



Baptism of the Lord

11:00 a.m.

January 9, 2022

Preparation for Worship

*Holy God, you sent your Son to be baptized among sinners,
to seek and save the lost. May we who have been baptized in his name,
never turn away from the world, but reach out in love to rescue the wayward;
by the mercy of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Voluntary

Chorale Prelude on *Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam*
BWV 684

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

Greeting

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Introit

When Jesus Went Jordan's Stream

When Jesus went to Jordan's stream his Father's will obeying,
and was baptized by John, there came a voice from heaven saying,
"This is my dear beloved Son upon whom rests my favor."
And till God's will is fully done he will not bend or waver,
for he is Christ the Savior.

He came by water and by blood to heal our lost condition;
he cleanses, reconciles to God, and gives the Great Commission.
Then let us not heed worldly lies nor rest upon our merit,
but trust in Christ who will baptize with water and the Spirit
that we may life inherit.

— original German text by Martin Luther (1483–1546)
paraphrased by F. Bland Tucker (1895–1984)

✠ Opening Sentences

I am with you, says the Lord.

Do not fear.

I have called you by name.

Do not fear.

You are mine.

Do not be afraid.

♣ Hymn

When John Baptized by Jordan's River

RENDEZ À DIEU



1. When John bap - tized by Jor - dan's riv - er
 2. There as the Lord, bap - tized and pray - ing,
 3. O Son of Man, our na - ture shar - ing,

In faith and hope the peo - ple came, That John and
 Rose from the stream, the sin - less one, A voice was
 In whose o - be - dience all are blest, Sav - ior, our

Jor - dan might de - liv - er Their trou - bled
 heard from heav - en say - ing, "This is my
 sins and sor - rows bear - ing, Hear us and

souls from sin and shame. They came to seek a
 own be - lov - ed Son." There as the Fa - ther's
 grant us this re - quest: Dai - ly to grow, by

new be - gin - ning, The hu - man spir - it's age - less
 word was spo - ken, Not in the pow'r of wind and
 grace de - fend - ed, Filled with the Spir - it from a -

quest, Re - pent - ance, and an end of
 flame, But of his love and peace the
 bove; In Christ bap - tized, be - loved, be -

sin - ning, Re - nounc - ing ev - 'ry wrong con - fessed.
 to - ken, Seen as a dove, the Spir - it came.
 friend - ed, Chil - dren of God in peace and love.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b.1926, © 1984, Hope Publishing Company
 Tune: RENDEZ À DIEU, 9 8 9 8 D; *Genevan Psalter*, 1551; attr. to Louis Bourgeois, c.1510–1561

✦ Prayer of Confession

In the waters of baptism, O God,
you have cleansed us and claimed us.
Forgive us for resisting your grace
and for denying your name.
We have followed our own paths,
and they have led us far from you.

Help us to live into our baptisms,
to trust that all we need is in you,
for you have marked us as your own,
loving us without limit.
Wash us with your love yet again,
so that with clean hearts we may go in the way of Jesus.

silent prayer

Holy One, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

Believe the good news! **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

✦ Response *(sung twice, second time in canon)*

GLORIA (Taizé)

Canon—4 voices

1. Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, 2. in ex - cel - sis De - o!

3. Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, 4. al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Music: Jacques Berthier, © 1979, 1988, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

✦ The Peace

Peace be with you. **Peace be with all.**

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

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Holy wisdom, holy word. **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

N.T. pg. 60

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Anthem

The Baptism of Christ

Rachel Aarons
(b. 1984)

Now when all the people were baptized,
and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying,
the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove.
And a voice came down from heaven,
“You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

Sermon

Named and Known

John Wurster

✠ Hymn

When Jesus Came to Jordan

MERLE'S TUNE



1. When Je - sus came to Jor - dan To be bap-tized by John,
 2. He came to share temp - ta - tion, Our ut - most woe and loss,
 3. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us To keep the vows we make;



He did not come for par - don, But as the Sin - less One.
 For us and our sal - va - tion To die up - on the cross.
 This ver - y day in - vade us, And ev - 'ry bond - age break.



