

**Edgewood Presbyterian Church
Homewood, Alabama
Baptism of the Lord
January 12, 2025**

****Please text any prayer requests to 205-924-5080 before the Sharing of the Peace.
Please include your name, unless you wish the request to be anonymous. ****

Prayer of Preparation

O God, let your deepest love be revealed to me. Amen.

Chiming of the Trinity

Waters of Baptism Response: **The voice of the Lord is over the waters!**

Prelude *Shall We Gather at the River* arr. Eugenie Rocherole

Welcome

Call to Worship

Bill Woodruff, Liturgist

Out of the formless void, God called forth light;
God is creating something new, now.

Out of the wilderness, God called forth a new message of hope;
God is calling us to something new, now.

Out of the birth waters, God brought forth life;
God is bringing us into new life, now.

Out of death, God gave us eternal life;
God has sent us Jesus the Christ, so that we may all live.

Come, worship Christ,
who leads us into eternal life.

Prayer of the Day

1 Sing glory to the name of God,
whose holy splendor shines abroad.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Enthroned above the crashing waves,
the God of grace and glory saves.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 The name of God is full of might:
resounding thunder, flashing light.
Alleluia, alleluia!
The wilderness cannot contain
the echoes of the great refrain:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 The name of God is wild and free,
awhirl in holy mystery.
Alleluia, alleluia!
A secret wrapped in smoke and fire,
still chanted by the temple choir:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 May God forever be our peace;
may hymns of glory never cease:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Let all the faithful people come;
sing praise to God, the Three-in-One:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Invitation to Reconciliation

Prayer of Brokenness

Merciful God,
in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,
making us part of the body of Christ.
We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,
separated from one another.
We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,
and show reluctance to welcome one another.
We allow the past to hold us captive.
In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin.
Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life,
and live together in grace.
Hear now the prayers of our hearts...
(Silent Confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, and restored to new life!

Gloria #582

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
 2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
 F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
 C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
 Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the Prophets

Isaiah 43: 1-7

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalter

Psalms 29

¹ Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

² **Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

³ The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
 the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

⁴ **The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶ God makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

⁷ **The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.**

⁸ The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹ The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl and strips the forest bare;
and in God's temple all say, "Glory!"

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as ruler forever.**

¹¹May the LORD give strength to the people of God!

May the LORD bless the people with peace!

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

"A Voice from Heaven"

The Rev. Joe Genau

Hymn 177

I Will Come to You

YOU ARE MINE

1 "I will come to you in the silence;
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice;
I claim you as my choice.
Be still and know I am here.

Refrain:

"Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me,
I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine."

2 "I am hope for all who are hopeless;
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night,

I will be your light.
Come and rest in me. (*Refrain*)

3 "I am strength for all the despairing,
healing for the ones who dwell in
shame.

All the blind will see;
the lame will all run free,
and all will know my name. (*Refrain*)

4 "I am the Word that leads all to
freedom;
I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name,
embracing all your pain.
Stand up, now walk and live! (*Refrain*)

Sharing of the Peace

Announcements for the Community of Faith

Call to Offering

Anthem

Come, Be Baptized

G. Alan Smith, choral Jack Schrader

Come as a child, come to the waters; to the family of God, come, sons and daughters. Come to the river, the Lord, the life giver; wash in the love that is sent from above.

Refrain: Come, be baptized in the name of the Father; come, be baptized in the name of the Son; come, be baptized in the name of the Spirit; Come, be baptized in Love.

Come as a child, come, sons and daughters, draw from the well life giving waters. Drink of the river, the Lord, the life giver; feel how it pours out the life that is yours. **Refrain**

Son, the Son, oh; come, be baptized in the name of the Spirit; Come, be baptized in Love. Come as a child, oh, come as a child, oh, come, be baptized in love.

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

Communion of the People

Music at Communion

Wade in the Water

African-American Spiritual, arr. Joyce Kalbach

Concerns of the Church & Prayers of the People

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Hymn 480

Take Me to the Water

TAKE ME TO THE WATER

1 Take me to the water.
Take me to the water.
Take me to the water
to be baptized.

3 He's my Savior.
He's my Savior.
He's my Savior,
yes, he is.

2 I love Jesus.
I love Jesus.
I love Jesus,
yes, I do.

4 Glory hallelujah.
Glory hallelujah.
Glory hallelujah
to be baptized.

Remembering the Baptismal Covenant

Charge and Benediction

Rev. Joe Genau

Postlude

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

harm. George Woodward