

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

**Sunday January 12, 2025 (10 am)**

*The Rt. Reverend Anne B. Jolly, Bishop of Ohio*

*The Reverend Tom Furrer, Interim Rector*

*James W. Shiell, Director of Music*

*Paul W. Keriotis, Director of Spiritual Formation*

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**Prelude** Christ, Our Lord, to Jordan Came – Johann Sebastian Bach

**Choral Introit** Down to the River to Pray (*Slave Songs of the United States 1867*)

### AT THE PROCESSION TO THE ALTAR

*The People stand for the Processional Hymn and remain standing through the Collect of the Day*

**Processional Hymn No. 135** Songs of thankfulness and praise - *Salzburg*

### **Opening Acclamation**

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People* **One God and Father of all.**

### **Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray together.

**Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

### THE WORD OF GOD

*Please be seated.*

**The First Reading:** Genesis 1:1-5

**First Reading:** Isaiah 43:1-7

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.  
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.  
For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.  
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.  
Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;  
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--  
everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

*Reader*                    The Word of the Lord.  
*People*                    **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 29** [*sung by the choir*]

*Afferte Domino*

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; \*  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.

9 And in the temple of the Lord \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"

10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; \*  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

**The Second Reading:** Acts 8:14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn**            Take me to the water – *African American Spiritual*

1. Take me to the wa - ter.      Take me to the wa -  
 2. None but the right - eous,      none but the right -  
 3. I love Je - sus,      I love Je -  
 4. He's my Sav - ior.      He's my Sav -

ter.      Take me to the wa - ter to be bap - tized.  
 eous,      none but the right - eous shall see God.  
 sus,      I love Je - sus,      yes, I do.  
 ior.      He's my Sav - ior,      yes, he is.

**The Gospel:** Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

*Gospeller*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke  
*People*      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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

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

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

**Sermon**

The Rev. Tom Furrer

### **The Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

*Celebrant*            Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

*Celebrant*            Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and  
renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*People*                **I do.**

*Celebrant*            Do you believe in God the Father?

*People*                **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant*            Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People*                **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant*            Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People*                **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.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*(The people may be asperged with water)*

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

## Hymn

1 You have put on Christ; in Christ you have been bap-tized.  
2 We have put on Christ; in Christ we have been bap-tized.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## Prayers of the People

*Leader* Guided by the light of Christ, who has been made known to all nations, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

[*silence*]

*Leader* For the community of the baptized throughout the world and its leaders, that justice and forgiveness be proclaimed to all, let us pray.

*People* **Cleanse and renew us, O God.**

*Leader* For the beauty of creation, trees and animals, clean water, and favorable weather, that all creatures live abundantly on our fragile planet, let us pray.

*People* **Cleanse and renew us, O God.**

*Leader* For all in authority at the local, state, national, and international levels, that they may rule with equity and sincerity of heart; for relief workers and those who support them, let us pray

*People* **Cleanse and renew us, O God.**

*Leader* For the oppressed, the imprisoned, the sick, and all who call out for help, especially those in our congregation whom we name now..., that all who dwell on earth find comfort, peace, and redemption through Christ, let us pray.

*People* **Cleanse and renew us, O God.**

*Leader* For this congregation, may we boldly follow you. Show us how best to love and care for one another and this community. Bless us with mutual trust and respect, courage, and foresight as you shepherd our community through its journey for a permanent Rector. let us pray.

*People* **Cleanse and renew us, O God.**

*Leader* In thanksgiving for those who have died (*especially*), that the grace of Christ in their lives guide us in our vocation as Christians throughout the world, let us pray.

*People* **Cleanse and renew us, O God.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

## Welcome and Announcements

### THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

**Offertory Anthem:** Come to the Water – arr. Lynda Hasseler

**Offertory Response:** Praise God from whom all blessings flow – *Old Hundredth*

*Celebrant:* All things come from thee, O Lord  
*People:* **and of thine own have we given thee.**

1. Praise God, from Whom all bles - sings flow; Praise Him, all crea-tures here be - low;  
Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

## Sanctus S-125 – Holy, holy, holy

*setting:* Richard Proulx

**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.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,**  
**We proclaim his resurrection,**  
**We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters, through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

***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 and ever. AMEN.*

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

### **Fraction Anthem S-155**

Alleluia! Christ our Passover

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
therefore let us keep the feast.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### **The Distribution**

