

January 7, 2024
Baptism of the Lord
w/Holy Communion



Leading Worship Today:

Pastor: Brian Entz

Lay Leader: Ashton Olsen

Accompanist: Ralph Johansen

*Please read along with all **Bold** text*
*All are invited to stand when there is an **

Larger Print Hymns: Please see an usher if you would like a copy of larger print hymns.

Children's Bulletins: Please see an usher if you are interested in a children's bulletin.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

How do I love you?
Oh, this way and that way.
Oh, happily. Perhaps
I may elaborate by
demonstration? Like
this, and
like this and
no more words now
-by Mary Oliver

GATHERING

CHORAL INTROIT

Open Our Eyes, Lord

Cull arr. Allen

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

You, divine beings! Give to the LORD—

give to the LORD glory and power!

Give the glory due to God's holy name!

Bow down to the LORD in holy splendor!

Let the LORD give strength to the people!

Let the LORD bless the people with peace!

***OPENING HYMN**

#475 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We have all sinned and not one of us is blameless; but there is abundant mercy for those who call on the name of the Lord.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

God of grace, through prophets and apostles you have called us to share, yet so often we hoard what you have given us. You have provided for so many of us above and beyond what we need for food, water, and shelter, and we keep it for ourselves while others go hungry, thirsty, and cold. You have poured out grace, mercy, and love upon us, and too often we extend fear, envy, and scorn towards those around us. Most importantly you gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ, that we might have life with you, and frequently we hold back at his name instead of sharing him with all the world. Forgive us, O God, and give us a spirit of repentance, that we might share generously out of the abundance we have from you. Amen.

As water is poured into the font remember your baptism and that in these waters you are named as one of God's beloved and joined to Christ forever.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

All of us, like sheep, have gone astray, but we have returned to the shepherd and guardian of our souls.

Hear the good news, in the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Alleluia, Amen.

***RESPONSE**

The Gloria Patri #581

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. Amen.

***SHARING THE PEACE**

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

*The people may exchange with their neighbors, by words or gesture,
signs of peace and reconciliation.*

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

As you spoke in the beginning, O God, speak your Word to us now and inspire us with understanding through your Spirit, that we might be faithful in our discipleship. In Christ's name, Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 1:1-5

1In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, 2the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. 3Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. 4And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. 5God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 19:1-7

1While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. 2He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." 3Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." 4Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." 5On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied — 7altogether there were about twelve of them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

#110 Love Has Come

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:4-11

4John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 6Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 7He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. 8I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

9In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. 11And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Rev. Brian Entz

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY

Spirit Song

Wimber

*"Let us present ourselves to God as those
who have been delivered from death to life".
To give online, please scan the QR code.*



*DOXOLOGY

#606 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above,
ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*OFFERING PRAYER

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is our good duty and our joy... we join our voices with all who sing your praise in every time and place:

SANCTUS

#552 Holy, Holy, Holy

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People: 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is for the hungry and thirsty. It's a feast for those seeking God, in Christ, to be nourished for the life of love to which God calls us all. So come, eat, drink, and meet our Lord Jesus.

Please come forward to receive the elements. As you are served the bread you may eat it and as you are served the cup you may drink it. Please place your empty cup in the container provided. After you have been served you may return to your seat. All bread is gluten/top 8 allergen free and all cups contain grape juice, so that all people may eat the same loaf and drink from the same cup. Those unable to come forward to receive the elements will be served in their seat. We trust that as we are gathered around Christ's table we are also gathered in the Spirit with Christ and surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN

#516 For the Bread Which You Have Broken

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Loving all People, Living our Faith, and Following Jesus

WORSHIP NOTES

The Call to Worship is taken from Psalm 29.

All other liturgy comes/is adapted from the Book of Common Worship (2018) or is written in house.

