

BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 9, 2022

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

Welcome and Greeting in Jesus' Name The Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter

*Opening Song #341 "Jesus Shall Reign" DUKE STREET

*Call to Worship

When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John, he did not come for pardon but as the sinless one.

He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins, to speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.

He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss, for us and our salvation to die upon the cross.

So, when the dove descended on him, the Son of Man, the hidden years had ended, the age of grace began.

Come, Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make; this very day invade us, and every bondage break.

Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most: to share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.

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*Song of Faith #244 "O Love, How Deep, How Broad" PUER NOBIS

*Opening Prayer The Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter

Songs of Praise Worship Team

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Fran Seymour-Hunter

The First Reading Isaiah 43:1-7

The Second Reading Acts 8:14-17

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

*Responsorial #411 "How Firm a Foundation" FOUNDATION

Children's Sermon (Kids 3rd Grade and Younger can walk to Children's Church)

Announcements & Prayers of the Community: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.

Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations - A collection plate is available in the front of the sanctuary, ushers will collect the offering, or you can give online.

Offertory Special

The Message "The Dawn of a New Age: Announced and Anointed in Jesus"
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

*Invitation to Faith and Fellowship

*Closing Hymn #256 "There Is a Fountain" CLEANSING FOUNTAIN

*Spoken Benediction The Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter

*Postlude Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

HOW TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

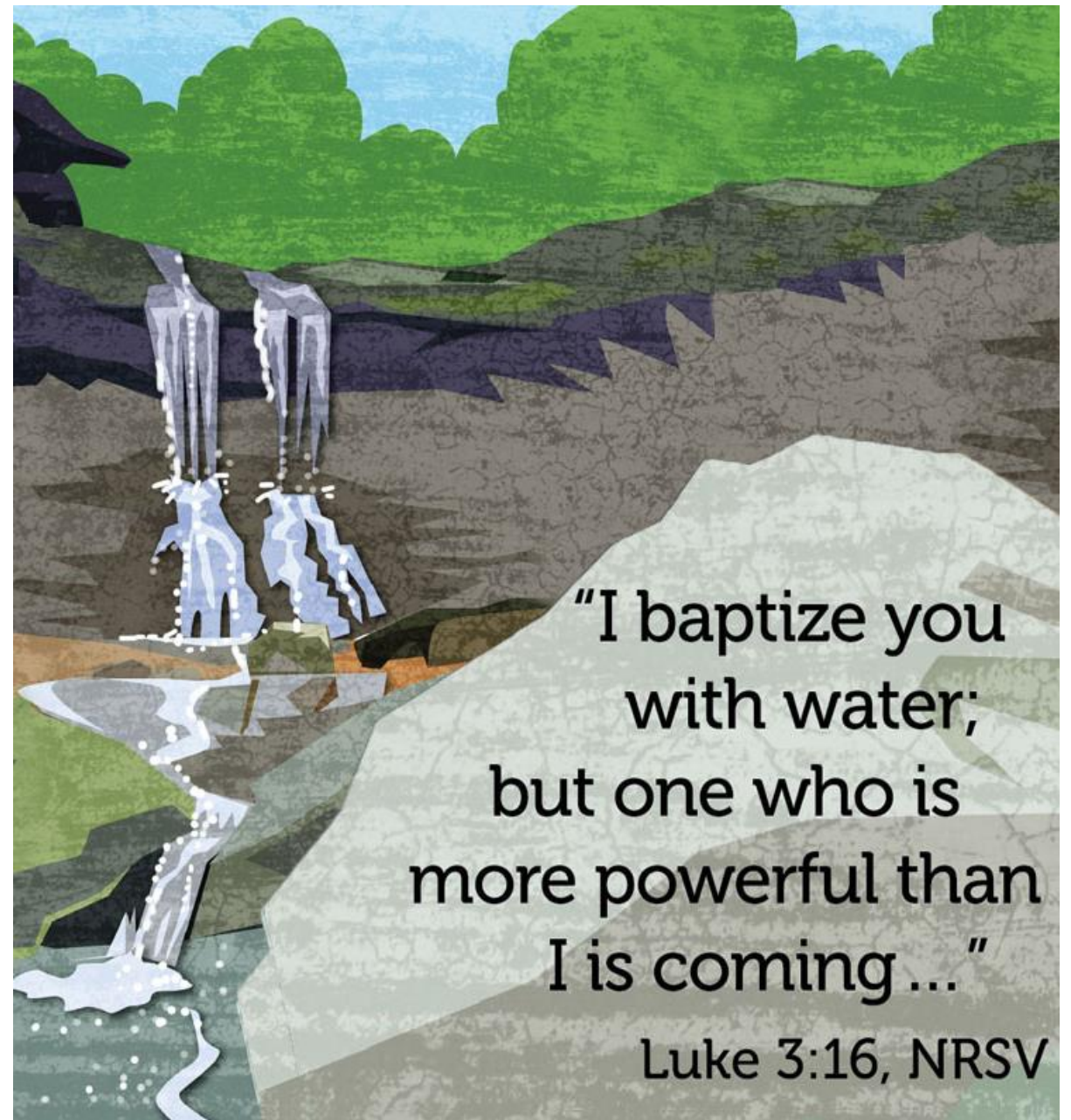
GOOD NEWS! God loves you and wants to rescue all people from the consequences of evil. The Bible teaches the way to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ:

1. **ADMIT** – Admit to God you have done wrong things (sinned) which have hurt God and others. Apologize to God and turn away from harmful behavior and start doing good things (See Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19).
2. **BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU AND GOD HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD** – Accept and trust that Jesus is God's one and only Son who died on the cross in your place and give God the credit for raising Jesus from the dead (See Romans 5:8; Acts 4:12; Acts 16:31a; John 3:16; 1 Peter 3:18; John 14:6).
3. **CONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD** – Make a religious commitment to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus by trusting Him to be your Rescuer and Redeemer (Savior) and Ultimate Leader (Lord). (See Romans 10:9 and 10; Romans 10:13; Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23)
4. **DEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO THE JESUS WAY** - Tell your family and friends about your new trust in Jesus Christ by coming to the front of the Sanctuary at the end of a worship service to publicly share your decision to be a follower of Jesus (Christian).

HOW TO JOIN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - COME FORWARD – Any person professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and accepting the Baptist principles, practices, and the covenant of this church, may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor, Moderator, or come forward at a meeting of the congregation. A person may join by Believer's Baptism, Letter of Transfer from a previous Christian church with prior baptism, or a Satisfactory Statement of Christian Faith.



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