

TRUCKEE LUTHERAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Second Sunday of Christmas – January 2, 2021
The Baptism of Jesus

♪ **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP - "Christmas Hallelujah"** Lorelle Banzett, Susan Horst, Kathy Manifold

WELCOME

Pastor Jeanie Shaw

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

PRAYER

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. **Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*♪ **GATHERING SONG – "Angels from the Realms of Glory"**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Erin Ellis

Creator God, who hovered over the waters of creation, who descended like a dove at Jesus Baptism:
Come to us, open our hearts and minds, so we may have the Word of Life. Amen

FIRST READING **Isaiah 43:1-2, 4-7**

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.

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.

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."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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

Rod Oswalt

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."

The Gospel, the Good News of God.

Thanks be to God!

MEDITATION – "You are Beloved"

Pastor Jeanie

♪ SONG IN RESPONSE – "I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry"

*** APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living 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.**

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS AND PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

Gracious God, we come today with joy for your baptism; we come with gratitude for your love. As we offer these gifts to you, send your Spirit upon us, that our hands and our hearts may do your work in the world.

As we offer our lives to you, bless us with your strength, that we may join with you to work for the blessing of peace throughout the world. Amen.

♪ SONG OF THANKS – "Bring We the Frankincense"

*** PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Please conclude your prayer with "Lord, in your mercy," and all will respond, "Hear our prayer."

*** LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

***THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*** GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

♪ COMMUNION SONG – “Gloria, Gloria”

*** PRAYER OF THANKS**

Blessed are you, Holy God. You are the creator of waters of the earth. You are the fire of rebirth.
Pour out your Holy Spirit and breathe life into those who are here baptized, through Jesus Christ, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM - Harper Jean Davis

*** ♪ SENDING SONG – “Welcome to the Family”**

PREPARING FOR OUR MISSION IN THE WORLD

*** BENEDICTION**

***SENDING**

Go out in peace. Remember your baptism!
Thanks be to God!

*We invite you to stand, as you are able, for sections marked with an asterisk **

This is the season of Christmas and *giving!* We invite all to join us by giving to the ministry of TLPC. **We thank everyone who generously supports this ministry.** Gifts may be made online through our website at TLPC.org or mailed to: **Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian Church, PO Box 10620, Truckee, CA 96162**

Our congregation has a heart for missions: locally, nationally, and in God's world. With your support we give to Sierra Community House (Hunger Relief, Crisis Intervention & Prevention, Family Support & Community Engagement, Mediation & Legal Assistance); North Tahoe-Truckee Homeless Services; Healthy Babies; International Health Partners Tanzania; Hands of Hope Zimbabwe; youth service trips to Nicaragua and Alaska; adult disaster trips locally and around the world; and the responsible, vigorous mission work of the Presbyterian Church USA and Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) in our nation and world. Additionally, during the pandemic, our congregation has supported local essential workers.

We give such thanks to Susan Horst for her gift of music these last three months. We have so appreciated Susan's joy, love of God, and her beautiful music that has brought such depth to our worship service! We look forward to Susan coming back to TLPC frequently! God bless you, Susan!

Today is a very special day in the life of Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian Church and the Davis / Oswalt / Ellis family as we baptize Harper Jean Davis! Harper is the daughter of Kristin Davis, the niece of Erin and Nate Ellis and the cousin of Emma, Kellen, and Bella! We rejoice on this day when God claims Harper!

