

SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY

January 11, 2009

*BAPTISM OF THE LORD*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Ritter

The Gathering

CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

At the baptism of Jesus, God said:

**"You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased."**

When we hear God's call to prayer, God is summoning us;

**"You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased."**

When we hear God's call to service, God is inviting us:

**"You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased."**

When we hear God's call to repentance, God is welcoming us:

**"You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased."**

When we feel God's absence, God is still supporting us:

**"You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased."**

Let us worship the God of our baptism, the God who blesses us still.

\* HYMN

"O Christ, the Great Foundation"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Creating God, your voice is heard over the waters. In the waters of baptism you claim us, yet we resist your claim, lining up with those coming to John at the Jordan, awaiting a word of judgment. Forgive our shallowness of trust. Help us to follow your Son, our Lord, who surrendered himself to you in baptism and heard you speak pleasure in him. Deepen our faith, that we, too, might surrender ourselves to you.*

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI

The Word

READING OF THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 19:1-7

*In Ephesus, Paul teaches that baptism involves both repentance and the gift of the Spirit.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Sweet Little Child

Smith

READING OF THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11

*John the Baptizer baptizes Jesus in the Jordan, and a voice from heaven is heard*

This is the Gospel of the Light of the World.

Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

"Born of Water and the Spirit"

Reverend Georgia N. King

HYMN

"Baptized in Water"

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed (Traditional)

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The Table

INVITATION TO THE LORDS TABLE

LITANY

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

It is truly right and our greatest joy...who will sing to the glory of your name.

*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.*

You are holy, O God of majesty... to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.  
Praise to you Lord Jesus.

*Dying you destroyed our death,  
Rising, you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.*

Gracious God... all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.  
*Amen*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

*Please hold the elements until all have been served that we might partake as one.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### The Sending

*HYMN	"How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"	419
*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE	We Give Thee Thanks	Rand

- Those who are comfortable doing so are invited to stand.



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