

The Church of the Good Shepherd



Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2025



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In loving memory of Charles N. Tolley Sr.

by Anne Nelson

We Welcome Our Guests

The Good Shepherd faith community welcomes those who are visitors. Your presence and participation in our worship service is a blessing to us all. All are welcome, whoever you are, just as you are!

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Good Shepherd's Sunday School

Sunday School is held during the first half of our 10am Sunday Service, on the first and third Sunday of the month. All Sunday School volunteers have undergone CORI background checks and received training, including the Safe Church training required by the Episcopal Church for all those who work with children.

Good Shepherd's Sunday Nursery

Children of all ages are always welcome at our Sunday Services. Good Shepherd operates a nursery on Sunday from 9:50 –11:10am for infants and children through kindergarten (age 5-6) for those who wish to use it. The nursery is staffed by two adults who have completed Safe Church Training and a CORI background check. **The Sunday Nursery will not be open January 19 & 26.**

For more information about our Good Shepherd Community please go to our website at www.goodshepherdwareham.org or scan the QR Code here.



Again, thank you for blessing us with your presence and participation this morning!

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JANUARY 12, 2025		JANUARY 19, 2025	
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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Gathering Song
(10am Service)

“Down To The River To Pray”
(please stand as you are able)

(see page 11)

The Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People: **You come to your people and set them free.**

The Service Introduction

The Confession

Deacon:

Remembering that we are loved and that we sometimes fall short in following Jesus' commandment to love one another, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People:

Most merciful God,

we confess of the ways we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

For the times we have not loved you with our whole heart;

and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

Have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your name. Amen.

Absolution

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

The Opening Prayer

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Together, let us pray.

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.*

(please be seated)

First Reading: Acts 8:14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm 29

Reader: Let us recite Psalm 29 responsively by half verse

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The Gospel Acclamation:

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(10am Service)

(please stand as you are able)

REFRAIN

You are the light of the world! You are the light of the world!
world! Let your light shine for all to see!
You are the light of the world! _____

Paul A. Tate
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The Holy Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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. "

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel Acclamation (10AM Service)

Repeat Gospel Acclamation Refrain once (page 3)

The Message (please be seated)

The Rite of Baptism

Caleb John Schultz

Renewal of Baptismal Vows *(all stand as able)*

Presider: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Presider: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Presider: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **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.**

Presider: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect and restore the beauty and integrity of all creation?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

(please be seated)

The Welcome

Presider: Let us welcome **Caleb**, our newly baptized member of the church.

People: **Caleb, we receive you into the household of God. Together let us follow Jesus in the way of love and proclaim his gift of salvation for all.**

Baptismal Song

"Stirrin Up The Water"

Peter Mayer
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The Prayers of the People (please stand as you are able)

Leader: God in your love for us.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*Let us take a moment to turn and share the sign of peace verbally with those around us.
We will then pray together the Prayer of St. Francis.*

The Prayer of St. Francis

Presider and People:

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

The Sunday School Children Return: (10AM Service)

“Children Are a Gift from Heaven”

(page 13)

The Announcements (please be seated)

Our Sunday Offerings:

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The Offertory Anthem: “In The Living Waters”
(10AM Service)

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THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

(please stand as you are able)

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Words of Praise

Presider and People:

**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 Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Memorial Acclamation

Presider & People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider and People:

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: We who break this bread, share in the Body of Christ.

People: **We who are many are one body in Christ.**

Communion

All are invited to receive communion, no exceptions. Please come to the front of the church as directed by the hospitality minister. To receive the communion bread, please extend your hands, one on top of the other, with your palms up. To receive from the communion cup you may dip the communion wafer into the wine in the cup or take the cup into your hands and drink from it. The response to receiving communion is "Amen". If you need to have communion brought to you, please inform the hospitality minister. Gluten free wafers are available. If you would like a gluten free wafer, please inform the priest when you come up for communion.

