

January 12, 2025
Baptism of Christ



Valenti, Liz. *Baptism of Christ*, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

To join worship this morning via zoom app, click this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83928727469?pwd=WFhzWkJlFQjBhTlp4UEUvdWRhS2lKdz09>

(if you are asked for a password, it is: 890967). **To dial in by phone** call 1 312 626 6799. When prompted, enter **839 2872 7469#**. Next, you will be prompted to enter your participant ID or to push #; **simply push # again.**

Music will be displayed on the screen during the service.

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering Words: “Red Brocade” by Naomi Shihab Nye

Prayer of Confession and Renewal

Hymn 293: "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Scripture: Acts 8:14–17; Luke 3:15–17, 21–22

Time with Children

Anthem: "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" by Harold W. Friedell

Sermon: Jane McBride

Chant: "See, I Am Near" from Taizé

Baptismal Affirmation

Prayers of the People

Please share your prayer requests in the chat and we will pray with you.

Lord's Prayer

A commonly used form is printed below. You are welcome to use the version most meaningful to you.

Our God, 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever. Amen.

Offering

We invite your financial gifts to support our ministries within and beyond First Church. January's special offering is given to the University Area Sanctuary Coalition. Give electronically at our website:

www.firstchurchmn.org; click on the "Support Us" link. You can also give by texting 612-255-4109: "\$ (amount) Special" (for the monthly offering) or "\$ (amount) General Fund. If you give by check, please make it out to First Church with "Sanctuary" in the memo line.

Offertory: "Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me" arr. K. Lee Scott

Offertory Response: "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines"

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 294: “There’s a Spirit in the Air” (v. 1–5)

Benediction

Postlude

Thanks to those who serve in the following roles today:

Valet: Tom Lincoln

Reader: Xan Laurence

Ushers: Beth Lanford, Richard Lanford

Coffee Hour: Cynthia Hendricks

Tech Support: Greg Hubinger, Jeff Peterson

Coming up this week

Sunday, January 12

9:30a: Coffee hour

10a: Worship / (hybrid)

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11:15a: Coffee hour (hybrid—stay on Zoom call)

11:30a: Family Gathering

12:30a: Hospitality & Engagement team (Zoom)

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Monday, January 13

9:30a: SE Playgroup

6:30p: Faith Force team (Zoom)

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Tuesday, January 14

Election Day

Noon: Bible Study (Zoom)

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1p: Staff Meeting

2p: Flourish Task Force

6p: Justice League potluck

Wednesday, January 15

Noon: Elder Gathering

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7p: Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 16

9:30a: SE Playgroup

Saturday, January 11

2p: Wild Church

Sunday, January 19

9:30a: Coffee hour

10a: Worship / (hybrid)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83928727469?pwd=WFhzWkJFQjBhTlp4UEUvdWRhS2lKdz09>

11:15a: Coffee hour Artist Reception (hybrid—stay on Zoom call)

12:30a: Worship team (Zoom)

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New art exhibit! We are so fortunate to have the photographs of Andrew Sjostrom hanging in the First Gallery through March. He was inspired by Jim Brandenburg's work "Chased by the Light" and follows Brandenburg's method of taking only one photograph each day for the ninety days of fall. Andrew takes photos of nature, important places and the cityscape, traveling throughout the metro area on his bicycle looking for good photography sites. On Sunday, January 19, after worship we will hold a reception for the exhibit. To purchase any of the works speak with Lisa Keitel lkkeitel@gmail.com 651-592-3040, or email sjostromphoto@gmail.com.

Join a Community Group! Our community groups offer loving and confidential space to share about our lives and support each other. Early this year we will start one or two new community groups. Meetings will happen approximately every other week, for a total of 5 or 6 meetings. After that, the group will decide whether or not to continue on a regular basis. Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary, or contact Jane: jmcbride@firstchurchmn.org.

"Practicing Hospitality" is our theme for worship in the Epiphany season. In these times of polarization and animosity, we will explore how we can

recover the ancient virtue of hospitality that has shaped the church from the very beginning. You can read more in the brief pieces linked in the First Notes, or there are a few paper copies in the back of the sanctuary.

***Survivors* play performance.** Mark your calendars for Sunday, Feb. 2 at 1p. when we host a production of *Survivors*, written by Wendy Kout and directed by Warren C. Bowles. This play weaves together the true, inspirational stories of ten Holocaust survivors whose ordinary and joyful young lives were transformed by the Nazi regime. Illustrating the risk of normalizing hate, this uplifting work impels us to take lessons from the past and think about how we can create a safer, more inclusive community. Freewill donation. RSVP appreciated to office@firstchurchmn.org or sign up in the back of the Sanctuary.

Seeking Your Input! The Justice League and the Board will be meeting jointly on February 11, 6–7:30p, to make decisions about how to share the reparations funds we have collected during 2024 with BIPOC organizations in our wider community. If there is an organization you would like to see us support financially please let us know by filling out the form that is available in the back of the sanctuary.