

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

INTROIT

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

P: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name, worship the Lord in holy array.

L: The voice of the Lord is upon the water. The God of glory thunders, the Lord upon many waters.

P: The voice of the Lord is powerful. The voice of God is full of majesty. Let us praise the name of the Lord!

† HYMN *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* UMH #139

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, when the Spirit descended on Jesus at his baptism in Jordan's water, you revealed him as your own beloved Son. You anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, now and for ever. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 8:14-17

¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵ The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶ (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus).

¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

CHILDREN'S TIME

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by

saying, "I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." ²¹ Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

MESSAGE *"Baptism Is a Partnership"* Rev. Art Wolz

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *A Modern Affirmation* UMH #885

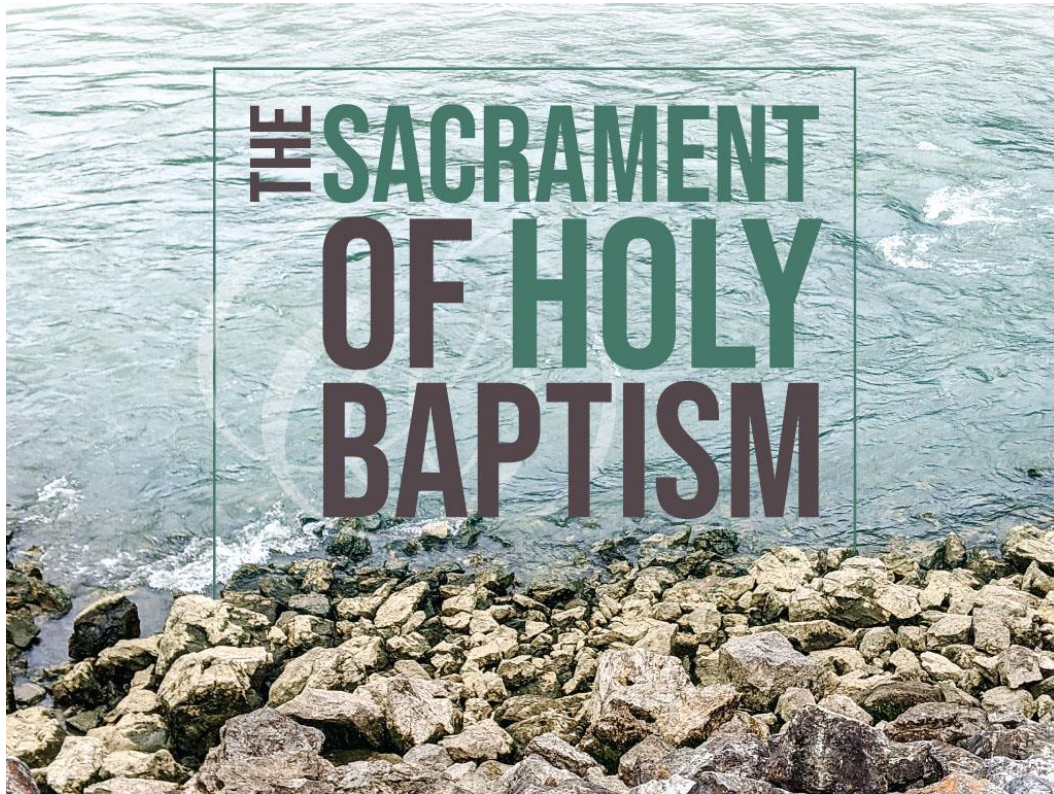
† GLORIA PATRI UMH #70

† HYMN *Spirit Song* UMH #347

† BENEDICTION

† *Stand as you are able*





Lectionary for January/February 2025

<u>Jan. 19</u>	<u>Jan. 26</u>	<u>Feb. 2</u>	<u>Feb. 9</u>
Isaiah 62:1-5	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10	Jerimiah 1:4-10	Isaiah 6:1-13
Psalms 36:5-10	Psalms 19	Psalms 71:1-6	Psalms 138
1 Corinthians 12:1-11	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	1 Corinthians 15:1-11
John 2:1-11	Luke 4:14-21	Luke 4:21-30	Luke 5:1-11

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