(please be seated after receiving communion)

Communion Song:
(10AM Service)

"Gather At The Water"

(see page 12)

The Prayer after Communion *(please stand as you are able)*

Presider: Together let us pray.

Presider and People:

**God of unbounded love and compassion,
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
May this time of worship transform our hearts,
as we go forth to proclaim in word and deed
your message of love;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Dismissal

People's Response: **Thanks be to God.**

The Concluding Song:
(10AM Service)

"I've Got A River"

(see page 10)

"I've Got A River"

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Verses



1. I've got a riv - er spring-in' up in -
2. The Spir - it of God is a riv - er in
3. Just like the man when you made the
4. My mind was set and my heart was



1. side, a riv - er of peace flow-ing deep and wide,
2. flood, un - stop - pa - ble joy, nev - er - end - ing love,
3. mud, my heart was blind and my eyes were shut.
4. cold; I thought I knew it all but then you spoke.



1. wash - ing my soul and bring - ing new
2. grace that is deep - er than the deep - est
3. I jumped in the pool and you o - pened them
4. The riv - er swelled up and the flood - gates



1. life! Oh, I've got a riv - er in me! to Verse 2
2. sea! Oh, I've got a riv - er in me!
3. up! Oh, I've got a riv - er in me!
4. broke! Now I've got a riv - er in me!

Refrain



O - ver - flow in me; Ho - ly



Spir - it, set me free! O - pen these eyes, let this



blind man see! Oh, I've got a riv - er in me!

"Down To The River To Pray"

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1.-5. As I went down to the riv-er to pray, stud-y-ing a-



bout that good old way, and who shall wear the star-ry



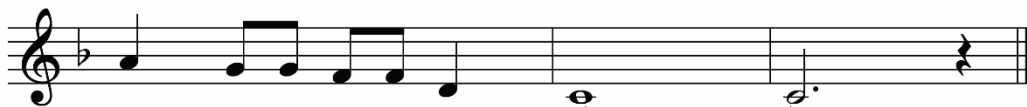
crown, good Lord, show me the way.



1. O broth-ers, let's go down, let's go down,
2. O sis-ters let's go down, let's go down,
3. O fa-thers, let's go down, let's go down,
4. O moth-ers, let's go down, let's go down,
5. O chris-tians, let's go down, let's go down,



come on down. O broth-ers, let's go down,
come on down. O sis-ters, let's go down,
come on down. O fa-thers, let's go down,
come on down. O moth-ers, let's go down,
come on down. O chris-tians, let's go down,



1.-5. down to the riv-er to pray.

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"Gather At The Water"

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We will gath-er at the wa-ter, gath-er at the wa-ter. We will



gath-er at the wa-ter and re - ceive new life.



- Verses
1. From the first of cre - a - tion, love breathed up - on the
 2. When the Red Sea was part - ed, love freed us from en -
 3. In this spring of be - long - ing, this sac - ra - ment of



1. wa - ters, be-yond o - ceans to this font.
2. slave-ment. Still he makes a way for us.
3. wa - ter, you are signed and sealed by love.



1. ♪ ♪ Now, in this be - gin - ning, in this good-ness flow - ing,
2. Just as he stood in the Jor - dan, he is stand-ing with you;
3. ♪ ♪ By name he has called you, ♪ in grace he clothes you;



- to Refrain
1. re - ceive the wel-come of our God.
 2. re - ceive the mer - cy of our God.
 3. re - ceive the gar - ment of our God.

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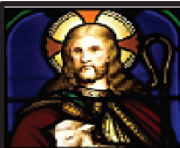
seek. Chil - dren are a price - less trea - sure, sent from hea - ven like a



dove; po - e - try yet to be writ - ten, they bring laugh - ter, joy, and love!

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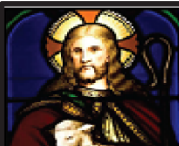
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