*All baptized Christians are welcome and invited to come to the altar rail for communion. Or, if you would like communion brought to your pew, please inform an usher. The bread may be consumed and a sip taken from the common cup, or the bread may be held and dipped or intincted in the common cup **or** if you would simply like a blessing, please cross your arms on your chest and the priest will make the sign of the Cross on your forehead.*

**Music at the Distribution** The River – Ronnie Freeman

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn No. 296** We know that Christ is raised – *Engelberg*

### **Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

### **Postlude**

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise – Paul Manz

*Assisting with worship today:*

The Parish Choir, Laurie Jones - Piano  
Jim Crofford–Lector, Karen Andrus – Lector/Chalice  
Faith Scarmuzzi – Prayers/Chalice  
Kathy Hughes- Greeters, Nancy Forrester – Name Tags  
Jim Crofford & Sam Heakin – Ushers  
Becky Watts & Nancy Forrester - Altar Guild  
Steve & Becky Watts - Bakers  
Deb Murphy & Don Scarmuzzi – AV/Video

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH! We are happy to have you worship with us today! If you are a visitor or would like to know more about the life, work, and ministry of Christ Church, please fill out a “Connect Card” in the pew rack. You can drop the completed card in the offering plate or give it to a member of our staff, an usher, or a Vestry member following the service. We are glad you are here!

**PLEDGE ENVELOPES:** If you did not get pledge envelopes and need them, please call the office and speak to Carole Lewis. She will help you with this.

**DINNER & A MOVIE WITH JESUS:** This Wednesday, January 15, 2025 is the next Dinner & a Movie with Jesus. Please make plans to come at 5:30. Enjoy some Pizza & Salad, then we will all watch “The Chosen” Episode “Holy Night”. This will be a fun evening with friends and family. If you plan on coming, and have not yet signed up, please sign up at the back of the church, email [secretary@christchurchwarren.org](mailto:secretary@christchurchwarren.org) or call the office at 330-372-4998. Let us know how many are coming. **You know The Chosen at Christ Church is COMMERCIAL FREE. That alone is worth coming for, but when you add fellowship, the movie and a meal, it’s a slice of Heaven!** God Bless.

**RUMMAGE SALE:** Steve has answered the call and decided we will have another Rummage Sale. The Spring one will be Friday April 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup>. If you have stuff to bring in, then BRING IT IN!!!

**SAVE THE DATE!!!** Our Cub Scout Pack 4011 will be having their annual PINWOOD DERBY on February 27<sup>th</sup> from 6 PM to 8 PM. They will also have a 50/50 Raffle, Chinese Auction, and Concession Stand along with raffling off of a 42 inch TV. Come out and support our Pack and have a good time.

Also if you know of any places that would donate a basket/gift card for the cause please call Tiffany in the office and let her know so that she can follow up with the person/s who might be able to donate. She is making a chocolate basket. Do any of you have a talent that you might be able to donate to this event? Let Tiffany know. Let’s help make this a spectacular event for these young boys.



# 189th ANNUAL MEETING

Our 189th Annual Meeting of Christ Episcopal Church will be held on Sunday, January 26th, following the 10:30 AM service. New Vestry members will be elected, and the annual operating budget will be presented.

*All outreach or program and group “chairs” need to submit their 2024 review and summary to the church office email ([secretary@christchurchwarren.org](mailto:secretary@christchurchwarren.org)) no later than January 17, 2025 in order to be published in the Annual Report. Thank you!*

## THE WEEKLY WORKINGS AT CHRIST CHURCH

Monday Jan 13	Office Open 9 AM – 2 PM Boy Scouts 5 PM	Various Rooms
Tuesday Jan 14	AA 6 PM Office Open 9 AM – 2 PM	Parish Hall
Wednesday Jan. 15	10:00 AM “Growing Deeper” Bible Study, Prayer, & Fellowship 12 PM Deadline to submit Bulletin Announcements Office Open 9 AM – 2 PM 5:30 PM “The Chosen” Holy Night”	Chapel Office Parish Hall
Thursday Jan 16	Office Open 9 AM – 2 PM Cub Scouts 5 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal 6 PM Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	Parish Hall Handbell Room Choir Room
Friday Jan 17	Office Closed	
Saturday Jan 18	Office Closed	
Sunday Jan 19	8 AM Holy Eucharist 10 AM Holy Eucharist Strings of Joy 1:00 PM	Chapel Main Sanctuary