

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 8, 2023 – 9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.

First Sunday after the Epiphany

Theme: The Baptism of our Lord

## As We Gather

As we find ourselves in the early stages of a new year, we are reminded of the new life that is ours as God's baptized children. Today we celebrate Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist, an important event that anointed Jesus into His earthly saving mission that would ultimately lead to the Cross. United to Jesus Christ through faith and Holy Baptism, we are reminded by the apostle Paul that, "as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life," [Romans 6:4]. May you receive in faith the gracious gifts of God given today in worship through His Holy Word; and may you celebrate in praise and thanksgiving His love for you in Christ.

## Prayer Before Worship

O Lord God, today we remember that You had Your Son and our Savior stand in the Jordan River as You called Him for Your righteous purpose to give sight to our spiritual blindness through Holy Baptism. Through Your Word in Scripture and Sacrament You reassure us that You will not break 'the broken reed' nor quench 'the dimly glimmering wick' of our faith. You anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit as He came to rescue us from the devil's tyranny. Like a dove, may Your Spirit descend anew into our hearts, as we trust Jesus in Whom You delight. Help us to receive in faith Your gracious gifts given in worship today and bless our service of You in the week to come. Amen.

## Mystery Prelude

Rick Helderop, organist

(Sponsored by Greg and Kaki Merryman in thanks  
for the music ministry of Rick Helderop and our new organ.)

## Opening Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art -  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.
3. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

## Order of Service

P: *In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

C: Amen.

P: *Make haste, O God, to deliver me.*

C: **Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

P: *The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.*

C: **A broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. 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.**

## Children's Message - 10:30am

## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:1-3a, 5-7

*(The Savior redeems us and calls us by name)*

But now, this is what the Lord says – he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.' Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth - everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

## Epistle Reading

Romans 6:3-8

*(The power of Holy Baptism unites us to Christ's death and resurrection)*

Don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin - because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

**Response:** Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

## Anthem

Assurance – Beck

Chancel Choir

## Gospel Announcement

**Response:** Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

## Gospel Reading

John 1:29-34

*(Jesus is baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan River)*

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel." Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."

**Response:** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Confession of Faith

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Sermon Hymn

O Breathe on me, O Breath of God

1. O breathe on me, O Breath of God, fill me with life anew,  
That I may love the things You love, and do what You would do.
2. O breathe on me, O Breath of God, until my heart is pure;  
Until my will is one with Yours, to do and to endure.
3. O breathe on me, O Breath of God, so I shall never die,  
But live with You the perfect life for all eternity.

## Sermon

"Mikveh"  
Rev. Randall J. Schlak

Text: John 1:29-34

## Offertory

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence,  
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;  
And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

## Gathering of Offerings

At this time, please take a moment to record your attendance here with us today. There are two simple ways to do this:

1. Scan the QR code on the front page of the announcements and fill out the online attendance form.
2. Use the worship card folder found in your pew. **(Take note that one side of the card is for visitors and the other for members.)** Place your finished card in the left-hand sleeve and pass the entire folder to the person next to you.

This is also an opportune time for personal prayer and meditation. For help, see the prayers beginning on page 102 of the pew hymnal and the Psalms beginning on page 123.

## Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Hallelujah, hallelujah,  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, hallelujah.

Tune: hymn 15

## Prayer of the Church

### The Lord's Prayer

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.

**Benediction and Response:** Amen, Amen, Amen

### Closing Hymn 364

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds  
(Favorite hymn of Rosemary Ging)

1. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
In a believer's ear!  
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,  
And drives away his fear.
2. It makes the wounded spirit whole  
And calms the troubled breast;  
'Tis manna to the hungry soul  
And to the weary, rest.
3. Jesus, my Shepherd, Guardian, Friend,  
My Prophet, Priest, and King,  
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,  
Accept the praise I bring.

### Silent Prayer

### Postlude

Rick Helderop, organist



Sanctuary altar and lectern flowers were placed in honor of Pollyann Dux's 95th birthday today. The lectern flowers were given by the Basset boys, "Happy 95th Birthday, Pollyann!" From your penpals, Tyler, Jack and Matthew Bassett.

