



*Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church  
Baptism of the Lord, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025*

**Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church**  
**Community Worship Service**  
**Baptism of the Lord, January 12th**

**10:00 A.M. Livestream is available on the LTUMC YouTube channel:**  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgtuJe20i8DN7S\\_Cfg1sWCg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgtuJe20i8DN7S_Cfg1sWCg)

**RINGING OF THE BELL – *Please observe silence as we prepare for the service.***

**PRELUDE**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty - John Dykes/arr. Lloyd Larson

**CALL TO WORSHIP (*Please stand as you are able*)**

*L: God is with us always and calls us each by name.*

***P: When we pass through difficulties and stress,***

*L: God is with us and calls us by name.*

***P: When we are discouraged and feel lost and alone,***

*L: God is with us and calls us by name, and heals us.*

***P: Blessed be God who knows us and calls us by name. AMEN.***

**HYMN #64**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty  
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**OPENING PRAYER (*Please be seated*)**

***Eternal Father,  
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.***

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### *Isaiah 43:1-7 - Passing through the waters*

- 43:1 But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine.
- 43:2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.
- 43:3 For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you.
- 43:4 Because you are precious in my sight and honored and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.
- 43:5 Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you;
- 43:6 I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth--
- 43:7 everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

### *Psalms 29 - The voice of God upon the waters (Psalter Lesson) (Pg. 761 UMH)*

*(Please read the bold text)*

- 29:1 Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 29:2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.**
- 29:3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, upon mighty waters.
- 29:4 The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**
- 29:5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; **the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.**
- 29:6 The Lord makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- 29:7 The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
- 29:8 The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; **the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

29:9 The voice of the Lord makes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare;  
**and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"**

29:10 The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as Ruler for ever.

**29:11 May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

**Acts 8:14-17 - Prayer for the Holy Spirit (Epistle Reading)**

8:14 Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them.

8:15 The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit

8:16 (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus).

8:17 Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 - The baptism of Jesus (Gospel)**

***(Please stand as you are able)***

3:15 As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah,

3:16 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.

3:17 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."

3:21 Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened,

3:22 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."

*L: This is the word of the Lord for the people of Christ.*

***P: Thanks be to God.***

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Please be seated)***

*Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.*

*(Let us offer our silent confessions.)*

***Sky-shattering God, we confess that we have not always paid much attention to the baptism of Jesus, but viewed it as a nice story which begins Jesus' ministry. We don't always see ourselves as standing in that long line of those marked for service; and therefore it is easy for us to dismiss this as a nice story and nothing***

***more. Yet you have called us by name, knowing each of us, and loving us. We are astonished by this. We know that we have behaved in very unloving ways and in some behaviors which do not promote your love and peace. Forgive us for our blindness. Turn us around. Help us to be people who not only recognize the light, but who are willing to live in that light, bringing help to others in your name. For we pray this in the name of Jesus Christ. AMEN.***

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

*People of God, you are known and loved by the Creator. You are marked as God's chosen ones to bring hope and peace to others. Be at peace and live in hope.*

***In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.***

### **HOMILY**

#### **STATEMENT OF FAITH #880 (The Nicene Creed)**

*(Please stand as able)*

***We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is seen and unseen.***

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.***

***Through him all things were made.***

***For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.***

***For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.***

***On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.***

***With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.***

***We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.***

***We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.***

***We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

#### **GLORIA PATRI (UMH #70)**

***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.***

## **HYMN #512**

Stand By Me

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## **OFFERING**

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## **OFFERTORY**

Morceau #4 from "Douze morceaux de fonds de divers auteurs" Gabriel Gauthier

## **DOXOLOGY #95** *(Please stand as you are able)*

***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***

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** *(Please continue standing)*

***Loving God, who guides us with your everlasting presence, we offer these gifts with grateful hearts. As Jesus stood with us in the waters of baptism, may these offerings stand as a testament to your love and grace. Use them to bring hope, healing, and transformation to our world. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.***

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS** *(Please be seated)*

## **PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH 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.***

## **CLOSING HYMN #529** *(Please stand as you are able)*

How Firm a Foundation

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## **BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE** *(Please be seated)*

Rigaudon - Andre Campra/arr. E Power Biggs

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Flowers on the Altar**

The flowers on the altar for January, February and March are from **Paula and Fred Markert and Jim and Beth Holimon in memory of their mothers.**

### **Administrative Council Meeting**

The first Administrative Council for 2025 will be on **Friday, January 31, 2025, at 10:00 AM in the Minnich conference room.** Please reach out to Scott Walter with questions.

