

Saint Luke Presbyterian Church

January 12, 2025

Baptism of The Lord Sunday



As soon as Jesus came out of the water, he saw the sky open and the Holy Spirit coming down to him like a dove. A voice from heaven said, "You are my own dear Son, and I am pleased with you." Mark 1:10-11

Gathering for the Word

Prelude

Our Life Together at St. Luke

Please pass the friendship books to mark your participation and to greet others in your row.

Time of Centering and Stillness

Choral Introit

"God of Great and God of Small"

Responsive Call to Worship

one: This is a day of new beginnings.

all: **Today we remember how Jesus' ministry began.**

one: From the time of his Baptism, Jesus understood his call.

all: **Our faith journey continues in the light of God's love.**

one: May our hearts and spirits be open to God's call.

all: **Lord, give us wisdom and courage to follow you always.**

Morning Prayer ending with: And all God's children say... **Amen**

†Opening Hymn # 730

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

Unison Prayer of Confession

Patient God, we have rushed through Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. The hectic activities have given way to distraction. We gave to those in need, but now we return to seeking our own comfort. Forgive us and bind us together, Lord. Open our hearts so we will seek ways to witness to your love by serving others in Jesus' name. Amen.

Choral Request for Pardon

"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

Assurance of Forgiveness

one: Friends, believe the Good News!

all: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

†Gloria Patri # 582

"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

† Passing the Peace of Christ

one: May the peace of Christ be with you all. all: **And also with you.**

Hearing of the Word

Word With the Wise (a time for the young and the young at heart)

God loves you, and all the people of St. Luke love you too.

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Lord God, as your Spirit descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove, may we too feel the power of your transforming love. Please be with us as we hear your Word read and proclaimed, guiding us so we truly follow you in all we do . Amen.

First Readings Psalm 29:2-4, 7, 11 and 1st John 5:1-5, 9-11

Choir Anthem

"My God, I Am Thine"

Second Readings James 1:17-19, 22-25 and Mark 1:1-11

Message "Washed For New Life"

Responding to the Word

†Hymn # 451

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

†Doxology Praise God whose breath fills all the earth; whose love reveals our secret worth; whose Spirit forms one family; whose grace brings peace and harmony. Amen.

†Unison Prayer of Dedication

Holy Light of the world, we bring this offering in response to your action in our lives. We share our resources because of the many ways that you continue to bless us. Your Spirit fills us as the waters fill the oceans. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (using "Debts")

Choral Prayer Response

" Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

†Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

†Our Motivational and Missional Statement As the people of St. Luke Presbyterian Church, we offer to God our "hands of service, hands of faith, and open hands of love." Holy Spirit, unite us in this calling and send us forth to serve.

†Closing Hymn # 765

"May the God of Hope Go with Us"

†Charge and Benediction

†Choral Response

"Sevenfold Amen "

†Postlude

†The congregation is invited to stand in body or spirit.

Welcome to St. Luke! As you silence your cell phone before the service begins, please take a moment to sign our digital attendance book using this QR code.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

9:30 am Coffee and Fellowship | Thank you to **Nona Fulton** for providing donuts.
9:45 am Adult Sunday School
10:15 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
11 am Worship Service
5 pm Meditation Service

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

10 & 11 am Adult Piano Classes
5:30 pm Christian Education

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

7 am Men's Breakfast (Hud's on Bell)
10 am Exercise Group
5:45 pm Worship Committee

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

8:30 am Yoga Practice
Noon Young at Heart (Linda Dominguez with Amarillo College's Advocacy and Resource Center)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

10 am Exercise Group
2 pm Threads of Love

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

8-10 am Laundry Love

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

9:30 am Coffee and Fellowship
9:45 am Adult Sunday School
10:15 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
11 am Worship Service
4 pm Session

Ministers: **The Congregation**

Pastor: **Rev. Bill Cotman**

Organist: **Mila Abbasova**

Lector: **Ann Hefner**

Session

Class of 2025

Class of 2026

Class of 2027

Ross Clopton, Robert Hansen, Barbara Taylor, Kary Wingo

Paige Hadley, Priscilla Sheets, Tim Sougstad, Helen Thorsheim

Sam Burnett, Julie Johnson, Kaci Jones, Mary McCracken

Director of Music: **Dr. Robert Hansen**

Nursery Coordinator: **Mary McCracken**

Office Administrator: **Brittany Forney**

Clerk of Session: **Barbara Taylor**



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