

January 12, 2025

Baptism of the Lord



The purpose of Groce United Methodist Church is to build the family of God through praising God, bringing others to Christ, teaching the faith, strengthening the fellowship, and sending forth in service.

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Baptism of the Lord Celebration

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* Where indicated, stand if you are able.

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE
Becky Wilburn—piano

“Promised Land”
Arr. Jan Sanborn

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When we pass through the cleansing waters of baptism and the troubled waters of our lives, God declares:

People: I will be with you.

Leader: When we go through the fires that refine us and the fires that threaten our livelihoods, God declares:

People: I will be with you.

Leader: Even when we travel to the far corners of the earth or down into the depths of our souls, God declares:

People: I will be with you.

Leader: Let us pray. Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus you revealed him to be your Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit, Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful to their calling as your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

*OPENING HYMN 139

“Praise to the Lord the Almighty”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

ANTHEM
Chancel Choir

“It Is Well with My Soul”
Arr. John Ness Beck

Flowers on the Altar—are dedicated to the Glory of God and given by **Jane & True Morse** in honor of **Doug Jones & John Smith’s** dedication to the AGAPE Sunday School class and **Jackie Davis** for always being ready for children.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/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.

Sunday’s Ushers—Thank you to our Ushers! **Pam Rogalski, True Morse (steward), Ed & Nancy Saxman**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 3: 15—17, 21—22
(NRSV New Testament pg. 60)

Meeting Reminders:

- **Youth**—will meet today, January 12, at 5pm in Asbury Hall.
- **BLT**—will meet this **Wednesday, January 15, at 11:30am** in the Jack Bass Classroom.
- **Table of 16**—will meet this **Wednesday, January 15, at 11:30am** at Longhorn Steakhouse.
- **Sarah Circle**—will meet this **Wednesday, January 15, at 4:30pm** in Asbury Lobby.

MESSAGE

“The Baptism of Jesus”

Safe Sanctuary Training—Pastor Jill Rhinehart will offer a Safe Sanctuary training on **Tuesday, January 14th, at 1:30pm** for those who have not had the training and those that need a refresher course. **Please RSVP for the class by Monday, January 13.** If you are unable to attend this course, but would still like to take the training, please call the office and we will provide a second training as needed.

RECEIVING GOD’S GIFTS

Ushers will come forward

Welcome Table—will resume normal operations on **January 16.** They will be serving a community meal **from 5—6:30pm.**

OFFERTORY
Becky Wilburn—piano

“Lamb of God”
Arr. Carol Tornquist

Office Closed—The church office will be closed on **Monday, January 20,** in observation of Martin Luther King Jr.’s Birthday.

*DOXOLOGY

*CLOSING HYMN 577

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Newsletter—If you or your group would like to advertise an upcoming event in next month’s newsletter, please email your group/event name and brief description to Veronica Bagwell *no later than January 23.* veronicab@groceumc.org

*SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

POSTLUDE
Becky Wilburn—piano

“We Will Glorify”
Arr. Fred Bock

New Worship Time! - The results are in! Based on the results of a congregation-wide vote, our new permanent time for **Sunday worship will be 10:30am.** Sunday School will begin at 9am with Coffee Fellowship at 10am. Thanks to all who voted!

*Our service of worship has ended.
Now our worship through service begins.*

2025 Altar Flower Calendar - The Altar Flower Calendar for 2025 is now up on the bulletin board outside the front office. Please consider providing flowers for our Sanctuary Altar through out the coming year!



Announcements

The first four pews on both sides are fragrance-free.

Blessing Box Caretakers—We need 2-3 people to stock our Blessing Box, 3 times a week, during church office hours or when at church for another activity. Contact Jane Williams at 828-400-3928 for more information.