### **Andy Harvill's Memorial Service**

**Andy Harvill's Memorial service will be on Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM.**

### **Soup Supper**

**Our Prayer Ministry is sponsoring a Soup Supper on Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the Dice Hall. The soup will be provided. Please feel free to bring a salad, bread, tea, or dessert. Please email Saunders at [administrator@laketoxawayumc.org](mailto:administrator@laketoxawayumc.org) if you plan come so we know how much soup to make. Please do not let RSVPing deter you from coming.**

### **Have you recently moved?**

**If you moved during 2024 and your winter address has changed, please provide your new address to Saunders by e-mail at [administrator@laketoxawayumc.org](mailto:administrator@laketoxawayumc.org). This will help with getting your giving statement for 2024. The statements will be mailed to you in early 2025.**

### **Prayer Ministry**

The **Prayer Ministry** meets the **2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 9:30 AM** in the church. If you have a prayer request and cannot make it in person, please e-mail it to **[LTUMCPrayerRequests@gmail.com](mailto:LTUMCPrayerRequests@gmail.com)**

### **Flowers & Coffee Hour Sign-Up Calendars**

The sign-up calendars are located in the Parish Hall. **For Coffee Hour, please reach out to Nancee Salyer at [nsalyer331@aol.com](mailto:nsalyer331@aol.com) and for Flowers please e-mail Beth Holimon at [roxy1011@gmail.com](mailto:roxy1011@gmail.com) and for flower wording for the bulletin please reach out to Saunders before 5:00 PM the Tuesday prior.**

### **AA Meetings Thursday Nights**

The weekly AA meeting is every Thursday at 4:45 PM in the Dice Hall. In an effort to honor anonymity, please do not go to the **Parish building from 4:15 PM – 6:00 PM on Thursdays.**

## **PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Please pray for those who have long-term illness, health concerns and special intentions. Please continue to pray for the Guffeys, Judy Lefler and Doug Bailey. Thomas Blackstock is on a new chemo treatment and loves cards as they brighten his days. His address is: Mr. Thomas Blackstock, 208 Hidden Valley Ln. #58, Sapphire, NC 28774.**

**Please pray for those having or had a surgery and their recovery. We continue to pray for Kayla, the granddaughter and Rory, the newborn great grandson of John & Char Holbrook.**

**Our heartfelt prayers for all who have experienced the recent passing of a loved one. We pray for the Harvill family as they prepare for Andy's memorial service.**

***Please continue the families of Kareem Badawi, and Parker Vidrine, classmates of Noah Vincent who were victims on New Year's Day in New Orleans. Parker is off life support and is now home for a lifelong recovery. Parker's address: Parker Vidrine | 12767 Deerpath Way, Baton Rouge, LA 70816. Here is contact information for Amanda Martin and Noah & William Vincent who were classmates and friends of Kareem and Parker. Amanda Martin, (225) 241-5843 | Noah Vincent (225) 999-2665 | [NVincent@uark.edu](mailto:NVincent@uark.edu) | 6232 Windrush Hollow, Baton Rouge LA 70808.***

***Please continue to pray for our student scholars, our local students, teachers and staff.***

### **STAFF & LAY VOLUNTEERS**

Pastor: Marcus Dodson: 828-553-0282, [marcus61dodson@gmail.com](mailto:marcus61dodson@gmail.com)

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Livestream Chair: Joe Haraschak: 813-918-1916

Liturgist: John Lefler

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# 64 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in power, in love and pur - i - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

WORDS: Reginald Heber, 1826 (Rev. 4:8-11)  
 MUSIC: John B. Dykes, 1861

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## Stand By Me

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1. When the storms of life are rag-ing,  
 2. In the midst of trib - u - la-tion,  
 3. In the midst of faults and fail-ures, stand by me; (stand by me)  
 4. In the midst of per - se - cu-tion,  
 5. When I'm grow-ing old and fee-ble,

when the storms of life are rag-ing,  
 in the midst of trib - u - la-tion,  
 in the midst of faults and fail-ures, stand by me. (stand by me)  
 in the midst of per - se - cu-tion,  
 when I'm grow-ing old and fee-ble,

When the world is toss-ing me, like a ship up-on the sea,  
 When the host of hell as - sail, and my strength be-gins to fail,  
 When I've done the best I can, and my friends mis-un-der-stand,  
 When my foes in war ar - ray un-der-take to stop my way,  
 When my life be-comes a bur-den, and I'm near-ing chil - ly Jor-dan,

thou who rul - est wind and wa-ter,  
 thou who nev - er lost a bat-tle,  
 thou who know-est all a-bout me, stand by me. (stand by me)  
 thou who sav - ed Paul and Si-las,  
 O thou Lil - y of the Val-ley,

WORDS: Charles Albert Tindley, ca. 1906 (Mt. 8:23-27; Mk. 4:35-41; Lk. 8:22-25)  
 MUSIC: Charles Albert Tindley, ca. 1906; arr. by William Farley Smith, 1989  
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## How Firm a Foundation

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1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,  
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
 4. "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - ways shall lie,  
 5. "The soul that on Je - sus still leans for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!  
 for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;  
 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;  
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
 I'll strength - en and help thee, and cause thee to stand  
 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - ni - po - tent hand.  
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

WORDS: "K" in Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787 (2 Tim. 2:19; Heb. 13:5; Is. 43:1-2)  
 MUSIC: Early USA melody; harm. from *Tabor*, 1866

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