



## Bethany Presbyterian Church

Graham, North Carolina

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January 15, 2023 – 11:00 am

*Second Sunday of Epiphany*



*"Muddy Water"*

Jesus answered, "Allow me to be baptized now. This is necessary to fulfill all righteousness."  
Matthew 3:15 (CEB)

## GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Welcome to our service of worship. Although we are worshipping in a variety of locations, we still affirm that God is present in our worship, whether in-person or virtually. Our prayer is that all who worship with us this day will truly feel the presence of God in this time. Know that you are loved and we are so glad you are here!*

### TRINITY CHIMES

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*OPENING HYMN #443:** *O Christ, the Great Foundation*

TIMOTHY T'INGFANG LEW

O Christ, the great foundation On which your people stand  
To preach Your true salvation In every age and land:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit To make us strong and pure,  
To keep the faith unbroken As long as worlds endure.

Baptized in one confession, One church in all the earth,  
We bear our Lord's impression, The sign of second birth:  
One holy people gathered In love beyond our own,  
By grace we were invited, By grace we make You known.

Where tyrants' hold is tightened, Where strong devour the weak,  
Where innocents are frightened, The righteous fear to speak,  
There let your church awaking Attack the powers of sin  
And, all their ramparts breaking, With You the victory win.

This is the moment glorious When he who once was dead  
Shall lead His church victorious, Their champion and their head.  
The Lord of all creation His heavenly kingdom brings,  
The final consummation, the glory of all things.

### \*OPENING SENTENCES

In the beginning when it was very quiet, the Word was with God.

***And what God was, the world was.***

In the beginning when it was very dark, God said, "Let there be light,"

***And there was light.***

When the time was right, God sent the Son.

***He came among us; He was one of us.***

### \*GATHERING PRAYER

Almighty God, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

May your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments,  
shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped,  
and obeyed to the ends of the earth;

for he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

## OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

### A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open our hearts, Oh God, to this your Word. May we hear with joy what you would have us hear this day and may the music of your grace build our whole lives long that we may sing your praise with our whole being. ***Amen.***

### ENCOUNTERING SCRIPTURE

**PSALM 91:9-12**

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 737

**MATTHEW 3:13-17**

PEW BIBLE, PAGES 1172

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

### AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY #593:** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

THOMAS KEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

**\*BLESSING OUR GIFTS**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY #71:** *Lord, When You Came to Jordan*

BRIAN WREN

Lord, when You came to Jordan  
And asked to be baptized,  
What was Your vow and vision  
Of love and sacrifice?  
Was there a sudden splendor  
Of prophets, priests, and kings,  
A wind that stirred the waters,  
A blur of mighty wings?

Was this God's crowning moment  
Of all You had become,  
The Spirit's power and blessing:  
"Go now, You are My Son?"  
Did scripture join with scripture  
In words of sharp surprise  
"The Lord's Messiah shall conquer,  
Rejected and despised?"

Faith rests content with questions  
Of when and why and how,  
But craves the gift of seeing  
What God is doing now.  
Lord, bring us to our Jordan  
Of newly opened eyes,  
Through love, immersed in living,  
As You were once baptized.

**TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES**

**A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION**

**AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE**

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE:** *This Little Light of Mine*

NOLAN WILLIAMS, JR.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

# RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

## THE WORD IN MUSIC

## THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: *"Muddy Water"*

RICK PURCELL, CRE

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

So now, as Jesus taught us, let us pray in the language we are most familiar with, saying:

*...Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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, forever. Amen.*

\*CLOSING HYMN #124: *Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth*

JOHN W. ARTHUR

Spirit of God, unleashed on earth  
With rush of wind and roar of flame!  
With tongues of fire saints spread good news;  
Earth, kindling, blazed it loud acclaim.

You came in powers, the church was born;  
O Holy Spirit, come again!  
From living waters raise new saints,  
Let new tongues hail the risen Lord.

With burning words of victory won  
Inspire our hearts grown cold with fear,  
Revive in us baptismal grace,  
And fan our smoldering live to flame.

## \*SPOKEN CHARGE

Go be part of God's new year, filled with music. Bring the instrument or voice of your life story to play a part in God's chorus and orchestra of love. Bring others into the music that they may both contribute joyfully to something larger than themselves and offer something beautiful to the world God has created.

## \*SUNG BLESSING

## POSTLUDE

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*\* Please stand in body or spirit.*



# *Our Faith Community @ Work*

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### **January 15th – Second Sunday of Epiphany**

Pastor Jon is in the Northwest this weekend and into the middle of this week. If you have any pastoral needs, please contact the office.

### **January 19th – Men of the Church – Oyster Stew**

Bethany's Men of the Church are having an Oyster Stew for the men on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the Recreational Building. Please make plans to attend this good eats and fun time!

### **January 29th - Brunch Church**

It's our first Fifth Sunday of the year. We will celebrate with a Brunch Church service at 11. During the service the Transition Team will be leading us through a series of questions for our time of Holy Conversation.

### **February 5th - Scout Sunday**

Our Scouts from the Pack and Troop will lead us in worship. After the service, they will be holding a fundraiser meal in the Fellowship Hall. You are invited!

### **Invitation to Snow Ski**

You are invited to Snow Ski with the Scouts of Troop 9. Lessons provided, Learn to Ski, and have a Great Time. Contact Jeff Benes for more details and to sign up.

Jeff Benes  
Committee Chair Cub Pack 9 & Troops 9  
(336) 675-9086 cell  
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### **Scouts Looking for Storage Space**

Pack and Troop 9 Scouts are looking for a Donor to provide a 1,000 Sq foot storage type building, or warehouse, to store the following Scout Equipment:  
2 camping trailers , 1 sailboat (Sailing Merit Badge), 1 demo car (Automotive Merit Badge).  
Space needed for security and protection from the weather.  
Feel free to contact:

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## **This Week's Calendar:**

Today:

Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

11:00 – Worship (In-Person inside & Live Stream)

Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>

6:30 – Choir Practice

Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

11:00 – Worship (In-Person inside & Live Stream)

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