#### Altar Guild

Beth Greenwalt, Karen Pridmore, Theresa Schulz, Stacie Millichamp,  
Marilyn Staargaard, Colleen Tafel, Laurie Krentz, Joanne Greenwalt

#### Ushers

9:00 - Keith Lewis, captain; Andrew Farah, Arnie Glesmann,  
John Wagnitz, Dave Peterson, Rick Russ  
10:30 - The Kamm Family

#### Audio and Video Operators

9:00 - Jim Wingo  
10:30 - Mike Lapinski and David Kiehle

#### Acolytes

9:00 - Hannah Rass and Liam Farrugia  
10:30 - Giasella Lucas and Luca Zuliani

#### Cross Bearers

9:00 - Liam Kerr  
10:30 - Milo Becker and JD Kamm

#### Reader

9:00 - Keira Pratt

#### Greeters

10:30 - The Dobbs Family



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DODGEBALL

## MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

**JAMS Game Night!** Dodgeball! Aliens in the Church! Pizza! Ice Cream Sundaes! AND MORE! Don't miss out on all of this fun with your friends! Middle School kids in grades 6-8 are invited to the JAMS Game Night on Saturday, January 21st from 5:30pm - 8:30pm! Friends are always welcome! The cost is \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door! Grab a permission slip from outside Laura's office or download one via the church website. Contact Laura Vowell (laura@redeemberirmingham.org) with questions or concerns.

## Ways to Serve the Community

**Serve at Family of God!** THE NEW 2023 FOG DATES ARE READY TO SNAG so sign up via the church website! We are in need of some volunteers to drive our Family of God meals down to Detroit in the coming months. Grab some friends or your family for this awesome way to serve locally! The meal will already be prepared and packed up, so you'll just need to drive it down and serve it! This is also a GREAT way to get kids involved with serving others! Contact Laura Vowell (laura@redeemberirmingham.org) for more information.

**Care Package-palooza!** Families and individuals of all ages are welcome to join in on the fun of serving others! We will be making care packages for the homeless, lunches for the homeless, gift bags for expectant mothers, and MORE! It all happens in Redeemer's Gym on Wednesday, January 25th from 6pm - 8pm. Dinner will be served too! Please sign up via the church website by Sunday 1/22 so that we can plan for food and have enough supplies for the service projects. See below for needed items for these service projects. Contact Laura Vowell (laura@redeemberirmingham.org) for more information.

We need donation items in order to make Care Package-palooza a success!

Items can be dropped off on the labeled table in the Town Square by Sunday 1/22  
Needed items include:

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| new tall white socks (mens & womens)        | fun lip balm                |
| bottles of water                            | fun lotion/soap/body wash   |
| hand warmers                                | deodorant (mens and womens) |
| individual bags of pretzels                 | nail polish                 |
| individual Wet Wipe packs (at least 20 ct.) | women's shaving cream       |
| individual apple sauce cups                 | women's razors              |
| protein bars                                | fun pens/notebooks          |
| toothbrushes                                | gum                         |
| travel toothpaste                           | individually wrapped candy  |



**Leftover Christmas Candy Needed:** if you want an easy way to help contribute to Care Package-palooza, drop off your extra Christmas candy! We are specifically looking for individually wrapped candy with red, silver, or gold wrappers (because our care packages will be Valentine themed!).



**WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP** will have a special guest speaker who will share his expertise Kitty Sweitzer will be in town on **Thursday, January 26 at 7:00 p.m. (time may be adjusted) to explain the intricacy of Animal Farm by George Orwell and 1984 by the same author.** We had a little visit we want to know more about the novels by futurist Sign up on the Town Square bulletin board so we can make sure we have seating for everyone. Should be a very informative and fun time spent together. \*2023 book list can be found in the January Lamp

# Bible Studies

Sunday Morning Bible Study

\*Resumes 1/15/23

Book of Daniel

Children's Sunday School - Nicole Olds

Adult Bible Study - Resumes 1/17/23

Women's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study

Core Group (RYG - High School)

Redeemer Youth Group (High School)



**Thursday Morning Bible Study Resumes January 12th, 2023**

Andrea Schlak will be leading our 8-week study of:

**Matthew 1-12**

**RUMMAGE SALE IS BACK!**  
**March 10-12th, 2023**  
**SAVE YOUR TREASURES!**  
 More information coming soon!!!

## MYSTERY PRELUDE

Our very own Rick Helderop will play one of your favorite/meaningful song, a song that reminds you of a loved one, or even a catchy song, a song that reminds you of a loved one, or even a catchy song will be printed in the bulletin and the song will be revealed in the announcements. Sign up for one of the available Sundays on the front page of the website or scan this QR code to be taken directly to the Thank you for participating!

**Pathways Group 2023 Schedule**  
 Last Thursday of Every Month in the Town Square - 1pm

All who are seeking support after a loss of a loved one are welcome for a potpourri of discussion. Newbies welcome! We would LOVE to have you! No barriers to entry! No food will be served but as always, beverages will be available on the counter in Town Square.