He came to share re - pen - tance With all who mourn their sins,
 So when the Dove de - scend - ed On him, the Son of Man,
 Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, The gift we cov - et most:



To speak the vi - tal sen - tence With which good news be - gins.
 The hid - den years had end - ed, The age of grace be - gan.
 To share the res - ur - rec - tion That leads to Pen - te - cost.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000
 Tune: MERLE'S TUNE, 7 6 7 6 D; Hal H. Hopson, b.1933
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Ordination and Installation

Prayers of the People

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 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.

Offering

Offertory Anthem

Vox Christi

Philip Wilby
 (b. 1949)

All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them

in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:

And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

The Great Commission
 — Matthew 28:18-20 (KJV)

✦ Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Loving God, we thank you that in our baptism
you have called us by name and made us your own.

**Help us to trust in your refreshing grace and cleansing love,
as we follow after Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

✦ Hymn 490

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

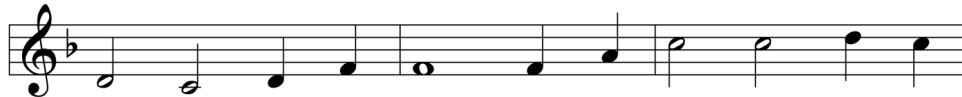
BEACH SPRING



1 Wash, O God, your sons and daugh-ters, new - born crea - tures
2 Ev - ery day we need your nur - ture; by your milk may
3 O how deep your ho - ly wis - dom! Un - i - mag - ined,



of your womb. Num-ber them a - mong your peo - ple, raised like
we be fed. Let us join your feast, par - tak - ing cup of
all your ways! To your name be glo - ry, hon - or! With our



Christ from death and tomb. Weave them gar - ments bright and
bless - ing, liv - ing bread. God, re - new us; guide our
lives we wor - ship, praise! We your peo - ple stand be -



spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light. Fill, a - noint them;
foot - steps, free from sin and all its snares, one with Christ in
fore you, wa - ter-washed and Spir - it - born. By your grace, our



send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light.
liv - ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs.
lives we of - fer. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans - form!

This text incorporates many of the images associated with the water of baptism in the Thanksgiving Over the Water in *The Book of Common Worship*, especially nourishment, the calling forth of life, cleansing and renewal, freedom from bondage, and sharing in Christ's resurrection.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1987, rev.

MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. James H. Wood, 1958

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BEACH SPRING

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Charge and Blessing

Please be seated in silence for the closing voluntary, or kindly depart quietly.

Voluntary

Chorale Fugue on *Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam*
BWV 685

J. S. Bach

SERVING TODAY

Liturgist

Keatan King and Omar Rouchon

Musicians

Cecilia Duarte, Emily Jenkins, Thomas O'Neill, Nicholas Rathgeb and Kirby Traylor — choral ensemble
Matthew Dirst — organist | Randall Swanson — conductor

WORSHIP NOTES

On this Sunday we remember that at the beginning of his public ministry, Jesus presents himself to John to be baptized in the Jordan. This is a Trinitarian event: as Jesus emerges from the water, the Holy Spirit descends from heaven as a dove, and we hear a voice naming Jesus as God's beloved Son. In ancient Christian tradition, the Baptism of the Lord is closely connected with the Epiphany as both are manifestations of God's saving purpose through Jesus Christ; accordingly, these festivals are adjacent to one another in the Christian calendar. The Baptism of the Lord also foreshadows the season of Lent, as the Gospels tell us that Jesus was driven into the wilderness for forty days after his own baptism. At this festival of the Christian year, we not only remember Jesus' baptism, but also give thanks for the baptism we share with Christ.

The Ruling Elders being ordained and/or installed today: Beth Atkinson, Melissa Aldrich, Walker Fair, Angelina Fonseca, Nancy Higgs, Susan Leonard, and Jon Martin,

Today's Lectionary readings:

- Isaiah 43:1-7 — *Do not fear, I am with you; I have called you by name, you are mine.*
- Psalm 29 — *Glorify the name of the Lord, who reigns over the waters.*
- Acts 8:14-17 — *People previously baptized in Jesus' name receive the Holy Spirit.*
- Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 — *John baptizes Jesus; the Spirit descends; God says: You are my Son.*

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MUSIC NOTES

Organ Music

This morning's **organ voluntaries** are both settings of the German baptism chorale *Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam* ("Christ, Our Lord, to the Jordan Came"), from J. S. Bach's *Clavierübung III*, the so-called "Organ Mass." In the larger of the two (at the opening of our service) Bach depicts the river's surging waters with a rippling left hand part. Above this constantly moving line is a duet played by the right hand, based mostly on arch-shaped triadic material though with a few allusions to the chorale tune, which itself eventually appears in long notes in the pedal. Bach's *manualiter* (hands only) setting of the same melody is a short fugue or fughetta, which is followed by a four-part harmonized rendition of this sturdy Renaissance chorale.

