



**commit your work to the LORD and  
your plans will be established** *Proverbs 16:3*

# **INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



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## **BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

*Installation of Deacons and Elders ~ January 08, 2023*



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*Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?  
~ Book of Common Worship*

~ **GATHERING** ~

**EPIPHANY LESSON**

MATTHEW 2:1-12

(NRSV)

The mystery of the ages, revealed to all.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PRELUDE**

WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE

GTG #151

by John Henry Hopkins

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** (*Isaiah 43:1*)

Do not fear, for the Lord has spoken:

**I have called you by name, you are mine.**

**POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATERS**

**\*LITANY FOR BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

In the beginning, darkness covered the deep,  
and God said: Let there be light.

**The voice of the Lord is over the waters!**

Through the words of the prophet, the Lord said:

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.

**The voice of the Lord is over the waters!**

Do not fear, says the Lord; I am with you.

I have called you by name; you are mine.

**The voice of the Lord is over the waters!**

When Jesus was baptized by John,  
suddenly the heavens were opened.

**The voice of the Lord is over the waters!**

And as Jesus was coming out of the water,  
the Spirit of God rested on him like a dove.

**The voice of the Lord is over the waters!**

And a voice said: You are my beloved Child;  
with you I am well pleased.

**The voice of the Lord is over the waters!**

Come, let us worship God.

**\*HYMN**

ON JORDAN'S BANK THE BAPTIST'S CRY

GTG #96

by Charles Coffin; trans. John Chandler

WINCHESTER NEW

**CHILDREN OF GOD**

**All: May God be with you there.**

**Kids: May God be with you here.**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**In the waters of baptism, O God, you have cleansed us and claimed us. Forgive us for refusing your grace and rejecting your name. We have followed our own paths and they have led us far from you. Help us to live into our baptisms, to trust that all we need is in you, for you have marked us as your own living us without limit. Wash us with your love again, that with clean hearts we may go in the way of Jesus. Amen.**

**\*RESPONSE**

LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US

GTG #575

John Merbecke; arr. Healey Willan

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

**\*INSTRUMENTAL**

**MINUTE FOR METANOIA**

Bob Scott

**~ THE WORD ~**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**HEBREW BIBLE**

ISAIAH 42:1-9

(NRSV)

The voice of the Lord, powerful and full of majesty. **Thanks be to God.**

**\*HYMN**

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

GTG #288

by Daniel Iverson

LIVING GOD

**GOSPEL LESSON**

MATTHEW 3:13-17

(NRSV)

The voice of the Lord, powerful and full of majesty.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

“I WILL, WITH GOD’S HELP”

**RESPONSE**

AMEN

GTG #601

Anon. Danish

~ ***RESPONDING TO THE WORD*** ~

**\*INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS** (*See Insert*)

**\*INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**\*RESPONSE**

DOXOLOGY

GTG #606

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

~ ***SENDING*** ~

**\*HYMN**

BAPTIZED IN WATER

GTG #482

by Michael J. Seward

BUNESSAN

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE**

GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN

(*verse 1*) #541

by Jeremiah Eames Rankin

RANDOLPH

**POSTLUDE**

*As you leave today, you are invited to remember your baptism, by dipping your hand into the baptismal font, and making the sign of the cross on your forehead with the waters.*

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Pieces of today’s liturgy are from: *Book of Common Worship* (PCUSA);

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## INSTALLATION OF DEACONS AND ELDERS

**THANK YOU!**

JANIS CARR, ELDER

BEVERLY ROSPIERSKI, ELDER

LYNN ANDREWS, DEACON

RHODA KAZAROVICH, DEACON

**2023 ELDERS:**

DON LENNY

BOB SCOTT

**2023 DEACONS:**

KAREN SHALLCROSS

ANNIE SIEBERT

### **SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE**

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

