



THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 11, 2026

Jesus of Nazareth is revealed as the beloved Son of God in the waters of the Jordan. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of Holy Baptism, we, too, are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

Prelude

Pastorale

Louis Lefébure-Wély
(1817-1869)

ENTRANCE RITE

Hymn

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



1 Songs of thank-ful- - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su - preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint-ing soul;
4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
and may praise thee, ev - er blest,
God in flesh made man - i - fest.

Apostolic Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Kyrie

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



A - men

Hymn of Praise



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was

slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

C This is the feast of vic- to- ry for our God. Al- le - lu - ia,

al- le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Ⅱ Pow - er, rich- es, wis- dom, and strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

C This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al- le - lu - ia,

al- le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Ⅰ Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless- ing, hon-or, glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

C This is the feast of vic- to- ry for our God. Al- le - lu - ia,

al- le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Ⅲ For the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

C This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al- le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day



P: Let us pray.

ALL: **O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson - Isaiah 42:1-9

God's servant Israel is endowed with the Spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever keep it from fulfilling its task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the new assignment of the servant is to bring light to the nations.

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
 my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
 he will bring forth justice to the nations.
²He will not cry or lift up his voice,
 or make it heard in the street;
³a bruised reed he will not break,
 and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
 he will faithfully bring forth justice.
⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed
 until he has established justice in the earth;
 and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
⁵Thus says God, the LORD,
 who created the heavens and stretched them out,
 who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
 and spirit to those who walk in it:
⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
 I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
 a light to the nations,
⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
 from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸I am the LORD, that is my name;
 my glory I give to no other,
 nor my praise to idols.
⁹See, the former things have come to pass,
 and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
 I tell you of them.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

(sung in unison)

The majesty of God is described in the likeness of a thunderstorm: the Lord is mighty over land and sea.

Ascribe to the ¹LORD, you gods,*
ascribe to the LORD glo-¹ry and strength.
²Ascribe to the LORD the glory ¹due his name,*
worship the LORD in the beau-¹ty of holiness.
³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of ¹glory thunders;*
the LORD is upon the ¹mighty waters.
⁴The voice of the LORD is a ¹pow'rful voice;*
the voice of the LORD is a ¹voice of splendor.
⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the ¹cedar trees;*
the LORD breaks the ce-¹dars of Lebanon;
⁶he makes Lebanon skip ¹like a calf,*
and Mount Hermon like a ¹young wild ox.
⁷The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD ¹shakes the wilderness;*
the LORD shakes the wilder-¹ness of Kadesh.
⁸The voice of the LORD makes the ¹oak trees writhe*
and strips the ¹forests bare.
⁹And in the temple ¹of the LORD*
all are ¹crying, "Glory!"
¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned a-¹bove the flood;*
the LORD sits enthroned as ¹king forevermore.
¹¹The LORD shall give strength ¹to his people;*
the LORD shall give his people the bless-¹ing of peace.

Second Lesson - Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Christ's name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

³⁴Peter began to speak to Cornelius and his household: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Verse



The musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is for the vocal parts, showing a basso continuo line (C) and three vocal entries: "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the", "words of e - ter - nal life.", and "Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia." The bottom staff is for the basso continuo line, which is a sustained note throughout the piece.

Holy Gospel - Matthew 3:13-17

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.



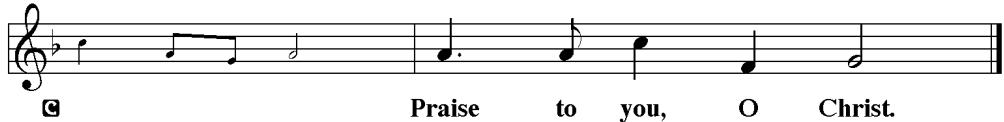
Glory to you, O Lord.

Before Jesus of Nazareth begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.

¹³Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."



P: The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Roberts

silence for reflection

Hymn

When Jesus Came to Jordan



1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John,
2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,
3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;



he did not come for par - don but as the Sin - less One.
for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.
this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - 'ry bond-age break.



He came to share re - pen - tance with all who mourn their sins,
So when the dove de - scand - ed on him, the Son of Man,
Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:



to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.
the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.
to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: KING'S LYNN, English folk tune

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The Prayers

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A: Steadfast God, give courage to your servant Church around the world. Heal our divisions and unite us in mission. Uphold our lay leaders, missionaries, deacons, pastors, and bishops, and all who proclaim hope in a broken world. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Restoring God, help us cleanse the life-giving waters of rivers, seas, and springs. Create in us an urgent desire to preserve the beauty and bounty of your good creation. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Righteous God, you guide the nations. Reconcile warring enemies and end cycles of violent retribution. Help us defend the rights of prisoners, detainees, and all who flee from persecution. Sustain international aid workers and peacemakers. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Compassionate God, you care for all in distress. Help us provide safety and support for those seeking asylum or in need of shelter. Be near to the dying, and comfort all who are grieving or ill. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Loving God, awaken the gifts of the Spirit in this congregation, that we may serve the Risen Christ by loving one another, our neighbors, and our enemies. We pray for travelers and those who are homebound. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Promising God, in Holy Baptism we die and are raised with Jesus the Christ. We give thanks for those who have gone before us, and we trust that we will join them in your everlasting peace. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen

LITURGY OF THE MEAL

The Peace

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

C: And also with you.

