

*Grace-Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church Worship
January 12, 2025
Baptism of the Lord*

PRELUDE

(*Please stand as you are able)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

There are some days when I need the reminder that I belong to God. Do you ever feel that way?

Yes. We do.

The world can be a harsh place; we often need that reminder. Well then, let us care for one another. Let us speak the truth we each need to hear. Church, you belong to God. You are God's beloved.

Friend, you belong to God. You are God's beloved.

Let us worship the God who knows our names.

Let us worship the God who calls us beloved. Amen.

***HYMN #408** There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

CALL TO CONFESSION/PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God created you. God loves you with the same passion that we hear God express in today's scripture. So trusting that good news, trusting that we are beloved, let us go to God in prayer. For we know that the one who listens, listens with love. What greater gift exists than that? Let us pray:

Loving God, From the very beginning, you breathed life into us and called us good. However, somewhere along the way we replaced "good" with "not enough." Somewhere along the way

we turned the volume up on that phrase and began to doubt our own self-worth. Forgive us, for this is not what you have taught us. For when the world tells us we are not enough, you call us beloved. Show us how to return to that truth. Show us how to let go of our weariness and rest in that good news.

Amen.

(Silent Reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Family of faith, God's grace and understanding is deeper and wider than we could possibly imagine. So say these words of grace with me:

Our story begins with belovedness. Even when we lose our way, even if we stumble and fall, God never stops breaking through the clouds to claim us. We are known. We are forgiven. We are beloved. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***SUNG RESPONSE:** #591 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Beloved God, Through the pages of scripture, you have sprinkled your love for us like an echoed refrain. Despite its repeated truth, we too often allow that good news to roll off of us like water, barely allowing it to touch us. Make today different. As we read your Word aloud, let the truth of your love for creation seep into our bones. May we hear your echoes of "beloved" deep within us and respond with overflowing joy. We are here. We are listening. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 43: 1-7

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

SERMON “How Does a Weary World Rejoice?
We trust our belovedness.”
Reverend Trish Eckert

***HYMN** #475 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY** #606 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, you are the giver of every good gift. Accept these offerings we pray, that through them we may do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with you, our Sovereign and our God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

“Lord, in your mercy,” **“Hear our prayer.”**

***HYMN** #623 I’ve Got Peace Like a River

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Family of faith, as you leave this place, you go into a weary world—so speak tenderly. Do the good that is yours to do. Choose connection. Hold onto hope. And remember that Christ took on flesh for you. You are God’s beloved. So go rejoicing. The world needs it. Amen.

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“Baptism of Christ”, 1615, Mesrop of Khizan,
J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles

God is here and welcomes you. If you are a visitor and looking for a church home, be assured you are welcome. We are a people who seek to respond to God’s love in Christ and we invite you to join us.