

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



January 12, 2025

# Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2025

10:30 A.M.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### **THE GATHERING**

PRELUDE

"In Christ Called to Baptize"  
"Be still and know that I am God."

Wilbur Held  
*Psalm 46:10*

(Please use this time to prepare for worship in silence.)

WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

PASSING THE PEACE

"...I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

*Matthew 25:35b*

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

(The people may greet each other in the spirit of Christ.)

CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 29

Liturgist

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory of God's name;  
worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

**The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.  
God makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

**The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.**

**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare;  
and in God's temple all say, "Glory!"

**The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

May the LORD give strength to the people!

**May the LORD bless the people with peace!**

OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN 10

"Sing Glory to the Name of God"

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord! Repent,  
for the kingdom of heaven has come near. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our  
sin.

**Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us  
part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with  
ourselves, separated from one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold  
grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to  
hold us captive. In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from  
sin. Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life and live  
together in unity and grace. Amen.**

Silent Confession

\*KYRIE (Sung)

**Lord, have mercy,  
Christ, have mercy,  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so, in Christ, God speaks to us: You are my child, my beloved; with you I am well pleased. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.**

***THE WORD***

TIME FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES  
THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

(Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22  
The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Jesus Loves Me"

Raymond Haan

THE HEBREW TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 43:1-7  
The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Even Across the Border, I Will Be With You"

***THE RESPONSE***

\*HYMN 484

"Out of Deep, Unordered Water"

RUSTINGTON

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

You, O God, are the voice above the waters –  
thundering wisdom,  
flashing glory,  
showering grace.  
**We praise you.**

You sent Jesus to give us living water –  
the cup of blessing,  
the cup of promise,  
the cup of salvation.  
**We give you thanks.**

Now send your Spirit to make this water  
a pool of healing,  
a river of new life,  
a flood of grace.  
**We glorify you.**

Keep us one with you –  
one in the way  
and the truth  
and the life of Christ Jesus our Lord.

**We praise you,  
we give you thanks,  
we glorify you,  
now and forever. Amen.**

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Shall We Gather at the River" Raymond Haan

\*DOXOLOGY/Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (Hymn 606)

\*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

### ***THE SENDING***

\*HYMN 375 "Shall We Gather at the River" HANSON PLACE

\*COVENANT OF THE CONGREGATION (Unison)

**Let us go forth into the world in peace, have courage, hold on to what is good,  
return to no person evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the  
weak, help the suffering, honor all persons, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing  
in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" Dale Wood



### PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor  
Bonnie Garbrecht, Liturgist  
Erik and Caroline Nielsen, Ushers  
Barb and John Lund, Greeters  
Michael Beery, Music Director  
Tim Quist, Organist

*OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY*

<p><b>Today</b>            9:00 Bible Study            10:30 Worship            11:30 Coffee Hour            4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group</p> <p><b>Monday, January 13</b>            2:00 Grief Group</p> <p><b>Tuesday, January 14</b>            10:30 "Let Justice Roll Down" via Zoom            1:00 Arts on the Hill Mtg            5:00 Building &amp; Grounds Mtg</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, January 15</b>            10:00 Knitting Group            12:30 Centering Prayer Group            2:00 Session Mtg            4:30 NO Choir Rehearsal</p> <p><b>Thursday, January 16</b>            10:30 "Let Justice Roll Down"-On-site            2:00 Tammy Royle presents the            "Inauguration—1961"            3:30 Mission Mtg</p> <p><b>Friday, January 17</b>            9:00 Men's Breakfast-Platte River Inn</p> <p><b>Sunday, January 19</b>            9:00 Bible Study            10:30 Worship            11:45 Coffee Hour            4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group</p>
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*PRAYER LIST*

<p><b>MILITARY:</b> All of our US Military deployed and their families.</p> <p><b>INTERNATIONAL PEACEMAKERS :</b>            Rev. Jerome Bizimana &amp; the people of Rwanda            Rev. Butros Zaour &amp; family &amp; Majd Lahham, Damascus, Syria</p> <p><b>MISSION CO-WORKERS:</b>            Mark Adams &amp; Miriam Maldonado Escobar, &amp; their children: Cindy Yessenia, Anna Flor &amp; Nathan—Frontera de Cristo; Douglas AZ</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MEMBERS AND FRIENDS</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;">           Britta Baarstad            Linda Koch            Evelyn Sengelaub            Laura and Bryan Sheffield            Martha Campbell            Jim Boehm            Jay Marsh            Bill Alldredge (<i>Barb's Son</i>)            Gwen Baarstad            Kristian Webster            Dale Williams            Ro Gregory            Margaret Beery            Family of Margaret Evans         </td> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;">           Jason Janowiak            John Bentley            Greg McGavran            George Marsh            Roger Sattler            Steve Chapman            Bob Nelson            Brent Walsworth            Tim Bergstrom            Peggy Hawley            Barb Alldredge            Richard Pharr            Mike Perry            Susan Eldred         </td> </tr> </table>	Britta Baarstad Linda Koch Evelyn Sengelaub Laura and Bryan Sheffield Martha Campbell Jim Boehm Jay Marsh Bill Alldredge ( <i>Barb's Son</i> ) Gwen Baarstad Kristian Webster Dale Williams Ro Gregory Margaret Beery Family of Margaret Evans	Jason Janowiak John Bentley Greg McGavran George Marsh Roger Sattler Steve Chapman Bob Nelson Brent Walsworth Tim Bergstrom Peggy Hawley Barb Alldredge Richard Pharr Mike Perry Susan Eldred
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Please join Tammy Royle as she presents her memories and memorabilia from the 1961 Inauguration (JFK). Tammy attended the Inauguration with her father.

