



Sunday, January 12, 2025
Baptism of the Lord

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.

But when John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of his marriage to Herodias, his brother's wife, and all the other evil things she had done, Herod added this to them all: He locked John up in prison.

When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Now Jesus himself was about thirty years old.

Luke 3:15-23a (niv)

- Highland, A Place to be Seen, Known, and Loved -

Greeters: Kay Gehman, Marty & Jack Hynd, Amy Roe, Elizabeth & Clair Hess

Ushers: Michel Gibeault. Bob & Vicki Kutz, Harry & Eileen Flick, Fred Brown, Nancy Holtzapple

The white roses recognizes and bears witness to the life and memories of William "Bill" Forrey and Barbara Holran

The Chancel Flowers are presented by:

Jerry & Carla Rothacker in memory of Carla's sister, Jame Lee Boris

Fran Stefany in memory of Ron Stefany

Phyllis Thompson, in memory of parents

Gathering in God's Name

Chimes

Piano Prelude

Welcome & Ministry Highlights

Rev. Matt Drumheller

*Please sign and pass the "Friendship Pad" down the pew.
At the end of the row, pass it back so that we can greet one another by name after the service.*

Minute for Mission

Upward Basketball

Call to Worship

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Leader: The voice of God resounds upon the water.

The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the sea.

The son of God is called, "Beloved."

And all who worship shout out, "Glory!"

Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.

Let us worship God in holy splendor.

*Opening Hymn #10

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Children's Dismissal to Sunday School

Children 5th grade and under are invited to attend Sunday School. Teachers are stationed at the main doors of the sanctuary and will walk the children to the children's classrooms in the Narthex. Parents/Guardians may pick up their children after the service in the classroom.

Sentences of Scripture

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Matt Drumheller

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Matt Drumheller

Leader: As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so, in Christ God speaks to us: You are my child, my beloved; with you I am well pleased! Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel!

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

Profession of Faith

Rev. Matt Drumheller

Leader: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

People: I do.

Leader: Who is your Lord and Savior?

People: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Leader: Will you be Christ's faithful disciples, obeying his word and showing his love?

People: I will, with God's help.

The Apostles' Creed

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Leader: As we are forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ Jesus, let us be reconciled to one another. The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

* Gloria Patri 579

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.

Proclaiming God's Word

Scripture Reading

Luke 3:15-23a

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Message

"The Right Time"

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Responding to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering

Leigh Shuman

Offertory Choral anthem

"Shall We Gather At The River"

arr. J. Carter

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

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.

Going in God's Name

* Closing Hymn #392

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

* Congregational Response

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel His mighty power and His grace;
I can hear the brush of angels' wings; I see glory in each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

Organ Postlude

*PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

*MUSIC: DR. PAUL THORLAKSON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
JONATHAN LEFEVER, ORGANIST
DANIEL DROZ, BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR
A/V: KEN OSBORNE*

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Video Recordings of the service can be found on the Highland website at www.HighlandPC.org

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