

ORDER OF WORSHIP - JANUARY 12, 2025
BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY

GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER

Dr. John Hatton

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF JESUS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Dr. James Humlong

Chorale Prelude on "Christ Our Lord Came to The Jordan", BWV 684

J. S. Bach

INTROIT

Chancel Choir

Come and Pray in Us

Jacques Berthier

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Joan Wooden

Come to the river of life.

Listen for the words of love.

Come to the waters of grace.

Receive the gift of acceptance.

Come to the river of love,

for all are welcome here.

***HYMN 252**

When Jesus Came to Jordan

***PSALTER LESSON**

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, upon many waters.

**The voice of the Lord is powerful,
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars,
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

The Lord makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness,
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forests bare;

and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as Ruler for ever.
May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!

***GLORIA PATRI**

UMH 70

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Adam Brewer

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God

Benedetto Marcello

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor Parker Outman

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Beloved One, when we forget that we are your beloved children,
draw us ever closer to you.

When we fail to hear your voice of love,
whisper your words of reassurance.

When we don't reflect the divine image within us,
forgive us.

Wash over us with your mercy and grace,
and bathe us in your abundant love,
that we may remember who we are and whose we are.

In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Do not worry, sisters and brothers, for God has redeemed you
and called you by name.

Do not worry, children of the promise, for God is with us even now,
gathering the lost into the light of everlasting love and faithfulness.

Glory to God. Amen.

HYMN 334

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Dr. Bill Moore

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

Jesu, My Treasure
Gordon Young

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH 95

***PRAYER OF BLESSING**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Dr. John Hatton

Luke 3: 21-22

One day when the crowds were being baptized, Jesus himself was baptized. As he was praying, the heavens opened, and the Holy Spirit, in bodily form, descended on him like a dove. And a voice from heaven said, "You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy."

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Dr. John Hatton

***HYMN 61**

Come, Thou Almighty King

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Dr. James Humlong

Song for a New Year
Gilbert Martin