

# January 8, 2023

(\*\*Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude

Greeting/Life of the Church

Rev. Vic Toney

\*\*Call to Worship

L: A voice of power and majesty calls out to us: I am your God; I have called you in righteousness.

**P: We are amazed that God knows us and calls us. By God's breath and spirit, we receive life.**

L: God takes us by the hand and leads us. In covenant with God, we extend light to the world.

**P: Eyes are opened and prisoners are freed. Justice and peace prevail, by God's strength.**

L: Worship with joy and give glory to God's name. Listen for the new thing God declares.

**A: We remember that we have been baptized. May we live as those with whom God is pleased.**

\*\*Opening Hymn "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" UMH#158

Opening Prayer (unison)

**Come, Holy Spirit, to dwell in us and among us. Make us more than dimly burning wicks, that we might share enough light to make a difference in your world. Where there is injustice, help us as we work to change the minds and hearts of those who benefit from it. Show us again the new possibilities you have in mind for us. May we reflect your peace amid the frantic busy pace of the marketplace. Amen.**

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" UMH#382

Prayers of the Faithful & 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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.**

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*\*Doxology

UMH #95

\*\*Prayer of Dedication

**We pray, O God, that our offerings delight you. We bring them to encourage all who work for justice and peace on our behalf, that they may not grow faint or be crushed by opposition. May the oppressed find healing, the discouraged receive hope, and those who are bound discover freedom, through and beyond our efforts. Amen.**

Ministry of Music "In the Bleak Midwinter" Craig Courtney  
Wayne Cook and Erika Stone, vocal duet; Gene Foiles, piano

\*\*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 3: 13-17

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

**P: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Sermon

Rev. Vic Toney

\*\*Closing Hymn

"Spirit Song"

UMH #347

\*\*Sending Forth

Postlude

# Gospel Lesson – Matthew 3: 13-17

## The Baptism of Jesus

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup> And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup> and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."



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### WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting with us today, please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew. We welcome you and hope you will come back and worship with us again soon.

## January 8, 2023 – Worship Team

Guest Pastor	Rev. Vic Toney
Ushers	Mike Tittle, Will Mossing, Chad Mossing, Bob Whipp
Greeters	Bob Whipp, Pam Whipp
Liturgist	Julie Wickline
Guest Organist	Mike Klontz
Choir Director	Glen Shaw
Bells Director	Jim McPeek



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	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm	FH 15 C
	SO Basketball Practice	7:00 pm	FCC
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	Magic Volleyball Practice	5:30 pm	FCC
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Pastor Andy Wagner  
Matthew 4: 12-17

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