fred Miller

***Serving in Christ's Name:***

**Ministers** – All members of St. John UCC

***Participants in Today's Worship:***

**Pastor** – Rev. Rosemary Captain

**Minister of Music** – Sharon Banjavcic

**Liturgist** – Sue Williams

**Ushers** – Sue Ganschinietz & Jim Turnbull

***Activities of the church:***

**Every Sunday** - Adult Sunday school at **8:30 a.m.**

**Today** - Annual meeting after worship.

Taking orders for sub sandwiches.

**Tuesday** – Boy Scouts 7 p.m.

**Thursday** - AA meeting 7 p.m.