

Welcome!

We are grateful that you joined us today. Please come downstairs after worship for fellowship and refreshments hosted by our Goodness Hospitality Group, followed by adult Sunday School. **If you have children with you**, we have options! Our nursery is open throughout the service; Children's Church is for 3-5 year olds, and up to 3rd grade. Children leave during Passing of the Peace and return during the Communion Hymn.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REFRESHMENTS NEXT SUNDAY: Faithfulness Group. Contact Barbara Cornett 828-260-6853

NICARAGUA TRIP If want to learn more about this incredible experience, reach out to Andrew Goins at (828) 837-8862 or Lisa Haas at (828) 387-7788.

COFFEE! We are selling 5lb bags of whole bean coffee for \$75. \$35 goes back to a Young Life camp in Nicaragua to help support their ministry.

BIBLE STUDIES: Women's 8:15 a.m. on Wednesdays and Men's 8:15 a.m. on Thursdays. Enter the back of the church. Email the church at arbordalechurch@gmail.com to be added to the Bible Study list for info about the upcoming study. You can also indicate if you'd like to receive our weekly email about our upcoming Sunday Service

OFFERINGS: The offering is not taken up during the service. There are offering plates in the Narthex, on the lower shelf of the Altar and as you exit the Sanctuary to go downstairs. There is a link on the website if you'd prefer to donate on-line.

ELDER ON CALL: Josh Smith (828) 260-3645

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**"Beginning here we glimpse the Three-in-one;
The river runs, the clouds are torn apart,
The Father speaks, the Sprit and the Son
Reveal to us the single loving heart
That beats behind the being of all things
And calls and keeps and kindles us to light.
The dove descends, the spirit soars and sings
'You are belovèd, you are my delight!'**

**In that quick light and life, as water spills
And streams around the Man
like quickening rain,
The voice that made the universe reveals
The God in Man who makes it new again.
He calls us too, to step into that river
To die and rise and live and love forever."**

~ by Malcolm Guite

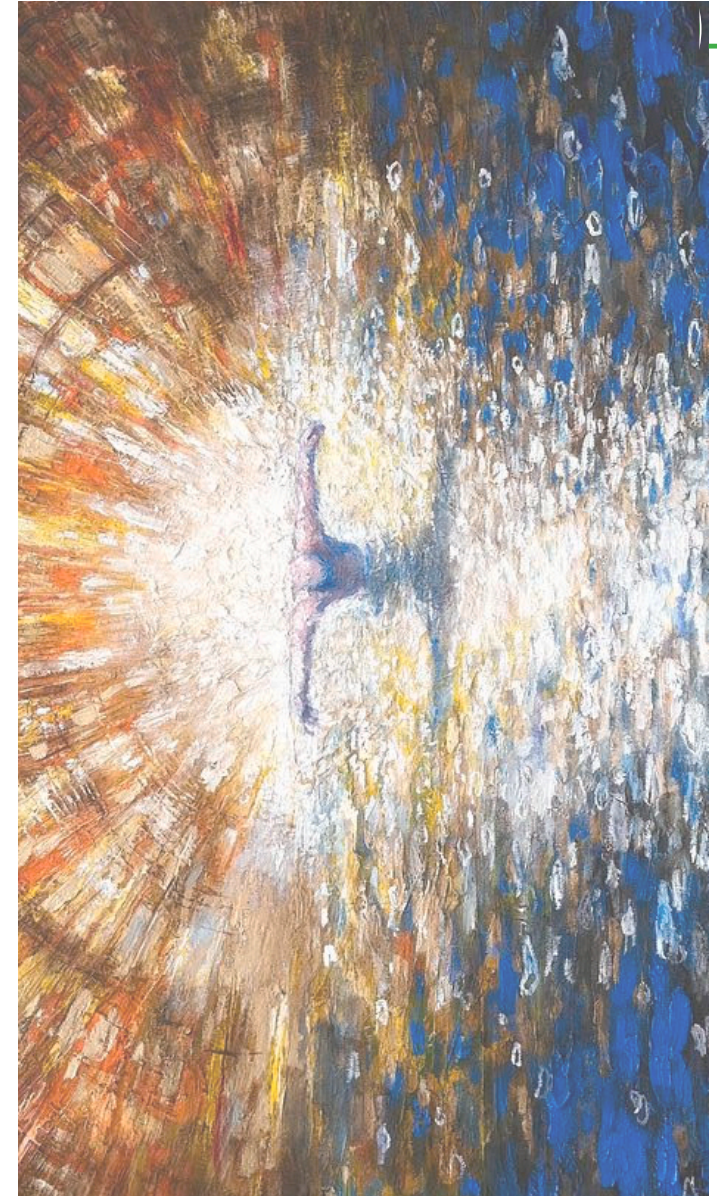
PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets
are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily
magnify your holy name through Christ, our
Lord. Amen.**

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"THE BAPTISM OF THE CHRIST" BY DANIEL BONNELL

Service for the Lord's Day Jan. 12, 2025

* Congregation Stands

GREETING

Leader: *The Lord be with You*

All: And also with You

PRELUDE

He Comes
By Kate Bluett, Paul Zach
(See insert to follow along)

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 89:1-9

* **HYMN of PRAISE**

*Christ our Hope in
Life and Death*
(See insert)

CALL TO CONFESSION

*In repentance and rest is your salvation, in
quietness and trust is your strength, but you would
have none of it. Yet the LORD longs to be gracious
to you; therefore he will rise up to show you
compassion.*

*For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all
who wait for him! ~Isaiah 30:15, 18, NIV*

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and
strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have
followed too much the devices and desires of our
own hearts. We have offended against your holy
laws. We have left undone those things which we
ought to have done; and we have done those
things which we ought not to have done. O Lord,
have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess
their faults. Restore those who are penitent,
according to your promises declared to the*

*world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant,
O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a
holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your
holy name. Amen.*

* **ASSURANCE OF PARDON** ~John 3:16-17, NRSV

*“God so loved the world that he gave his only
Son, so that everyone who believes in him may
not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed,
God did not send the Son into the world to
condemn the world, but in order that the world
might be saved through him.”*

* **PASSING THE PEACE**

* **DOXOLOGY**

* **CONFESSION OF FAITH** *Apostles Creed*

***I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator 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.
He descended into Hell; the third day He rose
again 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.***

* **PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE**

Leader: *Lord in your Mercy*

People: *Hear our prayer*

* **HYMN OF PREPARATION** #465 *Baptised in Water*

SCRIPTURE AND SERMON

*42:1-9 and
Luke 3:15-22*
Nils Peterson

* **COMMUNION HYMN** #460 *Let us Break Bread
Together on Our Knees*

* **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

Leader: *The Lord be with you.*

All: And also with you.

Leader: *Lift up your hearts.*

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: *Therefore, we join our voices with all the
saints and angels and the whole creation
to proclaim the glory of your name.*

**All: 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.**

* **HYMN OF SENDING** *Let the Nations Be Glad*
(See insert)

* **BENEDICTION**