Offering

Offertory Anthem

Here Is My Servant, Whom I Uphold

J. William Greene

*Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
My spirit is upon him; justice he brings to the nations.*

*He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it echo through the streets;
A bruised reed he will not break, the burning wick will not be snuffed out.*

*He will not grow faint or be crushed until justice is found on earth:
The coastlands wait for his teaching.*

Thus says our God, the mighty Lord, who made the heavens and the earth.

He gives breath to all upon it, his spirit to those who walk therein.

I am the Lord, to you have I called, your hand I take and keep you,

My covenant to the people, a shining light to the nations:

*To open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from the dungeon,
From the prison those who sit in darkness.*

I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other,

Nor praise to golden idols, lifeless and still and powerless.

Former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare to you.

Before you now they spring forth. Behold the wonders I bring you.

*Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; worship Him in the beauty of holiness.
He gives you the blessings of peace.*

Offertory



Let the vine - yards be fruit- ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath- er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore- taste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

ALL: **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you. C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

Sanctus

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav- en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer

C: 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

Communion with our Risen Lord

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Hymns

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

1 Spir - it of God, de - scand up - on my heart;
2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,

wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:

stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - ning skies;
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scand - ed dove,

and make me love you as I ought to love.
but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

Text: George Croly, 1780-1860
Music: MORECAMBE, Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841-189

Let All Things Now Living

1 - Let all things now living
A song of thanksgiving
To God the creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us,
Protected and stayed us,
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us,
His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
Till shadows have vanished
And darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.

2 - His law he enforces,
The stars in their courses
And sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains,
The rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing
Our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration a song let us raise
Till all things now living
Unite in thanksgiving:
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

Text: Katherine K. Davis, b. 1892

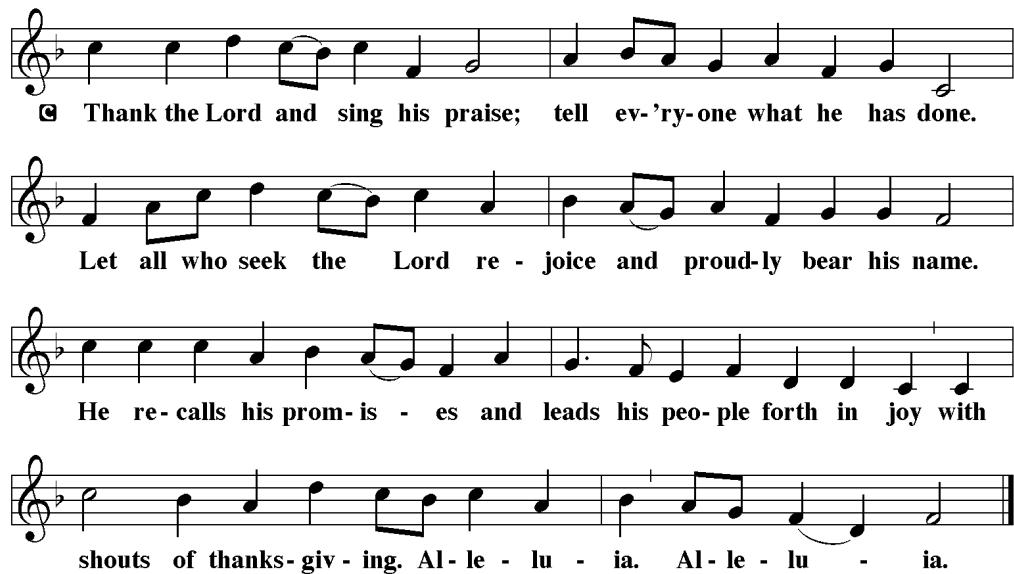
Tune: Welsh folk tune

Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

Post-Communion Canticle



C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev- 'ry-one what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proudly bear his name.

He re-calls his prom- is - es and leads his peo- ple forth in joy with

shouts of thanks- giv- ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

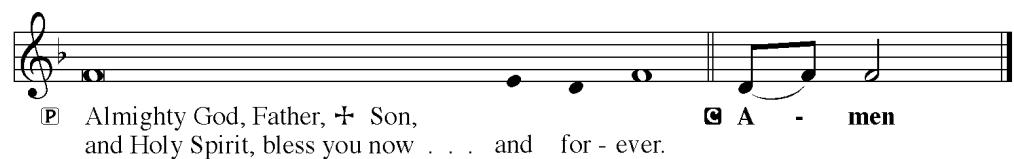
Post-Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray.

