First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ



Sunday, January 12, 2025 * 8:00 am

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby Deacon: The Rev. Celeste Stump

We warmly welcome you if you are here with us for the first time today. We joyfully welcome all people into our community without exception. Whoever you are, and whatever the status of your relationship with God, you will find fellow travelers here. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.

Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

Coming Events

Sunday, Jan. 12

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I in the Chapel
- 9:10 am Spiritual Formation Class: "Who is Jesus?"
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
- Monday, Jan. 13 Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, Jan. 14

- 6:00 pm Finance meeting
- 7:00 pm Vestry meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 15

- 10:00 am Healing & Reconciliation Holy Eucharist
- 10:00 am Blue Bin Sorting
- 5:00 pm Good Grief meeting

Thursday, Jan. 16 – 1:00 pm Quilting and Knitting Group

Sunday, Jan. 19

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I in the Chapel
- 9:10 am Spiritual Formation Class: "Who is Jesus?"
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
- 11:30 am Antique Show 2025 meeting

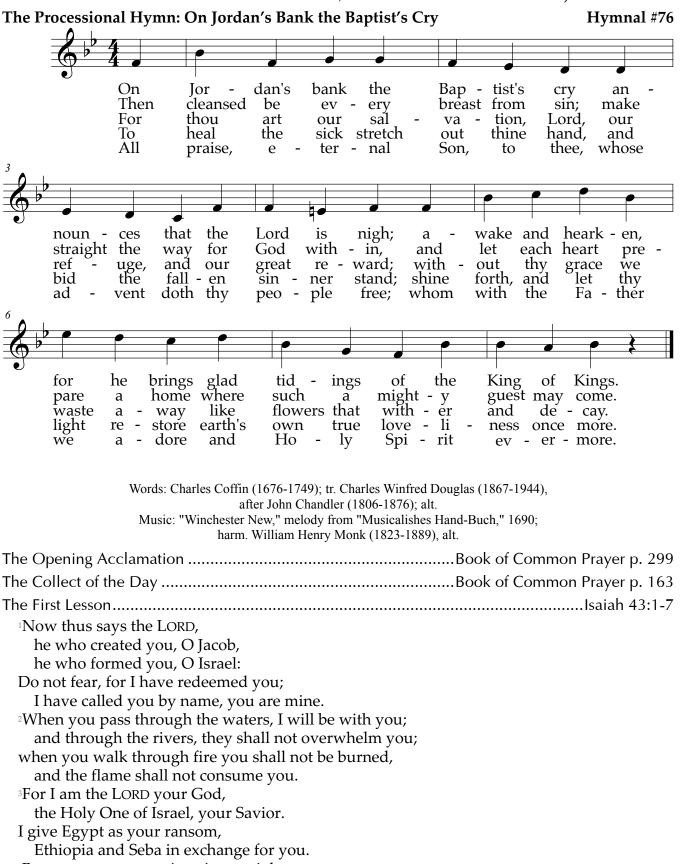
Monday, Jan. 20

- Church office closed (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, Jan. 21 – 7:00 pm C.S. Lewis on Joy, Suffering, and Inbetween

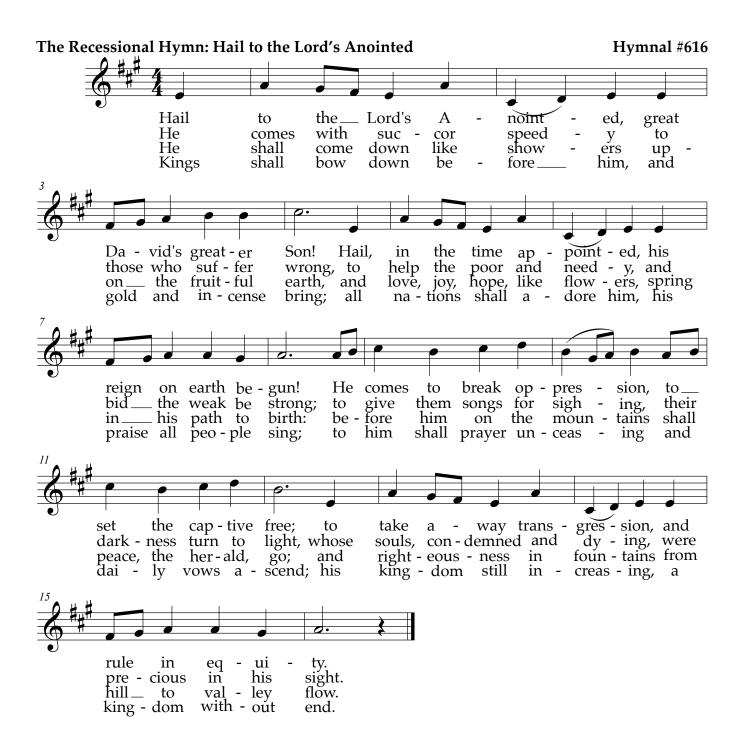
For more events, dates and times, visit our church calendar: https://bit.ly/stfranciscalendar

Johann Pachelbel



⁴Because 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. ⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶ 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— ⁷ everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."	
The Response Psalm 29	
The Epistle	
¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵ The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶ (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.	
The Holy Gospel	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." ²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well	
pleased."	The Day, Jacon Shelly
The Sermon	
The Baptismal Covenant	<i>,</i> ,
The Prayers for the Candidates	
The Thanksgiving over the Water	Book of Common Prayer p. 306
<i>The Celebrant anoints the congregation with the water of baptism.</i>	
The Peace	Book of Common Prayer p. 332
The Welcome and Announcements	
Anyone who has a birthday or anniversary in the next week is invited to come forward for a blessing: Watch over your child(ren), O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	
The Great Thanksgiving	Book of Common Prayer p. 333
The Post-Communion Prayer	Book of Common Prayer p. 339
The Blessing and Sending Forth	Book of Common Prayer p. 339



Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72. Music: "Ellacombe," 1784, melody from "Gesangbuch. . .der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen katolischen Hofkapelle, " 1784, alt.; adapt. "Katolisches Gesangbuch, "1863; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

The Postlude

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

arr. James Biery

Prayers this Week

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Thomas, Drew Deley, Michael Heredia, Mark Kappelmann, Joseph Leahy, TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Barry Witt, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve.

Those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in any other kind of need or trouble: Albert, Andrea, Barbara Shelby, Billy Whelan, Bruce Schaefer, Carlos, Ceri Falk, Charlotte Baker, Chris, Chris Goldsmith, Colette Furbush, Daniel Drayling, Erica, Gail Winters, George Ginis, Hector Gutierrez, Jayne, Judy Morgan, Kristen, Loren, Patt Parker, Richard Cantine, Roxanne Wall, Sally Hill, Stephen, Tommy, Tony Deley, the people of the Middle East, victims of violence everywhere, and for all those who have been impacted by the wildfires, especially the people of St. Matthew's and St. Mark's.

We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

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