Choral Music

Today's **introit** is the Lutheran chorale *Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam* upon which this morning's organ voluntaries are based. The chorale's original German text is sung this morning in an English paraphrase by F. Bland Tucker. *When Jesus Went to Jordan's Stream* features a sturdy melody from the 1524 German choral hymnal *Eyn geystlich Gesangk Buchleyn* ("A Spiritual Song Booklet"). The baptism text with themes from this morning's Gospel was written by Martin Luther in 1541 and published in 1543.

Tucker's paraphrase dates from the early 1980s.

This morning's **anthem** is by Virginia-based composer Rachel Aarons, who studied piano, voice, and composition while pursuing her Bachelor's degree in French Language and Literature. Composed for unison voices and organ, *The Baptism of Christ* features soaring, chant-like melodies over a gently flowing accompaniment.

Today's **offertory anthem** is by English composer Philip Wilby, who was educated at Keble College, Oxford. Wilby studied composition with Herbert Howells while a violinist in the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain. Having worked as a professional violinist with the Covent Garden and City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestras, he subsequently took the post of Principal Lecturer, and later Professor of Composition at the University of Leeds. Since the late 1980s Wilby has focused primarily on writing brass band and wind band music in addition to composing sacred choral music for the church. Setting the words of The Great Commission from Matthew's gospel, *Vox Christi* was composed in 2010 for conductor Rick McKnight and the choir of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Columbus, Georgia.

— Matthew Dirst and Randall Swanson

IN OUR PRAYERS

The family of Jack Fox, who died January 5.

St. Philippians and their families — Roderick James; Jo Helland; Lee Larkin; Janet Davis; Susan Huffman; Joyce Fugit; Dorothy Murphey; Bill Slick; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Shirley Coffman; Ellen MacDonald; Arlette Keene; CJ Miller; Mezgebe Gebray; Alma Fonseca — mother of Angelina Fonseca; Bill Polk — brother-in-law of Sharon Webb; Darryl Cazes — brother of Pam Taylor; Ann Perkins Cloud — cousin of Stephen Paine; Douglas Everhart — brother of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Gretchen Everhart — niece of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Carol Paine Kendrick — sister of Stephen Paine; John Anderson — brother of Tom Anderson; Mac & Beverly Wilson — parents of Butch Wilson; Vera Moore — mother of Chuck Johnson; Dottie Laas and family — cousin of Sam Fisher; Shirley Boggus — grandmother of Omi Ford; Dona Rowe — mother of William Rowe; and Elizabeth Carlton Lithio — granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers.

Homebound — Walter Baker; John Bobbitt; Paulie Carlson; Kitty Curry; George Helland; Jean Nelson; Joyce Randolph; George and Lorraine Scott; Marion Takehara; and Jody Tomforde.

Friends of St. Philippians — Janet Arnold — friend of Eleanor Grant; Auden McCarty — friend of Mary McGuire; Ted & Susan Hirtz — friends of Jacqueline and Bill Taylor; Paul English; Matt Scalapino and Laura Chilton — friends of Stephen Paine; Shirley Stubblefield — friend of Barbara Runge; Paul Ratliff — friend of Jo Helland; Rob Bond — friend of Curt and Sharon Webb; Clayton Amacker — friend of Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner; and Walter "Buddy" Hammann III — friend of Robin and Gary Willis.

We also pray for health care workers, first responders, and caregivers; for those who are sick; and for those watch and wait.

