

**Offertory:** “Concerto per il Clarino (Hob. VIIe/1), Mov. III” F. J Haydn

**Doxology** UMH #94

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

Gracious God, as we bring our offerings before you, we remember the baptism of Jesus and the gift of the Holy Spirit descending like a dove. May our gifts today be filled with the same Spirit, spreading your love and grace to all who are touched by them. We pray that this offering serves your kingdom and reflects the promise of your beloved Son in the world. We pray in your holy name. **Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** “Shall We Gather at the River” UMH# 723

**Benediction**

**Postlude:** “Prelude in C minor, BWV 549” J.S. Bach

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**We thank those who participated in today’s service:**

**Guest Musicians:** Jessica Corwin, violin and Jonathan Hulting-Cohen, saxophone

**Acolytes:** Fiona & Meriel Everett, Levi Varnon

**Altar Ministry:** Lisa Everett and family

**Carillonneur:** Thomas St. Marie

**No Coffee Hour on Boar’s Head Festival Weekend**

**Liturgist:** Cathy MacGovern

**Ushers:** Head Usher; Lisa Bakowski, Asst. Head Usher; Sheila Womble, Jo Anne Evans,

Karen Andros, Wendy Regan, Ian Smythe, Judy Wing

**Video Team:** Nicole Baker, Brian Crawford, Nic Odell, Jack Rust, Anthony & Nicholas Skridulas

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***Please Pray for:***

Jim A, Lisa B, Borys B, Bridget B, James B, Meri B, Jean C, Margaret C, Mary C, Benard D, Dominick E, Jo Anne, Mary (T) G, Courtney H, Aurie I, Tom L, Brenda L, Cristopher L, Katherine L, Amy L, Holly Joy P, Sue P, Daryl P, the family of Claire (L) P, Catherine Ann R, Henry (Bing) S, Jane S, Thomas S, Carl S, Lynn T, Alison (Allie) W, the W family (upon the passing of Scott’s father, George W), our service members and their loved ones, those affected by natural disasters and gun violence.

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*Bishop, Thomas J. Bickerton*

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*Director of Family Ministries & Connections, Rob Powell, M.Div*

*Spiritual Director, Cathy MacGovern*



*Believing that all persons are created in God's image and are of sacred worth, that Jesus' message was one of inclusion of those rejected by mainstream society, and that each member makes inherent and valuable contributions to the Body of Christ, we of Trinity Church welcome into this congregation people of every age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic condition, family structure, and physical or mental ability.*

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**Celebrate** God’s love

**Nurture** relationships with God and one another

**Serve** our community and world, as we share the light of Christ

## Baptism of Our Lord Sunday

January 12, 2025

10:30 a.m.

### WELCOME

*We worship using this liturgy and two songbooks: The United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) and The Faith We Sing (TFWS). Please silence your electronic devices. Nursery care is downstairs for children birth - 4 years.*

*\*Please stand in body or in spirit. Items in bold are read in unison.*

### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE FOR A TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

“Living in the present moment is the recurring baptism of the soul, forever purifying every new day with a new you.” – Alaric Hutchinson

### Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude:** “Du Bist Die Ruh” F. Schubert, Jess Corwin, violin

### \*Call to Worship: – Discipleship Ministries

Leader: When we pass through the cleansing waters of baptism and the troubled waters of our lives, God declares:

**People: I will be with you.**

Leader: Even when we travel to the far corners of the earth or down into the depths of our souls, God declares:

**People: I will be with you.**

Leader: So come, let us worship God whose love never fails, whose presence never leaves, whose mercies never end.

**People: Praise be to God who, in the form of Jesus, waded into the waters of baptism to prove God's solidarity with us! Amen.**

\***Hymn:** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” UMH# 89

### \*Unison Prayer of Confession:

Gracious and Loving God, we confess that we have not always paid much attention to the baptism of Jesus, but viewed it as a nice story which begins Jesus' ministry. We don't always see ourselves as standing in that long line of those marked for service; and therefore it is easy for us to dismiss this as a nice story and nothing more. Yet you have called us by name, knowing each of us, and loving us. We know that we have behaved in very unloving ways and in some behaviors which do not promote your love and peace. Forgive us for our blindness. Turn us around. Help us to be people who not only recognize the light, but who are willing to live in that light, bringing help to others in your name. For we pray this in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### \*Words of Assurance: – Ministry Matters

People of God, you are known and loved by the Creator. You are marked as God's chosen ones to bring hope and peace to others. Be at peace and live in hope. **Amen.**

\***Response:** “In The Bleak Midwinter” UMH# 221 (v.4)

**What can I give Him, Poor as I am? —  
If I were a Shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part,  
Yet what I can I give Him, — Give my heart.**

**Special Music:** “Concerto per il Clarino (Hob. VIIe/1), Mov. II.” F. J Haydn

### Passing the Peace of Christ

### Children's Moment

### Pastoral Prayer, Joys and Concerns

### 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.**

### Prayer Response

\***Hymn:** “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” UMH #133  
*(Chapel Kids for 5-13 year olds will resume on January 26, 2025.)*

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22 (NRSV) N.T. p. 56

### Response to the Word:

**One:** The Word of God for the People of God.

**Many: Thanks be to God!**

**The Word in Reflection:** “Baptism of the Lord ” Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

### RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT'S PROMPTINGS

### Invitation to Offering: – Discipleship Resources

Loving God, who guides us with your everlasting presence, as we prepare to offer these gifts with grateful hearts. As Jesus stood with us in the waters of baptism, may these offerings stand as a testament to your love and grace. Use them to bring hope, healing, and transformation to our world. In Christ's name, we pray. **Amen.**