

Baptism of the Lord

January 8, 2023

10:30 am

Gathering as God's Family

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Shall We Gather at the River?

T. Jefferson

Call to Worship

Psalm 147:1,3-5

Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God;

for God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

God heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

God determines the number of the stars; God gives to all of them their names.

Great is our LORD, and abundant in power;

God's understanding is beyond measure.

*Hymn 267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID

Prayer of Confession

Faithful One,

despite our best efforts,

we have not lived up to what we can do or who we can be.

Even when our intentions are good,

our actions cause harm.

Even when we want to follow you more closely,

we end up turning away.

We are at war with ourselves,

and only you can bring peace.

Still our souls, we pray, and order our steps;

guide our feet back to your way.

(a moment for Silent Reflection and Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the Good News of the Gospel!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Congregational Response 581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end.**

Amen, amen.

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 11:25-30

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 12

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

(Ushers will collect prayer request cards following the lesson.)

** Those who are able, please stand*

*Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love; my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*

*Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*Come, Spirit, come our hearts control. Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed. By this we worship and are freed.*

Time with the Children

*(After the message, children ages four through third grade may leave for Children's Worship Time.
Parents may pick up their children in Room 207, across the bridge following worship.)*

Sermon

"Learning From Him"

Dr. John M. Willingham

"Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart."—Matthew 11:29a

*Hymn 418

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

*Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Concerns of the Church

*(Persons nearest the center aisle are asked to sign and pass the Act of Friendship pad toward the
outside aisle. Please keep the cover open as the pad is returned.)*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering of Our Gifts and Lives

(To give online or via text message, click the "Give" tab at the top of our website.)

Offertory

Come Unto Him
Logan Laudenslager and Gina Ricci

G.F. Handel

*Congregational Response 607

Doxology

PRAISE GOD

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit ever more; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen**

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

*Benediction

*Postlude

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, BuxWV 223

D. Buxtehude

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Assisting: Pauline Sexton **Lay Leader:** Mary Shull

New Life! The rosebud on the Communion Table celebrates the birth of Madison Olivia Boisvert, born on December 31 to Todd and Stephanie Paradiso Boisvert. The proud DPC grandparents are Mike and Cheryl Paradiso.

The flowers are given today in loving memory of Eleanor Mill by Carl, Dianne, Adrienne and Ryan Mill; in loving memory of our parents by Tom and Ginny Swartley; and in loving memory of husband/father, Richard D. Fister and grandson/nephew, Richard G. Fister by Betty and Diane Fister.

Offering Envelopes. Your offering envelopes for 2023 are now available to be picked up on the bridge. For those who had envelopes in 2022, there should be a box assigned for this year, too. If you didn't have envelopes, and would like to have a box for 2023, please either add your name to the list on the bridge or contact Linay Richards – linayr@dtownpc.org

Today's **Prayer of Confession** is taken from *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching and the Arts*. Volume 56.1, p. 140

SESSION

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Dennis Parenti
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