

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*"A Holy, Healthy, and Loving Community  
Striving to Know Christ and to Make Christ Known"*



January 9, 2022  
"Baptism of our Lord"

WORDS OF WELCOME ----- Pastor Michael Atkinson

PRELUDE ----- "Voluntary on Dix" / Robert Lind ----- -Dr. Jessica Scott

CALL TO WORSHIP ----- Rev. Harry Jenkins

Leader: We are marked as God's beloved ones.

People: What have we done to deserve God's love.

Leader: God's love is God's free gift to us, always and forever.

People: Even when we are difficult and turn away from God,

Leader: God's love never vanishes from us.

People: Thanks be to God who is ever faithful to us, AMEN.

MORNING PRAYER ----- Rev. Jenkins

Lord of Hope and Light, in the midst of Darkness you offered light to people who lived in fear. Today that light comes to us as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Open our hearts this day and remind us that you have marked us as people of hope and light. Prepare us to this day to distribute your grace as we seek to be a blessing to the world. AMEN.

HYMN ----- “When Jesus Came to Jordan” / Aurelia

When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,  
He did not come for pardon but as the sinless one.  
He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins,  
To speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.

He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss,  
For us and our salvation to die upon the cross.  
So when the dove descended on him, the Son of Man,  
The hidden years had ended, the age of grace began.

Come, Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make;  
This very day invade us, and ev'ry bondage break.  
Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most:  
To share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

OFFERTORY—”Let There Be Peace on Earth” / Miller & Jackson - - - Dr. Scott

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS WITH THE PASTOR

GOSPEL LESSON ----- Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, ‘I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

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 upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

SERMON- - - - - "The Hinge Pin" - - - - Pastor Michael Atkinson  
*(You are encouraged to use this space for notes.)*

## REAFFIRMATION OF OUR BAPTISMAL COVENANT

### APOSTLE'S 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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
Is seated at the right hand of the Father,

And will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

### REMEMBERING YOUR BAPTISM

## RENEWING OUR COVENANT

We give thanks for all that God has already given us.  
As members of the body of Christ, and in this congregation  
of The United Methodist Church,

We will faithfully participate in the ministries of the church  
By our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness,  
That in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

HYMN #347----- "Spirit Song"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE ----- "Voluntary on Salzburg" / Robert Lind ----- Dr. Scott



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### LITURGISTS NEEDED

There are many ways to fulfill your covenant  
to love and serve God and God's people.  
One of those is by reading the scriptures during worship.

If you would like to serve as one of our liturgists,  
please contact Pastor Michael, or the church office at 304-623-3397.