MUSIC LICENSES

Open Our Eyes, Lord Text and Music: Robert Cull; arr. David Allen ©1976 MARANATHA! MUSIC

#475 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing | TEXT: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt.. | MUSIC: Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813 | Public domain | Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

#110 Love Has Come | TEXT: Ken Bible, 1996. | MUSIC: French melody; arr. Eric T. Myers, 2012 | Text © 1996 LNWhymns.com (admin. Music Services) Music Arr. © 2012 Eric T. Myers | Here is a chance to sing a familiar French carol tune with new words, the most important clearly being "Love." The stanzas "seen and heard" (as in Acts 4:20 and elsewhere) organize the first two stanzas, while the third holds the summary statement: "Love is the gift of Christmas."

Spirit Song Words and Music John Wimber CCLI Song # 27824 © 1979 Mercy / Vineyard Publishing

#516 For the Bread Which You Have Broken | TEXT: Louis FitzGerald Benson, 1924, alt. | MUSIC: V. Earle Copes, 1959 | Public domain | The author of this text, the editor of several Presbyterian hymnals, was the foremost American hymnologist of the early 20th century. Although some of his language in this text echoes early hymns of the church, he is writing here not as a scholar but as a person of deep faith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EVENTS

Funeral Service for Pat Quady: Join us to celebrate Pat's life on Monday, January 8th. The visitation will be at 10am, with the service starting at 11am. There will be a dinner following the service.

Service for Healing & Wholeness: Having a difficult winter or holiday season? Come seek the healing and wholeness that God can offer. Join us for our Service for Healing & Wholeness on **January 14th at 4pm.**

SPOT: Discover Mindfulness with Lefse: Embrace tranquility and joy with the art of making lefse. Love cooking? Learn to Make Lefse While Relishing Every Moment. Uncover the therapeutic benefits of creating this Scandinavian delicacy. From rolling out the perfect dough to savoring each bite, find peace in perfecting the process. Join Jean and Cindy on **Saturday January 27, 2024 at 10am** in the Fellowship Hall to learn about and enjoy lefse.

Annual Meeting & Sunday Dinner Potluck: Please join us for a Potluck Sunday Dinner in the fellowship hall following the BPC Annual Meeting on **Sunday, January 28.** Bring a dish to share and enjoy yummy food, energizing conversation and great fellowship with other BPC family members and friends. See you then!

OTHER

Classes, Coffee, & Conversations: Please join us for *Conversations To Go* after worship today. Next Sunday, *Pastor Brian* will be leading.

How can we pray for you? Along with the blue prayer request cards found in the pews you can also submit prayer requests on the BPC website. Scan this QR Code with your smartphone to be taken directly to the prayer request form. All prayer requests go directly to Pastor Brian.



BPC Prayer List:

Jill, the niece of Al DeBellis
Jonathon, a friend of Barb & Larry Janski
Shannon, Virginia's former daughter-in-law
The Quady Family
Al DeBellis
Daniel Elliot
Erva Hance
Barb and Tom Stone
Jan Brown, early morning Women of Faith
Jake, a friend of Pastor Brian
Dennis Dietz, Virginia's friend
Rochelle Tandrian, Angela's daughter
Arv Klemz
Jimm and Jodie Underwood, Lanny & Shirley's son-in-law and daughter
Amy Grittman
Brittany Daniels
John and Charlotte Collins
Janice Sorby
Mark Lawlor
For all people and places recovering from disasters both natural and human caused.
For peace in Ukraine, Israel/Palestine, Sudan, and around the world.
For our neighbor congregations in Buffalo and for the congregations of our presbytery.

Upcoming This Week

Today

9:30a Worship with Communion
10:30a Classes, Coffee & Conversations-
Conversation-To-Go

Monday

5:30p Fellowship Committee Meeting
6:30p PEO
7:00p AA

Tuesday

9:00a Crafty Ladies
9:00a Men's Breakfast at Forget Me Not Cafe
5:00p Missions Committee Meeting
6:30p Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday

7:00p Adult Choir

Thursday

7:30a People of Faith
10:00a Women of Faith
5:30p Racial Justice Reading Group

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

9:30a Worship
10:30a Classes, Coffee & Conversations-
Pastor Brian
4:00p Service for Healing & Wholeness

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Love Has Come

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Capo 3: (D) F (Bm7) Dm7 (Em7) Gm7 (A) C

1 Love has come: a light in the dark - ness!
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der.
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us!

