

# Baptism of the Lord

January 9, 2022

9:30 A.M.

## Prelude

**Reflection** Desmond Tutu, South African Anglican bishop and theologian  
*The Book of Forgiving: The Fourfold Path for Healing Ourselves and Our World*

“Forgiveness does not relieve someone of responsibility for what they have done. Forgiveness does not erase accountability. It is not about turning a blind eye or even turning the other cheek. It is not about letting someone off the hook or saying it is okay to do something monstrous. Forgiveness is simply about understanding that every one of us is both inherently good and inherently flawed. Within every hopeless situation and every seemingly hopeless person lies the possibility of transformation.”

## Welcome and Announcements

## Ring of the Bell

**Song** *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit* # 398

## Call to Worship

Leader: We gather to worship the Living Water!

**People: Spring up, O Well, within our souls.**

Leader: In our dry and arid places, Water of Baptism, refresh us.

**People: Stir up inside of us; renew us Living Water.**

Leader: The baptism of the Ethiopian official of Candace, sovereign queen of Ethiopia, reminds us of our connection to both the first church and the eternal Well that never runs dry.

**People: May the spirit burst forth within us, overflow, saturate the stagnant areas of our lives, reconnect us to you Lord, our true Source.**

Leader: Let us remember our baptism and be thankful!

**People: Take us to the waters! Let us renew our baptismal vows. Amen.**

**Hymn** *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized* # 70

## Call to Confession

Leader: How often we forget or neglect our covenant and baptismal vows. Teach us to live like those who have accepted the obligation, the responsibilities of baptized believers.

## Prayer of Confession

**All:** Eternal God, you made us your people and gave your Son as a pledge of your love. It was by his blood that we were baptized into relationship with you. Yet, we make trivial both his blood and the water, which symbolizes our entry into the church. Forgive us our sins. Restore us to harmony with you, we pray.

## Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Truly, God shows no partiality, but, in every nation, anyone who will give God reverence and do no harm is acceptable. Thanks be to God!

## Gloria Patri

## A Social Distant Passing of the Peace

(Children in PreK through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade are dismissed to the Shine Program)

**Scripture Readings** *Isaiah 43:1-7*  
*Acts 8:14-17*

**Anthem** *Praise Canon* Michael Sharp  
Chancel Choir

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love endures forever.  
From age to age His love remains, give thanks and praise His name!  
Who can count His joyous blessings? Who can understand His grace?  
Who can tell of His wondrous deeds? Who can fully declare His praise?  
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**Scripture Reading** *Luke 3:15-17, 21-22*

**Sermon** *Reflections on Baptism*  
Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.

**Hymn** *Sing of God Made Manifest*

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer** (Debts/Debtors)

## Offering

Please place your offering in the plates at the exit doors,  
mail your gifts to the church, or click the WPC website 'Give' button

## Doxology and Blessing of the Offering

## White Rose Recognition

**Hymn**                      *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*                      #438

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

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

*In remembrance of:*

*Mary Ellen Collinge    Carroll Manning    Ronald Kloosterman*

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,  
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;  
And perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

## Service of Holy Communion

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

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

Minister: It is right, and a good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity and made covenant to be our sovereign God, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life.

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## Invitation to the Table

Minister: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at the table in the kingdom of God. Our Savior invites those that trust him to sit at the table in the kingdom of God.

## The Words of Institution

### Sharing of the Bread and the Wine

Minister: Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord. Now all the people say,

**People: Amen, Amen, and Amen!**

**Hymn**                      *In Christ Alone*

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

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## MEMORY VERSE

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...  
God saw all that he had made and it was very good.  
Genesis 1:1, 31*

## LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, January 9<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Next Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup></u>
Old Testament	<i>Isaiah 43:1-7</i>	<i>Isaiah 62:1-5</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalms 29</i>	<i>Psalms 36:5-10</i>
New Testament	<i>Acts 8:14-17</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 12:1-11</i>
Gospel	<i>Luke 3:15-17, 21-22</i>	<i>John 2:1-11</i>

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Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.



### **There's A Sweet, Sweet Spirit**

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,  
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord.  
There's a sweet expression on each face,  
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.  
Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet Heavenly Dove,  
stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.  
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise:  
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived  
when we shall leave this place.

### **Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized**

Christ, when for us You were baptized, God's Spirit on You came,  
As peaceful as a dove and yet as urgent as a flame.

God called You "My beloved Son," the suffering servant true.  
Sent You the kingdom to proclaim, God's holy will to do.

Straightway and steadfast until death, You then obeyed God's call  
Freely as Son of Man to serve and give Your life for all.

