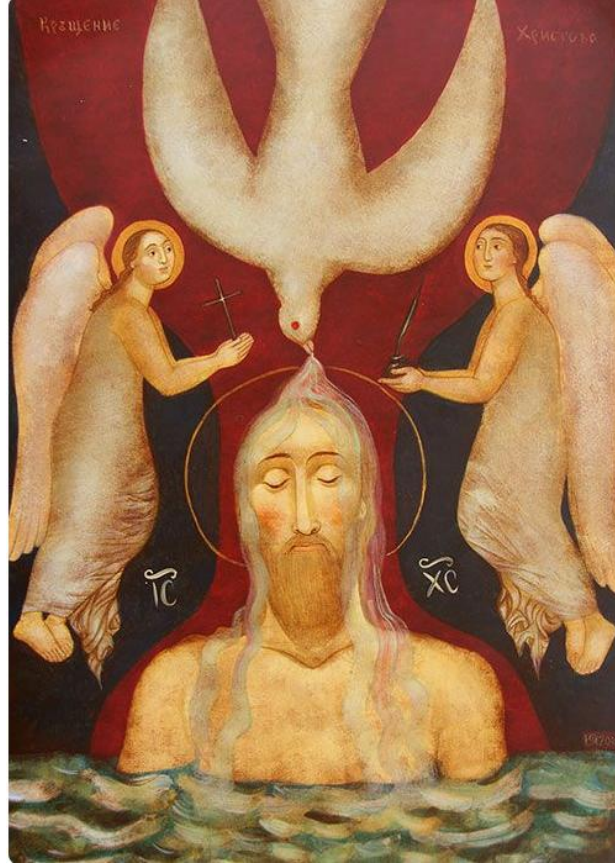


ARK & DOVE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



-The Baptism of Jesus by Julia Stankova

Silent Prayer and Meditation

Good and Gracious God, deep river of blessing, as Jesus waded into the waters of the Jordan, we come now to be immersed in your Word and renewed by your love. You have called us your beloved children in whom you are well pleased. May the heavens be opened for us; may our hearts be receptive, may your Spirit swoop down, may the waters work. Speak your Good News, transform our hearts, rearrange our interiors, bathe us in showers of grace that we may be fully present to you on this day of rest and renewal.

Epiphany

Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2025

9:00 & 10:30 am

Preparatory Music

How Great Thou Art

– arr. Jon Michael Ogletree

Tom Britton, piano

The Presentation of Scripture

The Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 29)

Leader: Give honor to God, O heavenly beings, give honor to God's glory and strength.

People: Sing praises to heaven, lift up the glory of God's holy name; worship the Creator in sacred splendor.

Leader: The voice of the Almighty is over the waters; the God of glory thunders. The waters work. The Spirit over mighty waters.

People: The voice of our God is powerful and full of majesty. We come to worship, for you rain down blessings upon us.

Hymn No. 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

(Congregation may stand)

– Robert Robinson

Prayer of Confession

God of all time, as he stood in the flowing waters of Jordan, you proclaimed Jesus as your beloved Child, pointing to him as the way to you. In Baptism, you empower us to be Christ's hand and heart in the world. Forgive us when we refuse to see him in the broken of our world. Forgive us when we fail to welcome the stranger, when we hold back forgiveness, when we believe we are too good to kneel down and tie the shoes of the lost, the least, the last, and the little. Draw us close, we pray, as we come to you now in silent prayer...

Assurance Of Forgiveness

Response

Water

(Congregation may stand)

– Eddie Arizmendez and Mark Rivera

The Sacrament of Baptism (10:30 am service only)

Lucy Rose Mix & Malachi Alexander Mix

Parents: Ralph Mix & Kristen Maxwell

Sponsor: Rebecca Bell Echols

Fiona Elosie Stewart

Parents: Ian Stewart & Sydney McGovern

Sponsor: Maggie Brady

Congregational Response (10:30 am service only)

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church; for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support you, to share the good news of the Gospel with you and to help you know and follow Christ.

Hymn No. 488

I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry

(Congregation may stand)

– John C. Ylvisaker

Children's Message

Welcome, Friendship Registers, Live-Stream, And Joys and Concerns of The Church

(We invite you to sign our red Friendship Registers at the end of each row.)

Hymn No. 480

Take Me to the Water

(Congregation may stand)
– African American Spiritual

Prayer for Understanding

Hebrew Scripture Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:15-22

Sermon

“Water Works”

– Tim Stern

The Morning Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

The Offering

Musical Offering

Down to the River to Pray

– arr. Robert Lee

Response No. 609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

(Congregation may stand)
– Crowder

Dedication of Our Tithes, Offerings, Electronic and Online Giving

Hymn No. 476

Crashing Waters at Creation

(Congregation may stand)
– William A. Cross

Charge and Benediction

Closing Music

Take Me to the Water

– African American Spiritual

Announcements

Discover Ark & Dove! Come learn more about the life and ministry of Ark & Dove. An informational, no-obligation ministry and membership class will be held **January 18th** from **9am to 12:30pm** with breakfast available. Childcare can be provided if needed. See the Arkive for more information.

Around the World Potluck Supper! Sunday, January 19th, 4pm – Bring a dish that represents your country, state, or ancestry and join us for an exciting potluck supper! Childcare will be provided. Contact Paula Sparks (paula.sparks@arkanddove.org) for more information.

Lost and Found Please check the lost and found box sitting by the entry door for any kitchen items you may have left behind. Items remaining in the box after services today will be donated.

Ark and Dove Book Club's January Selection The Ark and Dove Book Club will be discussing *The Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See on **Friday, January 17th**. This hybrid meeting will meet in person at **6:45pm** with Zoom discussion at **7:00pm**. Questions or Zoom link contact Kim Champagne (kim.champagne@arkanddove.org).

Help needed to set up for the Around the World Potluck We need some willing helpers to set up the sanctuary for the Around the World Potluck. This will take place **January 19th** after the 10:30 service.

Meet Our New Sunday School Coordinator! We would like to welcome Crystal Ward to Ark and Dove as the new Sunday School Coordinator. She will organize, coordinate, and supervise Sunday School. Please make sure to say hello on Sunday morning to welcome her and introduce yourself!

Disability Justice Team Meeting The Disability Justice Team will meet on **Thursday, January 23 at 7 PM** in the Ark & Dove Room/Zoom. Please reach out to Erin Curran (erin.curran@arkanddove.org), Stacy Burvant (stacy.burvant@arkanddove.org) if you have any questions.

Welcome! We hope you enjoyed worshipping with us and that you will come again. In-person worship is at 9:00 and 10:30 AM. Our 10:30 service is also live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook. Would you like a pastor to contact you? Would you like to learn more about Ark and Dove? Please send a note to admin@arkanddove.org.

Sunday Mornings for Children and Youth

9:00 AM

Childcare available in the nursery for infants and children (ages 0 to 3)

10:30 AM

Childcare available in the nursery for infants and children (ages 0 to 3)
After the Children's Sermon: Sunday School & Godly Play Pre-K through grade 5
Middle School Sunday School grade 6 through 8

Youth Hand Chime Ensemble – 9:00 AM–9:45 AM
Children & Youth Choir Rehearsal – 9:45 AM–10:15 AM

*We are a **Matthew 25 church**, a **More Light church**, and **Earth Care Congregation**
See the **Arkive E-newsletter** for more information.*

Ministry Leaders

Liturgist – Adora Grace Nilsen-Johnson (9:00), Don Ziegler (10:30)

Usher – Greg Makar (9:00), David Lawson (10:30)

Beadle – Finn

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