(D) F (Bm7) Dm7 (Em) Gm7 (A7) C7 (D) F

Love shines forth in the Beth - le - hem skies. See, all
 Love is God now a - sleep in the hay. See the
 Love is life ev - er - last - ing and free. Love is

(A) C (D) F (Bm) Dm (D) F (A) C (G) B^b (D) F

heav - en has come to pro - claim it; hear how their song of
 glow in the eyes of his moth - er; what is the name her
 Je - sus with - in and a - mong us. Love is the peace our

(Em7) Gm7 (F#7) A7 (G) B^b (A) C (Bm) Dm (A7) C7

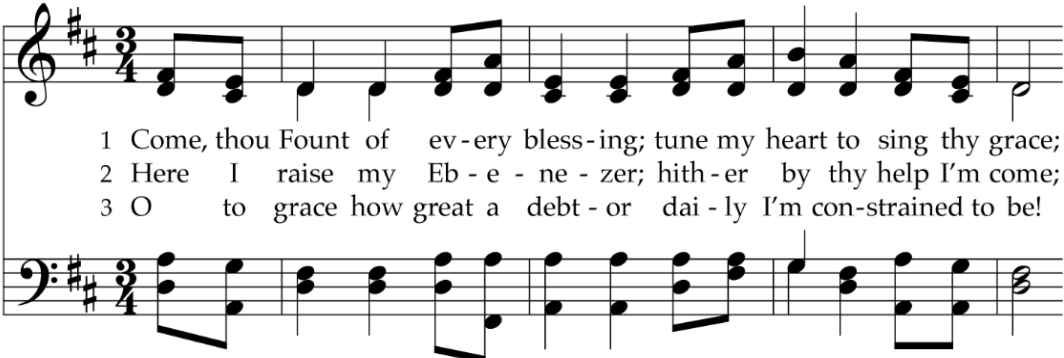
joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to you, a
 heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the name she
 hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the gift of

(D) F (A) C (G) B^b (A) C (D) F (A) C (A7) C7 (Dsus) Fsus (D) F

Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
 whis - pers. Love! Love! Je - sus, Em - man - u - el.
 Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

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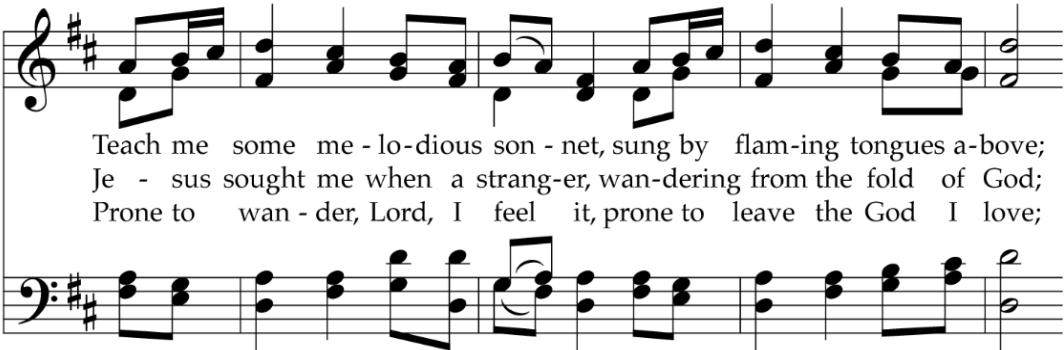
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