Baptize us with Your Spirit, Lord, Your cross on us be signed.  
That, likewise in God's service, we may perfect freedom find.

### **Gloria Patri**

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.

### **Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

### **Sing of God Made Manifest**

Sing of God made manifest in a child robust and blest,  
to whose home in Bethlehem where a star had guided them,  
magi came and gifts unbound, signs mysterious and profound:  
myrrh and frankincense and gold grave and God and king foretold.

Sing of God made manifest when at Jordan John confessed,  
"I should be baptized by you, but your bidding I will do."  
Then from heaven a double sign – dove-like Spirit, voice divine –  
hailed the true Anointed One: "This is my beloved Son."

Sing of God made manifest when Christ came as wedding guest  
and at Cana gave a sign, turning water into wine;  
further still was love revealed as he taught, forgave, and healed,  
bringing light and life to all who would listen to God's call.

Sing of God made manifest on the cloud-capped mountain's crest,  
where the law and prophets waned so that Christ alone remained:  
glimpse of glory, pledge of grace, given as Jesus set his face  
towards the waiting cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.

### **In Christ Alone**

In Christ alone, my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song.  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought  
and storm.

What heights of love! What depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when  
strifings cease.

My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came  
to save;

'Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied,  
For every sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again.  
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me.  
For I am His, and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death; this is the power of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand;  
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. WELCOME to Webster Presbyterian Church! We are pleased that you are worshipping with us, whether in person or by Live Streaming.
2. SUNDAY SERVICES continue to be live-streamed.  
You can watch them live at 9:30 or later at your leisure using:  
**Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/Websterpres/>  
or **YouTube** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzM5-thYxua2HQSPF6P71wA>
3. SERVICE GUIDELINES FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP –  
Masks are required in the church building.  
ALL ARE WELCOME. No reservations needed.  
  
WPC remains open for in-person worship. Please worship at home if showing symptoms, test positive, or have a compromised immune system. It is recommended that everyone get the full dose of one of the approved vaccinations, wear a high quality mask such as the kn95 properly fitted, and practice good social distancing while at church. Stay healthy!
4. ADULT ED. - Join us following the worship service in Room 9/10:  
Today - “Choosing Life” Bible Study, continuing to consider our thoughts about choices for the new year.  
Next Week - Let’s Talk About It, discussion on the trend of mini-churches in American religion.
5. FUNDS ARE BEING COLLECTED to help with the recovery from the recent devastating tornadoes in Kentucky and nearby states. Donations made payable to WPC with “December tornadoes” in the memo line will be forwarded to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance who already have people working in that area as first responders.
6. 2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for pick-up from the table outside the church office on Sunday mornings and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday weekdays from 9 am to 3 pm. If you do not find envelopes and want them, or need your envelopes delivered to your home, please call Georgia Hubbard (265-9700 or 265-1224).
7. UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS for January/February are available for pick-up from the bench outside the north entrance of the church as well as on tables in the church Narthex.
8. ANNUAL REPORTS from moderators, secretaries and treasurers are due in the church office tomorrow, January 10<sup>th</sup>. Please submit your articles to [office@websterpres.org](mailto:office@websterpres.org) and [gghubbard@websterpres.org](mailto:gghubbard@websterpres.org).

## THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

### Sunday, January 9

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Live-streamed
- 10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. “Choosing Life” Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 4:00 P.M. Youth Fellowship - Movie in the Youth Room

### Monday, January 10

- 5:30 P.M. Officer Training in Room 9/10
- 6:30 P.M. Session Meeting in Room 9/10
- 7:00 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social and Basement Rooms  
Garden Club in the Memorial Room

### Tuesday, January 11

- 9:30 A.M. Women’s Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:00 P.M. Girl Scout Leaders in the Social Room
- 5:30 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10
- 7:00 P.M. Boy Scout Committee in the Memorial Room
- 7:15 P.M. Trustee Meeting in Room 9/10

### Wednesday, January 12

- 6:45 A.M. Men’s Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant
- 1:00 P.M. Naomi Circle in the Memorial Room
- 7:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room

### Thursday, January 13

- 7:30 A.M. Men’s Bible Study on Zoom
- 10:00 A.M. King Circle in Room 9/10
- 6:00 P.M. Daisy Troop 568 in the Social Room  
Alleluia Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 6:30 P.M. Youth Committee in the Youth Room
- 7:00 P.M. Stewardship and Finance Committee in Room 9/10

### Friday, January 14

- 10:00 P.M. Quad copters in the Social Room

### Saturday, January 15

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom

### Sunday, January 16

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Live-streamed
- 10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. “Let’s Talk About It” in Room 9/10
- 4:00 P.M. Youth Fellowship – Making birdfeeders in the Social Room