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Benediction

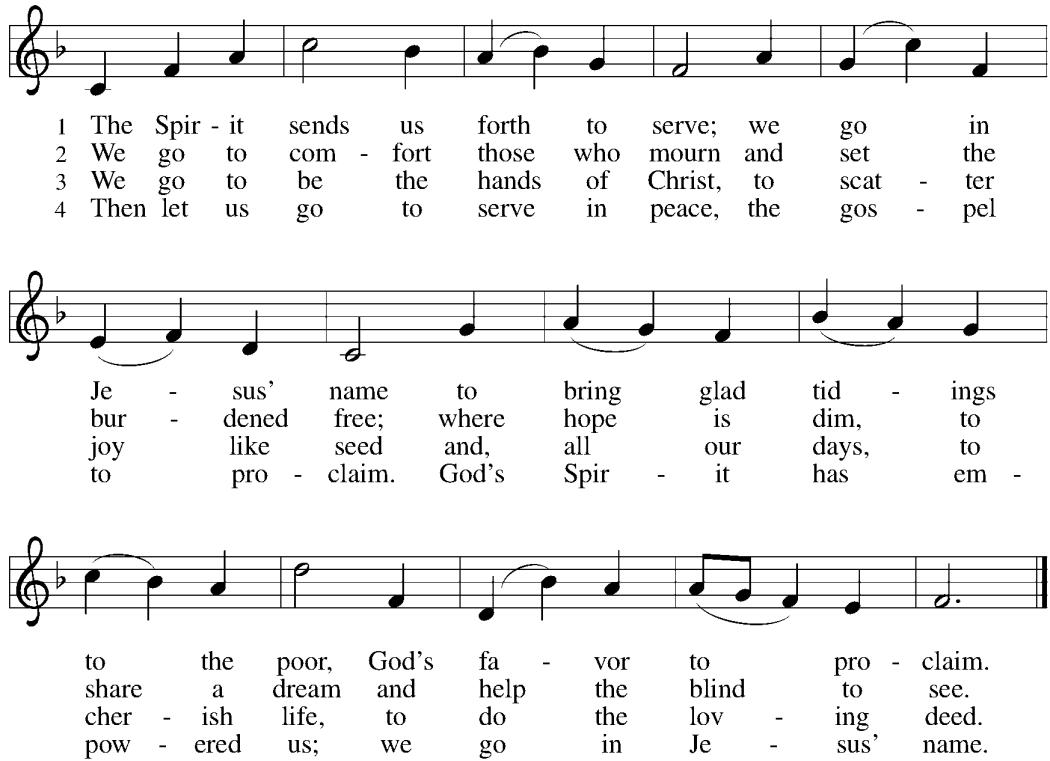


P Almighty God, Father, **+** Son,
and Holy Spirit, bless you now . . . and for - ever.

C A - men

Hymn

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set in the
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel

Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
joy like seed and, all our days, to
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -

to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
share a dream and help the blind to see.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: CHESTERFIELD, attr. Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820

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Dismissal

A: Our service now begins. Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Marche

Louis Lefébure-Wély



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Sally and Jeff Schneider
in honor of their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

Sunday, January 11	8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion and Home Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion with Livestream via YouTube and Home Communion 2:00 p.m. Parish Nurse Education Series 3:30 p.m. Junior and Senior Youth (grades six - twelve; Lynchburg AMF Bowl) 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (grades six - eight)
Monday, January 12	9:00 a.m. Strength and Balance Exercise Class 9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga Class 7:00 p.m. Connecting with God - <i>Know God - Know Self</i> (via Zoom)
Tuesday, January 13	1:00 p.m. Bible Study - <i>Romans</i> 5:40 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Table Talk - <i>We Believe</i>
Wednesday, January 14	10:00 a.m. Women's Sewing Group 12:10 p.m. Service of Holy Communion 5:30 p.m. Children's Ministry 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, January 15	9:00 a.m. Parish Nurse in office (until 10:00 a.m.) 11:00 a.m. Discussion Group - <i>Living the Questions</i>
Friday, January 16	9:00 a.m. Strength and Balance Exercise Class 9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga Class 11:00 a.m. Book Discussion Group - <i>Miracles and Wonders</i>
Saturday. January 17	9:00 a.m. Red Cross Bloodmobile (until 2:00 p.m.)
Sunday, January 18	8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion with Livestream via YouTube 11:45 a.m. Intermediate Youth (grades three - five) 4:30 p.m. Mission Trip Youth 5:00 p.m. Thomas Mass 6:00 p.m. Third Sunday Program

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