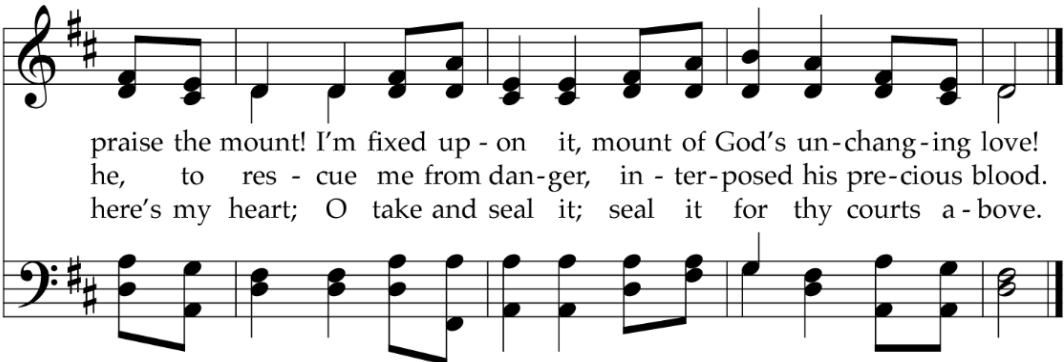
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.



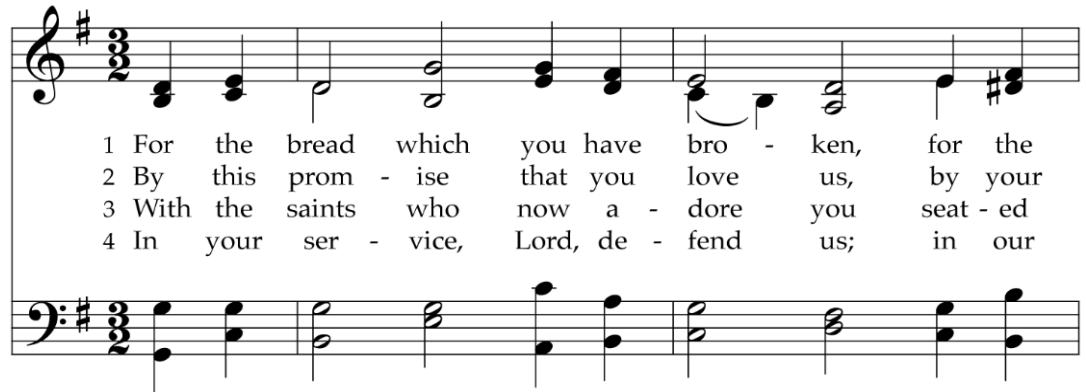
Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



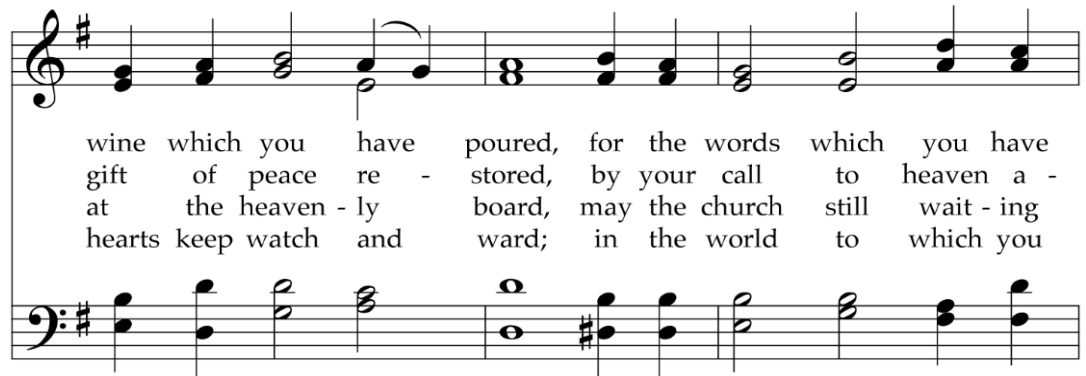
praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the
 2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your
 3 With the saints who now a - dore you seat - ed
 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our



wine which you have poured, for the words which you have
 gift of peace re - stored, by your call to heaven a -
 at the heaven - ly board, may the church still wait - ing
 hearts keep watch and ward; in the world to which you



spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
 bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
 for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
 send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

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