If you have a pastoral care need or a prayer request you would like to share, please email:

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CHURCH & SOCIETY—9:40 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. by Zoom— **Jan. 16** - "Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow for St. Philip" - Presented by Rev. Dr. John Wurster. Email Mickey Meyers at churchsociety_stphilip@comcast.net if you would like to join any of the classes.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS is meeting again each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. in Room 204 of the Education Building. We will resume our study of the last ten Psalms with Dr. Robert Alter's *The Book of Psalms* (2007) and then return to the Kingdom of Israel at I Kings 2.13 with Dr. Alter's *Ancient Israel, The Former Prophets* (2013). Join us for more discoveries in Dr. Alter's translation and commentary on the Biblical Hebrew. All are welcome.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP—Men of all ages are welcome to participate in this self-led group. The Men's Weekly Fellowship meets in person each Friday in the Dining Room from 11:45 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. We are currently studying the book *Falling Upward* by Richard Rohr. Also, while there is an in person meeting, that meeting is carried live via Zoom for those who want to join the meeting but are either out of town or prefer to meet from a distance. Please contact Gary Gardner at ggardne148@aol.com if you would like to be a part of this interesting group.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDY GROUP will have its next meeting tonight, Tuesday, **Feb. 1**, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The study book is *Race in America; Christians respond to the crisis*, edited by David Maxwell and Laura Cheifetz. It is available from Amazon or from the PC(USA) bookstore. Persons interested in joining the group can send an email to welcome@saintphilip.net and type PSJ Study Group in the subject line.

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. At our next meeting on **Jan. 13** at 7:00 p.m., we will discuss *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah, watch your email for details of where we will be meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at nnl@lambrightlaw.com.

LENT CLASSES—The Education Committee will offer a five-week class during Lent called "Experiencing God," an opportunity to see how the Holy Spirit connects with people in unique and personal ways in their daily life. Two or three church members will informally share one of their spiritual practices for 10-15 minutes. There will be also time for individuals to try these different ways to encounter God. The goal is to encourage and learn from one another on our journeys of faith. If you feel God might be calling you to share in this way, please contact Betsy Boston at ehbluzerne@aol.com or Omar Rouchon at omar@saintphilip.net.

ST. PHILIP SECURITY ALARM

The property committee has recommended that we utilize the security alarm on campus. This means anyone that enters the Administration Building, Sanctuary/Education Building or Fellowship Hall outside of business hours and scheduled St. Philip activities will have to have a code to deactivate the alarm. If you have any keys or an access card to the church facilities, please email Lorrie Castle at lorrie@saintphilip.net and she will provide you with a code. Due to the holidays and staff orientation on the equipment this will go into effect **February 1**. Lorrie must receive notice from you by **January 15**.



Welcome to Worship at St. Philip

We are glad you are here! Please scan the QR Code to access our digital guest-book. We invite you to sign in and let us know you are worshipping with us.

AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST,

**we seek to be an inclusive,
grace-filled community,
engaging the world with open minds,
willing hands and generous hearts.**

WE LONG

**for deeper faith,
vibrant hope
and boundless love
for everyone, every day, everywhere.**

Thank you for joining us today! We hope that you find our worship together to be joyous, meaningful, and thought-provoking. **Children of all ages** are welcome to worship with their families. Activity bags containing worship aids for children are available in the narthex on the way into the sanctuary.

Nursery care is available throughout the morning from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Infants to age 4 are invited to our Nursery which is staffed by professional childcare providers. Please find our Nursery in Room 106 of the Education Building along the Sunday School Classroom hallway on the first floor. An usher or a greeter will be happy to direct you there.

A Hearing Loop is installed within the sanctuary. If you have a hearing aid equipped with a telecoil, please activate your “T switch” to hear the worship service most clearly. If you need assistance with hearing the service clearly and do not have a t-coil equipped hearing aid, please ask an usher for wireless headphones. **LARGE PRINT COPIES OF TODAY’S HYMNS ARE IN THE NARTHEX.**

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If you are interested in joining St. Philip Presbyterian Church by profession of faith, by reaffirming your faith, or by transferring your membership, please speak with one of the ministers today or call the church office during the week. **The Session meets the third Sunday of each month after the 11:00 worship service in Room 100 for the purpose of receiving new members.**

Worship with us, whenever, wherever. Our 11:00 a.m. Sunday service is live-streamed at saintphilip.net. We also live-stream a midweek prayer on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. Services can be viewed live or later in our video archives.

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