

**BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**10:30 a.m. Sunday 12 January 2025**

**Baptism of the Lord**

**ENTRANCE**

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Announcements *(To help us connect, please sign  
the attendance pad in your pew)*

\*Greeting\*\*:  
Let us ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**Let us worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

The Lord sits enthroned for ever.

**May the Lord bless us with peace.** *(Psalm 29)*

\*Praise Choruses: 2236: "Gather Us In"  
2248: "Baptized in Water"

\*Opening Prayer: 253 "Baptism of the Lord"

\*Opening Hymn: 139 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Prayer for Illumination: Page 6

First Lesson: Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalter: 761 Psalm 29

Second Lesson: Acts 8:14-17

\*Hymn of Preparation: 252 *(Tune:545)* "When Jesus  
Came to Jordan"

\*Gospel Lesson: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sermon

Congregational Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant:Pg. 50ff

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Joys, Concerns, Prayers

**THANKSGIVING**

Invitation: As forgiven and reconciled people,  
let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

Offering/Offertory

\*Doxology: 95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving^:

All things come from you, O God,  
and with gratitude we return to you what is yours.

**By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other,**

**and one in ministry to all the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*(Hoyt L. Hickman, U.S.A., 20th Cent., Alt.)*

\*The Lord's Prayer: 895

**SENDING FORTH**

\*Closing Hymn: 529 "How Firm a Foundation"

\*Closing Prayer^:

**Almighty God,**

**your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ,  
is the light of the world.**

**Grant that your people,  
illuminated by your Word and Sacraments,  
may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory,  
that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed  
to the ends of the earth, now and for ever. Amen.**

*(The Book of Common Prayer, U.S.A., 20th Cent., Alt.)*

\*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude/Going Forth

\*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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