

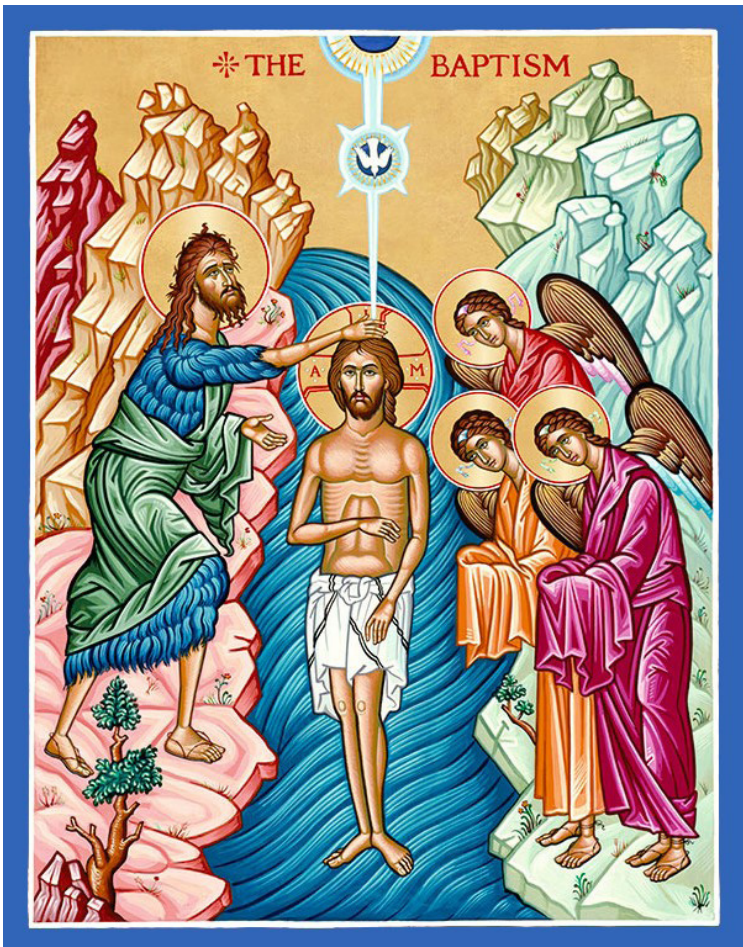


FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PENSACOLA

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

(FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY)

January 8, 2023 | 8:30 & 11:00am



Baptism of Christ Icon

Welcome to First Church

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us this morning! This Methodist congregation was founded in December of 1821. We are the oldest Protestant church in the area and the oldest Methodist church in Florida. We've been here for over 200 years! It's an historic church that preserves the past and embraces the future. In 2023, we are entering a new era of ministry and service, and we want you to be a part of it. There's a place here for you.

We are now in the Epiphany season which began on January 6, the Feast of the Epiphany. Epiphany commemorates the arrival of the Magi visiting the young Jesus and celebrates the manifestation or revelation of Jesus Christ to humankind. Epiphany means "revelation," and the season following the feast day celebrates and commemorates other events in which God is revealed to humankind.

The Baptism of the Lord is celebrated each year on the First Sunday after the Epiphany. Today, on Baptism of the Lord Sunday, God in the Holy Trinity is revealed to us on the banks of the Jordan River. In our worship we'll remember the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist, God's Spirit descending like a dove, and the voice of the Father from heaven proclaiming Jesus God's Son. We'll also remember our own professions of faith by a congregational reaffirmation of the baptismal covenant. May the Lord reveal himself to us today and continually throughout this new season and this new year.

OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

8:30 and 11:00am

ENTRANCE

GATHERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Dr. Rick Branch, *organ*

"Prelude in G Minor" *J.S. Bach*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR *

CALL TO WORSHIP *

8:30, Rev. Brandon Bures

Let us ascribe to God glory and strength.

11:00, Rev. Ken Autrey

Let us worship the Lord in holy splendor.

The Lord sits enthroned for ever.

