

**SLATE RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**January 12, 2025 11:00am**  
**Baptism of the Lord / First Sunday After Epiphany**

**PRELUDE**

“Wonderful Words of Life”

Denton

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL**

**\*INTROIT #65 Verse 5**

“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** In the beginning, at creation, the Spirit hovered over the waters of the deep.

**People:** **In the waters of the flood, God cleansed the earth and humankind.**

**Leader:** God caused the waters to part so that Israel could cross from slavery to liberation.

**People:** **God formed Jesus in the waters of Mary’s womb.**

**Leader:** Jesus taught us how to live by washing his disciples’ feet in water.

**People:** **Drinking water from a well, Jesus met a Samaritan woman, the first person to recognize that he was the Christ.**

**Leader:** Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, the Christ.

**People: God meant for Jesus to be the firstborn  
in a large family. Praise be to God!**

**\*OPENING PRAYER (ALL)**

**God of good tidings, you gladden our hearts with your favor. Our ears are attuned to your words of mercy. Wherever we look, we see the signs of your presence: Christ has truly come to set the captives free. Washed clean by your grace and renewed by your Spirit, we put on the mantles of praise and raise our voices in glad adoration. All glory be to you, O God of splendor and majesty, for in Christ we receive the gift of new life.**

**\*HYMN #391**

**“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”**

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

**Let us be bold and confess our sins, for God is gracious and always ready to forgive.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)**

**O God, you show no partiality, yet we are not always as tolerant and accepting. Forgive our intolerance, and help us to see as you see, that we may be found acceptable in your sight through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*(Moment for silent prayer and reflection)*

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**L:** Through Jesus Christ, God forgives all our sins and promises to bring us to everlasting life.

**P:** Thanks be to God!

## **\*THE GLORIA PATRI #812**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (ALL)**

**Heavenly Father, you continually speak to us. As these words from Scripture are read, may it be to us as if the heavens are opening, and we see your Spirit descending on us like a dove, revealing your love for us as your daughters and sons. Amen.**

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Isaiah 42: 1-9

Page 1124

### **CHORAL ANTHEM**

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

Beck

### **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Matthew 3: 13-17

Page 1499

### **SERMON**

"Baptized - Adopted"

### **\*PROFESSION OF FAITH** hymnal, back cover

### **\*HYMN #11**

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS  
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND  
THE LORD'S PRAYER  
RESPONSE TO PRAYERS #641**

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

**PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS  
OFFERTORY**

“Andante Con Moto”

Mozart

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #389**

"Spirit of the Living God"

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

**SEE SCREEN**

“Go Now in Peace”

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Little Trumpet Tune in G”

Harris

\*Please stand, if you are able.