Thursday, Jan. 16, 2025 at 2pm  
 in Edwards Hall.

MILLS COMMUNITY HOUSE &  
IRON FISH DISTILLERY

# BURNS NIGHT SUPPER

Scottish fare with a  
Benzie flare



DINNER TICKETS \$30

SATURDAY | JANUARY 25 | 4:30-8:00

What is Burns Night? Originating in Scotland, it is a night that celebrates the life and poetry of 18th century poet, Robert Burns, who penned "Auld Lang Syne". The dinners usually consists of traditional Scottish fare such as haggis, neeps and tatties, soup, and of course, whisky. Mills Community House and Iron Fish Distillery are taking inspiration from this world-wide celebration and have crafted a menu that pays homage to the original Scottish meal.



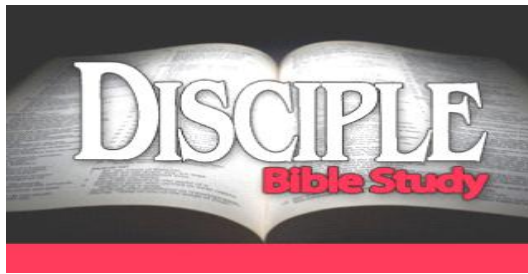
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TICKETS

JOIN IRON FISH AT



891 MICHIGAN AVE.  
BENZONIA, MI 49616





## DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY

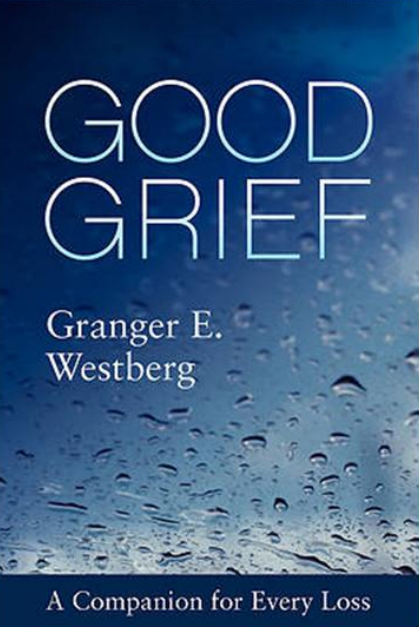
Beginning in January, we will engage in such imagining as we explore the New Testament through the format of DISCIPLE Bible Study. At least 45 people at St. Andrews have taken part in this study and have benefited from it. If you would like to take part, please sign up in the Gathering Space or via the link in the January Newsletter.

**Our class will meet weekly via Zoom on Tuesdays, 3-5pm.**



The second class is for anyone who has completed Disciple I. **Disciple II will cover Genesis and Exodus.** (Next winter/spring, we'll cover Luke and Acts.) It will take place **online on Thursdays from 2:00 to 4:00.** Disciple II goes into more detail about these two fundamental books of the Pentateuch. There is less reading than Disciple I, which you may be glad to hear! It will be in a similar format and will require the purchase of a manual. **The class begins Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>,** and goes through May 22<sup>nd</sup> (except for Holy Week.)

The cost of the study manual is \$25 with the Adult Ed Ministry Team paying the remaining cost. In addition to signing up, please let Deb know if you need a Study Manual. Some may have completed part of the study already and will not need a manual-(For Disciple I Class). You will need a Disciple II Study guide if taking that class).



**GOOD GRIEF**  
by Granger E. Westberg

Grief Group meets Mondays at  
2PM

Talk with Rev. Anne or call the  
church office for information.

*Good Grief* by Granger E. Westberg offers timeless  
wisdom and is a proven companion in times of loss.

STAFF AND CHOIRS

Michael Beery, Music Director  
 Cathy Brown, Office Support  
 Leah Dankert, Media Assistant  
 The Rev. Dr. Ned Edwards, Pastor Emeritus  
 The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor  
 Polly Mauer, Pianist  
 Tim Quist, Organist  
 Alex Robotham and Isabella Atkisson, Nursery/SS Teachers  
 Deb Rogers, Administrative Assistant  
 Mary Smeltzer, Custodian  
 Randi Stoltz-Flynn, Bookkeeper  
 John Wehmeyer, Building Supervisor  
 Pam Wehmeyer, Treasurer

SESSION MEMBERS

Class of 2023: Cathy Brown, Lara Bramer, Rev. Margie Osborn,  
Class of 2024: Cathy Stephenson, Judy Bosma, Jim Trent,  
 Erik and Caroline Nielsen  
Class of 2025: Missi Hamp, Jill Claybour, Bonnie Garbrecht, Judy Ross  
Clerk of Session: Judy Ross