May the Lord bless us with peace! [*PSALM 29*]

OPENING HYMN *

"When Jesus Came to Jordan" **no. 252**

tune: ELLACOMBE

COLLECT *

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and 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 him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

WELCOME & REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

Please register your attendance on the registration pads. If you are visiting with us, we're glad you're here! Please include your address, phone number, and email so that we may welcome you in a more personal way.

ANTHEM

Rick and Heidi Branch, *piano duet*

“Deep River/Shall We Gather at the River” *arr. Lloyd Larson*

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

GOSPEL LESSON *

Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus receives John's baptism in the Jordan. In this act God confirms that here is the one, "my Son, the Beloved" for whom the world has been waiting.

SERMON

Dr. Geoffrey Lentz

“The Truth About You”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION, CONFESSION & PARDON

no. 12

OFFERTORY

8:30, “Beautiful Savior” *arr. Tom Fettke* Sanctuary Choir
11:00, “Excerpts from ‘A Symphony of Spirituals’:
‘I Want Jesus to Walk with Me, Let Us Break Bread Together,
Great Day, Swing Low’” *arr. Joel Raney*..... Piano, Organ Duet

DOXOLOGY *

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” **no. 94**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

no. 15

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.
*Amen.***

HOLY COMMUNION

*You are invited to come forward to the altar to receive the elements of Holy Communion.
Gluten-free wafers are available at each communion station for those who need them.
After you take the elements, feel free to kneel and pray at the rail as long as you like.
Any offerings given during communion will go to the pastor's discretionary fund.*

“Shall We Gather at the River” **no. 723**

SENDING FORTH

BAPTISMAL REAFFIRMATION

no. 50

Today, you are invited to come forward again to be marked with water and remember your baptism. The Baptismal Covenant is God's word to us, proclaiming our adoption by grace, and our word to God promising our response of faith and love. Those within the covenant constitute the community we call the church.

“Wade in the Water” *African American jubilee song* Mitzi Holt

(join in singing the refrain)

**Wade in the water,
Wade in the water, children,
Wade in the water,
God's gonna trouble the water.**

CLOSING HYMN *

“Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters” **no. 605**

BENEDICTION *

GOING FORTH *

POSTLUDE

“ELLACOMBE” *arr. Michael Burkhardt*

**Stand as you are able*

VISITORS

If you are visiting with us at First Church, we are so glad you're here! We invite you to leave us your information in our registration pads so we can contact you in a more personal way. We hope that you enjoy your visit and we hope that you will consider becoming a member of our church family. You can contact Lacey Adair, Assimilation Director, for more information about how to get involved at First Church. Email LAdair@FUMCPensacola.com.

NURSERY AND CHILDREN'S BULLETINS

Nursery is available this morning for children up to five years old. If you need help locating the nursery, please see an usher or greeter for assistance. Also, children's worship bulletins and crayons are available at the entrances.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Main Sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Irma Gose Carper and Bill Carper, Tracye Trivison's parents, by Tracye.

HOLY COMMUNION

All are invited to receive communion in the United Methodist Church. The method for receiving communion is intinction; it is the ancient Eucharistic practice of receiving the consecrated bread into your open hands and then dipping it into the consecrated grape juice before consuming. If you need communion brought to you, please let an usher know and communion will be served to you in your seat. Gluten free wafers are available at the each station for those that need them. After you receive communion please feel free to kneel and pray at the rail as long as you like. Any offerings given during communion will go to the pastor's discretionary fund.

TODAY'S LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The Old Testament—Isaiah 42:1-9—the mission of the Lord's servant, the one whom God has chosen to bring forth justice and salvation.

The Psalter—Psalm 29—The majesty of God is described in the likeness of a mighty thunderstorm.

The Epistle—Acts 10:34-43—Peter recognizes that the good news, which Jesus began to proclaim after his baptism, now extends to all people.

The Gospel—Matthew 3:13-17—Jesus receives John's baptism in the Jordan. In this act God confirms that here is the one, "my Son, the Beloved" for whom the world has been waiting.

