



The Gathering

@Northfield United Methodist Parish

January 12, 2025

Baptism of Our Lord

We invite you to silence your phones prior to the start of worship.

Gathering

Greetings and Ministry Updates

Praise

*The Call to Worship

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

The Lord's voice is over the waters;
the glorious God thunders;
the Lord is over the mighty waters

Let the Lord give strength to his people!

Let the Lord bless his people with peace!

*Songs of Praise

Lyrics on back

- *Down to the River to Pray*
- *Wade in the Water*

*Our Words of Praise

Psalm 29

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

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

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

**The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"**

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

May the Lord give strength to his people!

May the Lord bless his people with peace!

*Giving Glory to God (*The Gloria Patri*)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Listening for God to Speak

The Story of Faith

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ 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 strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ 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."

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² 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."

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

The Word in Song

The Word Proclaimed

Rev. Jay Voorhees

The Gifts of God's Spirit

- Prayer of Thanksgiving over the Bread, Wine, and Water
- Sharing the Bread, Wine, and Letting the Water Speak
- Prayer of Covenant in the Wesleyan Tradition
**I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt,**

rank me with whom thou wilt.
 Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
 Let me be employed for thee
 or laid aside for thee,
 exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
 Let me be full, let me be empty.
 Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
 I freely and heartily yield all things to thy
 pleasure and disposal.
 And now, O glorious and blessed God,
 Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
 thou art mine, and I am thine.
 So be it.
 And the covenant
 which I have made on earth,
 let it be ratified in heaven.
 Amen.

*Hymn of Response

- *Spirit Song*
UMH 347

The Work of the Church

Celebrating God's Gifts

- Sharing God's Presence This Week
- Presenting Our Offerings

Giving Thanks for God's Gifts

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
 Praise Him all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

Prayers of the Community

- Sharing of Concerns
- The 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Our Choral Benediction *Go Now in Peace (UMH 665)*

*Go now in peace, go now in peace,
 may the love of God surround you,
 everywhere, everywhere
 you may go.*

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Down to the River to Pray

As I went down to the river to pray,
 studying about that good ole way
 and who shall wear the starry crown,
 good Lord, show me the way.

O *sisters, let's go down,
 let's go down, come on down.
 Come on *sisters, let's go down,
 down to the river to pray.

*2 – brothers
 3 -- people

Wade In the Water

Chorus:

Wade in the water, wade in the water children,
 wade in the water, the Lord's gonna trouble the water

Verse 1:

Who's that yonder dressed in red?
 Wade in the water.
 Must be the children that Moses led?
 Wade in the water.
 You've got to...

Verse 2

Look over yonder and what do you see?
 Wade in the water.
 It's the Holy Spirit coming all over me.
 Wade in the water.
 You've got to....

Verse 3

If you don't believe that I have been redeemed.
 Wade in the water.
 Just follow me down to Jordan's stream.
 Wade in the water.
 You've got to...