

Westminster Presbyterian Church

JANUARY 12, 2024 10:45 A.M.

The Baptism of the Lord

WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prelude

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

Introit

✠Call to Worship (You are invited to rise in body or spirit and join in the Call to Worship.)

One: On this Lord's Day we remember the baptism of Jesus. We are bold to worship Jesus, who after he was baptized heard God's voice: "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

All: **We too hear your voice gracious God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. We hear you say, "I love you, my child. Follow the ways of Jesus' Kingdom."**

One: This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

All: **We are your children, Lord God of all creation. Pour the fullness of your Spirit upon us in this time of worship and prayer. AMEN!**

✠Hymn

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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✠Opening Prayer

Remembering God's Best - The Law: Psalm 29:1-2

We remember God's plan for us in the Fourth Commandment: "Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy." Worship has been God's best for us from the beginning. In Psalm 29:1-2 the psalmist echoes this theme: "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 truth of God's best for us is that God wants us to make worship a priority in our lives. Rather than an afterthought, God's desire is that we worship God with all our heart, mind, and spirit. The result is the peace of God that passes all human understanding. Thanks be to God!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Most Holy and Grace-filled God, we come to you with humble hearts. Our desire is to worship you in spirit and in truth, Our confession is that we have allowed the things of the world to distract us. We have chosen not to seek your Kingdom and righteousness and have allowed our human needs and desires to dominate us. Give us courage to put your kingdom and righteousness first. Show us the value of worship. Remind us that you are able to do more than we could ever ask or think. Help us to remember our baptisms and to encourage the gift of worship in our own lives and in the lives of those around us. Lead us into the future with hope, Lord God. Have mercy on us, for Jesus' sake. AMEN.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, hear and believe the good news; in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

✠Congregational Response

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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.

✠Passing of the Peace

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you**

Time with Children and Youth

GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

A Responsive Reading from Isaiah 43:1-7, 10-11

One: But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

All: **When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.**

One: For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

All: I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

One: Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth – everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

All: You are my witnesses, says the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. I, I am the LORD, and besides me there is no savior.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading: Acts 8:14-17

The Gospel Reading: Luke 3:15-18, 21-22

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

The Message

"Life in the Holy Spirit"

Rev. Dr. John Blacklock

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

☒Hymn

"Baptized in Water"

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☒Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

(p. 35 in the Hymnal)

Announcements/Minute for Mission

Offering Our Gifts to God

Anthem

☒The Prayer of Dedication

✠Doxology

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Sharing Joys and Concerns

One: Lord, in your mercy.

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

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.

WE BEAR GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

✠Hymn

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

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✠Benediction

✠Choral Blessing

(Worship is complete after the Choral Blessing. You are free to exit or stay for the Postlude.)

Postlude

When our worship is over, our service begins!

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor: Rev. Dr. John Blacklock

Worship Leader: Steve Coffin

Music Director/Organist: Duilio Dobrin

Sound Technician: Bill Vilbig

Livestream: Leiza McArter

Choir Members: Stephen Bolduc, Da'On Boulanger-Chatman, Anna Clarkson, Kalli Hansen, Jeremy Hunter, Dani McArter, Nancy Morton, and Bill Tiffany

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 12, 2024

WELCOME VISITORS

We welcome you to our family of faith! Let us know of your attendance by filling out one of our visitor cards found on the table in the narthex. We'd like to get to know you, whether you are just visiting or looking for a church home.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 16 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM Making Memories meets in Fellowship Hall
Jan 28 10:30 AM Book Club – we'll be reviewing The Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver
Jan 28 5:30 PM Stated Session Meeting

MAKING MEMORIES

Making Memories/Caregiver's Day Out is an outreach ministry of WPC that provides a meeting place for adults with early to mid-stage Alzheimer's disease or related dementias, while offering respite for their caregivers. Meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays of every month from 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM, and combine socialization, exercise, music, and other memory-stimulating activities in a safe and comfortable environment. If you or a loved one is interested in participating in or serving as a volunteer, please contact Ann Rosenzweig at info@makingmemoriesdallas.com.

ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE

Westminster welcomes your continued support. Checks can be sent to Westminster Presbyterian Church, 8200 Devonshire Dr, Dallas, TX 75209 or you may give online through Venmo (our username is West-Presby and the last four digits, if requested, are 5290). If you have questions or need help, contact Dan Stoyak in the business office at dans@wpcd.org or 214-351-3251.



ONLINE WORSHIP INFORMATION

Worship at Westminster is broadcast live on Facebook directly from the WPC sanctuary beginning at 10:45 am every Sunday morning. To access the live stream, be sure to “Like” the Westminster Presbyterian Church – Dallas Facebook page at www.facebook.com/westminsterpresbyteriandallas. You can see previously broadcast full worship services and sermons by clicking the “Videos” tab on the Facebook page. Videos of services, sermons, and choral anthems are also available on our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/@WestminsterPresbyterianDallas>

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