DAILY READINGS - 1 EPIPHANY

It's a great time to make a commitment to read the Bible each day in the new year. It's a good practice. If you don't already have a daily devotion, the scriptures below are designed to expand the range of biblical reading in worship and personal devotion. You can find them in the bulletin each week. The Daily Readings are taken from "The Daily Office Lectionary" in *The Book of Common Prayer*. Read the Bible each week. It will be a blessing.

	<u>Psalms</u>	<u>Old Test.</u>	<u>New Test.</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
MONDAY	1, 2, 3	Gen. 2:4-25	Heb 1:1-14	John 1:1-18
TUESDAY	5, 6	Gen. 3:1-24	Heb. 2:1-10	John 1:19-28
WEDNESDAY	119:1-24	Gen 4:1-16	Heb. 2:11-18	John 1:35-42
THURSDAY	18	Gen 4:17-26	Heb. 3:1-11	John 1:43-51
FRIDAY	16, 17	Gen. 6:1-8	Heb. 3:12-19	John 2:1-12
SATURDAY	20, 21:1-7	Gen. 6:9-22	Heb. 4:1-13	John 2:13-22

NEXT WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Join us next week here at First Church as we come together to worship God on the Second Sunday after the Epiphany. Dr. Geoffrey Lentz will preach in the 8:30 and 11:00am worship services here in the Main Sanctuary. The Rev. Brandon Bures will preach in the ICON worship service at 11:00am in Wesley Abbey. The Sanctuary Choir will sing at 11:00am. Next Sunday's scriptures: *Isaiah 49:1-7* • *Psalms 40:1-11* • *1 Corinthians 1:1-9* • *John 1:29-42*.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Nights at First Church - Winter Session

Starts this Wednesday, January 11



FREE Kick-Off Dinner

This Wednesday | 5:00–6:00 pm | The Wright Place

Join us as this week as we kick-off a new year and our Wednesday Night Winter Session with a FREE dinner! Our menu will be **Brunswick Stew, Coleslaw, Cornbread Biscuit and Dessert**. Bring a friend and make sure to sign up in the registration pads this morning, go online at fumcpensacola.com, or scan the QR Code above. Please register by noon on Tuesday. In the following weeks, dinner will cost \$10/adult, \$4/kid (\$27 max/family).

Senior Pastor's Bible Study

Starts this Wednesday | 6:00–7:00pm | The Wright Place

This week, Pastor Geoffrey will start a study on Jesus and the Gospels. We will learn about what a gospel is and why we have four of them. We will then take a deeper dive into each gospel account, so that we might understand the individual visions of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. By the end of the six weeks, we will gain a fuller understanding of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

First Kids & Students: Mid-Week Kick-Off

Starts this Wednesday | 6:00–7:00pm (Drop-Off in Gym at 5:45pm)

All children, 3 years old through the 4th grade will kick-off the Winter Session with an evening of playtime in the gym. Children's K-4th Choir Practice, Kid Connect, and Play & Pray will resume the next week on January 18 at a NEW TIME. Our students (5th grade to 12th grade) will meet in the Youth Building for fellowship, games, learning, & worship. They will continue to meet each week from 6:00 to 7:00pm in the Youth Building.

Every Member in Ministry

Serve in the Church, the Community, & the World – First Church will start off 2023 by exploring the many ways we can use our gifts and passions to serve in the church, the community, and the world. On Sunday, January 22, we will hand out Every Member in Ministry interest cards during all services. Together we will complete the interest cards and recommit ourselves to uphold the church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Leading up to that Sunday, we will have information available for you to begin to find the ministry areas that interest you. Keep an eye out for more information at FUMCPensacola.com/Serve.

Breathe - Women's Retreat

February 24 & 25 | Embassy Suites, Destin, FL

This twenty-four hour get away is a chance to fellowship with other church friends, focus on your Christian walk, relax, and hear God speak to you. It will be a chance to breathe. Registration fee is \$85 and lodging is \$129. To register, scan the QR code or visit FUMCPensacola.com/Breathe.

