
BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 12, 2025 + 11:00 am Worship

As we enter a holy space and time this morning, please silence all electronic devices. The opening voluntary is the call to silent meditation and preparation for worship.

+ Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol, and join in singing or reading aloud text in bold.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rebekah LeMon

CALL TO WORSHIP (from *Isaiah 43:1-3*)

One: But now, this is what the Lord says—he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

All: Our Lord says to us: “When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.”

One: With joy and thanksgiving, let us worship the Lord our God together.

+OPENING HYMN

#463 How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

+CALL TO CONFESSION

Lucy Strong

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you call us to community. But we exclude and reject those we see as different. You claim us as beloved, but we turn against each other in anger and hate. You call us to follow your path, but we build walls and expect violence and dismiss peace as impractical and unrealistic. Redeeming God, forgive our worldly ways. Surprise us again with your radical love. Show us again how to live as your baptized children.

(silence for personal prayers of confession)

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Our God is loving, just and merciful. God delivers us from sin and restores us by grace.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

ST. FLAVIAN

Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord, your cross on us be signed, that, likewise in God's service, we may perfect freedom find.
(tune may be found as Hymn #166)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

SUNG RESPONSE

#306 Blest Be the Tie That Binds (verse 1)

DENNIS

All: Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

INTRODUCTION TO THE SACRAMENT

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

THE QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

THE BAPTISM

Elizabeth Heather Maxwell, daughter of Sarah Robertson & Andrew Maxwell

+WELCOME

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church; for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support you, to share the good news of the gospel with you, and to help you know and follow Christ.

+ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

O WALY WALY

O loving God, unto thy care we give again this child of thine, baptized and blessed with faithful prayer and sealed with love's victorious sign.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

(pew Bible, OT p. 672)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

(pew Bible, NT p. 60)

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Rebekah Close LeMon

Epiphanies: Through the Water

+SUNG RESPONSE

EVENTIDE

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth, through all its pulses move; stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.
(tune may be found as Hymn #836)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Emily Beaver

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.

CALL TO GIVE

OFFERTORY

arr. Shaw-Parker

Wondrous Love

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, that caused the Lord of Bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul? When I was sinking down, O my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, while millions join the theme I will sing. And when from death I'm free I'll sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on.

+DOXOLOGY #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+CLOSING HYMN

#177 I Will Come to You

YOU ARE MINE

Stanza 1: Choir

Stanzas 2-4: **ALL**

+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Amen

John Stanley

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY

Prelude in G, BWV 541

J.S. Bach

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TODAY IN WORSHIP

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Rebekah Close LeMon
Senior Pastor

Rev. Lucy Strong
Associate Pastor for Mission & Engagement

Rev. Emily Beaver
Associate Pastor for Family Ministries

Barbara Robertson
Elder

MUSICIANS

The Chancel Choir of Trinity Church
Norman Mackenzie, *Organist and Director of Music and Arts*

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by the Graves and Marriott families to the glory of God and in loving memory of Frances “Frannie” and Bill Graves. This morning's arrangement was created by the Trinity Presbyterian Flower Guild.

WELCOME

Welcome to Trinity. We are glad you are here.

Children and Worship

Children are always welcome in worship at Trinity! There are activity bags and children's books available at each entrance for children to use during worship, and there are children's Bibles in each pew. If you would prefer to have childcare, it is available for children from birth through pre-K in the following rooms:

Infants and One-Year-Olds D102

Two-Year-Olds – Pre-K (4 year olds) D106

Prayer Requests

If you are going through a difficult time, we would like to know how best to support you. To notify the church of illness, hospitalization, birth, death, or prayer request, or if you need pastoral care after hours, reach out to any pastor at the addresses on the back of the bulletin or call 404-237-6491.

Counseling

Trinity has affiliate relationships with the following for private counseling: Morgan DiOrio, Trinity Counselor Affiliate for Children, Adolescents and Families (678-935-6472), Christi Bartolomucci, Clinical Director of Atlanta Innovative Counseling Center, Trinity Counselor Affiliate for Adults (770-293-1950 ext. 210), Elizabeth Earhart, Trinity Counselor Affiliate for Adults (404-631-7934). Contact a pastor for more information and referral assistance.

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers are laity, trained and committed to providing fully confidential, one-to-one, Christian caregiving and support to those experiencing difficult times. To make an inquiry for, or about Stephen Ministry, please contact one of the pastors or email us at: stephenminister@trinityatlanta.org; Cindy Stancil at cindy.stancil@comcast.net or Scott Calhoun at sd@hpslaw.com.

Livestream

We livestream our worship services and provide online playback on demand. We also take videos and photos from time to time in the church (interior and exterior). With your presence, you grant Trinity Presbyterian Church unrestricted rights to use and publish, transmit or telecast your image or likeness in communications related to the church. If you prefer to sit outside camera range during the service, please speak with an usher.

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