



*Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Baptism of the Lord Sunday, January 9th, 2022*

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Community Worship Service & Communion
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**9:30 A.M. Livestream is available on the LTUMC YouTube channel:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgtuJe20i8DN7S_Cfg1sWCg**

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

PRELUDE

Psalm 139: Search Me, O God Douglas E. Wagner

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Welcome today to this time of preparation.

P: Although we have been preparing for celebrations, we come seeking to prepare our hearts to receive God's Good News.

L: Get ready! The Lord is bringing to us Hope and Peace.

P: How wonderful it is that the Lord is showering us with Peace.

L: Open your hearts and let your spirits be quieted. Be at peace with the Lord.

P: Lord, prepare our lives and bring us peace. AMEN.

HYMN #139

Praise to the Lord, The Almighty

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OPENING PRAYER

***God of grace and glory,
you call us with your voice of flame
to be your people, faithful and courageous.***

***As your beloved Son
embraced His mission in the waters of baptism,
inspire us with the fire of your Spirit
to join in his transforming work.***

***We ask this in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.***

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (#881 The Apostles' Creed)

***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.***

THE GLORIA PATRI #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.***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*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. AMEN.

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 43:1-7

- 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, Ethiopia 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 (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 over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over 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 He makes Lebanon 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 causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"**
- 29:10 The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.
- 29:11 May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!**

Acts 8:14-17

- 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 (Please stand for the Gospel)

- 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 thong 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.

SERMON

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

<https://www.wnccumc.org/online-donations-to-churches>

OFFERTORY

Dove of Peace Gilbert M. Martin

DOXOLOGY #95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of new beginnings, as we move into this new year, stir in us the feelings of expectation! Kindle our hearts and minds to see possibilities for our world and for your kingdom. Help us to believe that the world we have can be better: more loving, more just, more compassionate, and looking much more like the world you've imagined for us. Lord, help us to give generously this day to empower that to happen. In the name of Christ, Savior and Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN #420

Breathe on Me, Breath of God
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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor gives thanks and remembers God's acts of salvation, and concludes:...and so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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 pastor continues the thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes:...and so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering

for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:...all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

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.

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves to others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #605

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters
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BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #393

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in G Sam Batt Owens

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Flowers sign-up sheet

We have a new sign-up sheet for flowers for the new year. It is located in the Fellowship Hall.

LTUMC App for your Smart Phone

The LTUMC app is available to download it from either the App Store or the Play Store. Search for "Lake Toxaway UMC". You do not need to be a registered member of the church to download and use the app.

Administrative Council Meeting

*The Administrative Council will meet on **Friday, February 11th at 9:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. Please let Tom know if you are attending at Tom.Blackstock@gmail.com.*

PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Please pray for Janet & Ed English, Dee Seropian, Dave Wilkes, Jack Jeter, Renee Alexander, Keith and Jackie Skivington, John & Sue Thomas, Donna Parker, Chad & Anne Zimmerman, Marty Young, Cathie Fussell's brother, Lonnie Taylor and nephew, Jeff Tilley, Judy Lefler's friend Barbara Cline-Sanibel, Bobbi Moore's sister, Nancy Schubert and Frank Hardin.

Please pray for those having or had surgery for recovery, those who have had the death of a loved one recently.

Please pray for our student scholars starting a new semester.

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 139

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might-y, the King of cre - a -
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign -
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de - fend
 4. Praise to the Lord, who doth nour-ish thy life and re - store
 5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore

tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal -
 ing bears thee on ca - gle's wings, e'er in his keep-ing main -
 thee; sure - ly his good-ness and mer-cy here dai - ly at -
 thee, fit - ting thee well for the tasks that are ev - er be -
 him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be -

va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his tem - ple draw
 tain - ing. God's care en - folds all, whose true good he up -
 tend thee. Pon - der a - new what the Al - might-y can
 fore thee. Then to thy need God as a moth - er doth
 fore him! Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a -

near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 holds. Hast thou not known his sus - tain - ing?
 do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
 speed, spread - ing the wings of grace o'er thee.
 gain; glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him.

WORDS: Joachim Neander, 1680; sts. 1, 3, 5 trans. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863
 st. 2 by S. Paul Schilling, 1986; st. 4 by Rupert E. Davies, 1983 (Ps. 103:1-6; 150)
 MUSIC: *Emeuerien Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. by William Sterndale Bennett, 1864

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Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Breathe on Me, Breath of God'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed between the staves. The first system contains four numbered verses. The second system contains the concluding lines of the hymn.

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

WORDS: Edwin Hatch, 1878 (Jn. 20:22)
MUSIC: Robert Jackson, 1888

TRENTHAM
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605 Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

1. Wash, O God, our sons and daugh - ters, where your cleans - ing
 2. We who bring them long for nur - ture; by your milk may
 3. O how deep your ho - ly wis - dom! Un - im - ag - ined,

wa - ters flow. Num - ber them a - mong your peo - ple;
 we be fed. Let us join your feast, par - tak - ing
 all your ways! To your name be glo - ry, hon - or!

bless as Christ blessed long a - go. Weave them gar - ments bright and
 cup of bless - ing, liv - ing bread. God, re - new us, guide our
 With our lives we worship, praise! We your peo - ple stand be -

spark - ling; com - pass them with love and light. Fill, a - noint them;
 foot - steps; free from sin and all its snares, one with Christ in
 fore you, wa - ter - washed and Spir - it - born. By your grace, our

send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light.
 liv - ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs.
 lives we of - fer. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans - form!

WORDS: Ruth Duck, 1987 (Jn. 3:3-8)

MUSIC: Attr. to B. F. White, 1844; harm. by Ronald A. Nelson, 1978

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Spirit of the Living God

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

WORDS: Daniel Iverson, 1926; adapt. (Acts 11:15)
 MUSIC: Daniel Iverson, 1926

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