



# Baptism of Our Lord Sunday

## First Sunday after the Epiphany

Worship Guide: Sunday, January 10, 2021

### Sunday Worship Schedule:

Due to the number of rising COVID cases in Floyd/Clark Counties as well as the state, we made the decision to **suspend in-person worship in to January**. Mid-January we will reevaluate this decision.

You are invited to join us on-line for worship Sunday mornings at 9:00 am at [trinityna.org](http://trinityna.org).

### Message *Of Water & Spirit – Baptism of Our Lord Sunday*

Rev. Chris Neikirk

#### Basic Theme:

In the United Methodist Church, we have two sacraments; Holy Communion and Holy Baptism. Both sacraments are an integral part of our faith journey. Today is Baptism of our Lord Sunday, the day on which we celebrate the gift of the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Many questions surround baptism – What is it? Why should we do it? How should we do it? By whom? When should it be done?

#### Sermon Snapshot (Key Points):

We often have so many questions about baptism because so many churches view it differently... it's confusing. Ultimately, as Methodists, we believe that God does the baptizing and we are marked by God. Baptism is only a beginning and we must live out our faith as proclaimed by our faith. We do not Re-Baptize anyone in the United Methodist Church. Since God did it, it's done. However, there are times in our life when our eyes are opened to God and we view our faith differently, perhaps as if for the very first time. On those occasions, it is meaningful to use water and remember our baptism.

#### So What?

Have you been baptized? Have you had your children baptized? What's holding you back? Do you need to renew your baptismal vows? What will it take for you to begin to live as one marked by God?

### Call to Worship

*Based on 1 Chronicles 16*

**Leader:** *Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;*

**People:** **We worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.**

**Leader:** *The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders,*

**People:** **The Lord thunders over the mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful;**

**All:** **Praise be to God!**

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**Prelude** "Fanfare" Healy Willan

**Hymn** (UMH 605)

"Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"

**Solo** "The Work of Christmas" Dan Forrest

Lisa Holm

**Hymn** "This Is the Spirit's Entry Now" (UMH 608)

**Postlude** Felix Mendelssohn

"Sonata No. 1, Movement IV"

#### **Praise Band:**

*Let Your Name Be Glorified, Oh Our Lord*

by Paul Baloche

*Your Promises*

by Elevation Worship

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## 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.  
AMEN.

## Gospel Readings *Matthew 3:13-4:1; John 3:3-6 (NRSV)*

**Matthew 3:13-4:1** <sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." <sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

**John 3:3-6** <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.

**Worship participants:** Lisa Holm; Praise Band: Kim Coll, Sharon Maetschke, Marty Allen

## announcements

### Children's on-line Sunday school via ZOOM

Please plan to join us on line at 10:15am to participate in Sunday school.  
Contact **Catherine Turcotte**, Children's Pastor, [kids@trinitynewalbany.org](mailto:kids@trinitynewalbany.org)

### Trinity Youth on-line activities

Trinity Youth, middle school & high school, group continues to meet on line for a variety of activities. Want to join in? Contact **Nathan Bleecker**, Youth Minister, at [tumcnewalbanyyouth@gmail.com](mailto:tumcnewalbanyyouth@gmail.com).

**The church office will be closed** in observance of Martin Luther King Day, Monday, January 18. The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 19 at 8:00 am.

## joys & concerns

### Prayer Concerns

**Submit prayer requests** on our website at [trinity.na.org](http://trinity.na.org), via our **digital connect card**, or by contacting the office at 812-944-2229 or by email at [info@trinitynewalbany.org](mailto:info@trinitynewalbany.org).

Let us pray for comfort for all who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity, especially for Trinity's shut-ins. Special prayers for:

Barb Fisher, Tom Hunter, Art Marking, Bev Weber, Allen Phillips, Hazel Traub, Norm Miller, Florence Hash & Patricia King

**Care Friends List:** A list has been compiled providing the addresses of Trinity's shut-ins and military. Our military listing is out of date; **If you have a close relative serving in the military**, please email their name, rank and mailing information to [info@trinitynewalbany.org](mailto:info@trinitynewalbany.org)  
We encourage you to pick up a copy of the list in the Narthex, or call for one, and send correspondence (cards, letters phone calls).

### Deepest Sympathies to

Sharon Herndon & family, on the death of her beloved sister,  
Pamela K Freeman, on December 27, 2020

### Financial Notes

Want to support the ministries of Trinity through online giving? SecureGive offers several options for tithing, donations, and designated gifts; see the church's website for connections to SecureGive. E-Tithing offers giving through a direct debit program: contact the church office for information. Need more info? Pick up a flyer in the Narthex or visit us on the web: [www.trinityna.org](http://www.trinityna.org)

### Upcoming committee meetings (via Zoom):

January 11 5:30 pm Education	January 18 5:30 pm SPRC
January 12 5:30 pm Trustees	January 18 7:00 pm Church Council
January 12 7:00 pm Finance	

\* Always check with your committee chair to confirm meeting dates/times.

#### Ministry Staff:

**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Chris Neikirk  
**Director of Music:** Dr. David K. Lamb  
**Praise Team Leader:** Bill Maetschke  
**Preschool Director:** Gwyn Welliver  
**Youth Minister:** Nathan Bleecker  
**Children's Pastor:** Catherine Turcotte  
**Organist:** Sharon Herndon

#### Administrative Staff:

**Administrative Assistant:** Mary Evans  
**Church Treasurer:** Dick McCauley  
**Financial Secretary:** Harriett Hughes  
**Facility Manager:** Keith Shantz  
**Custodian:** Lori Drake



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