

Join us on Facebook at “AndrewChapelUMCVA” for Sunday Worship. Baptism of Our Lord Sunday,  
January 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

This Service will also be posted on our webpage at “andrewchapelumc.org”

Here is the Order of Worship for our online worship experience.

[Jesus said] “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and  
with all your mind, and with all your strength.”

Mark 12:30

### ***Greeting and Welcome***

#### ***Prelude Music***

#### ***Call to Worship***

Created in God’s loving image,

**we gather as the children of God.**

Beloved by Christ, who loves us well,

**we gather as the beloved body of Christ.**

Blessed by the Spirit of God,

**we gather in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

#### ***Opening Prayer***

Glorious God, we rejoice in your presence on this holy day. Reveal your presence with us in fellowship and worship. Speak words of life, that we may sense your Spirit breathing new life into us each and every day. Speak your words of love, that we may rest in the knowledge that we are your beloved children. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

***Opening Hymn of Praise*** “When Jesus Came to Jordan” UMH #252 Words: Fred Pratt Green, 1973. Music: Attr. to William Walker, 1835. harm. by Carlton R. Young, 1988. *Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-733303. All rights reserved. Used with permission under CCLI License #11306163.*

1. When Jesus came to Jordan  
to be baptized by John,  
he did not come for pardon  
but as the sinless one.  
He came to share repentance  
with all who mourn their sins,  
to speak the vital sentence  
with which good news begins.

2. He came to share temptation,  
our utmost woe and loss,  
for us and our salvation

to die upon the cross.  
So when the dove descended  
on him, the Son of Man,  
the hidden years had ended,  
the age of grace began.

3. Come, Holy Spirit, aid us  
to keep the vows we make;  
this very day invade us,  
and every bondage break.  
Come, give our lives direction,  
the gift we covet most:  
to share the resurrection  
that leads to Pentecost.

### ***Children's Moment***

***Hymn*** "We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus" TFWS#2251 Words and Music: John Ylvisaker, 1985.  
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1. We were baptized in Christ Jesus,  
we were baptized in his death;  
that as Christ was raised victorious,  
we might live a brand new life.  
And if we have been united  
in a dreadful death like his,  
we will all be reunited, for he lives.

2. In the water and the witness,  
in the breaking of the bread,  
in the waiting arms of Jesus  
who is risen from the dead,  
God has made a new beginning  
from the ashes of our past;  
in the losing and the winning we hold fast.

3. Glory be to God the Father,  
glory be to Christ the Son,  
glory to the Holy Spirit,  
ever three and ever one;  
as it was in the beginning,

glory now resounds again  
in a song that has no ending. Amen.

**Gospel Reading** Mark 1:1-15 (NRSV)

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

<sup>2</sup> As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way;

<sup>3</sup> the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight,’”

<sup>4</sup> John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with<sup>[f]</sup> water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

<sup>12</sup> And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup> He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

<sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup> and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** “Adventure Stories in the Gospel of Mark: Driven into the Wilderness” Rev. Matthew Sergent

**Prayers of the People**

**Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant**

Sisters and brothers in Christ: through the sacrament of baptism God's Spirit has been poured out upon water, water poured over and immersing us, water that flows freely for all who will receive it, water from the streams of God's saving power and justice, water that brings hope to all who thirst for righteousness, water that refreshes life, nurtures growth, and offers new birth. Today we come to the waters, to renew our commitments in each other's presence to Christ who has raised us, the Spirit who has birthed us, and the Creator who is making all things new.

And so, I ask you, will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

**We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of our sin!**

Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?

**We accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves!**

Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ, his body on earth?

**We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior, put our whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as our Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races!**

Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

**We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.**

Will you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

**We affirm and teach the faith of the whole church as we put our trust in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, his only Son, and in the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.**

*Thanksgiving Over the Water*

The Spirit of the Lord is with us. **Even so, come Lord Jesus!**

Let us pray: Almighty God, the life you birthed in us by baptism into Jesus Christ will never die. Your justice never fails. Your mercy is everlasting.

**Your healing river flows. Your Spirit blows where you will. We cannot stop you, God!**

But sometimes we try. We try to block the flow, we redirect the winds of the Spirit, or we walk so far away from the life-giving Stream that we do not hear its sound, and we forget its power. We parch ourselves.

**We are dry and thirsty, O God. Come, refresh us!**

Come upon us, Holy Spirit! **Come upon us, Holy Spirit!**

Come upon these waters. **Come upon these waters.**

Let these waters be to us drops of your mercy.

**Let these waters remind us of your righteousness and justice.**

Let these waters renew in us the resurrection power of Jesus.

**Let these waters make us long for your coming reign.**

Most Holy God, Abba, Father! **Glory to you!**

Jesus Christ, Savior, Lord! **Glory to you!**

Spirit of fire, Spirit over the waters, Spirit of holiness! **Glory to you!**

Eternal God, One in Three and Three in One!  
**All glory is yours, now and forever. Amen!**

*Note: All who are baptized and have renewed their vows are invited to place water on their forehead with your thumb or finger, make the sign of the cross, and say “Remember (insert your name here) that you are baptized, and rejoice!”*

*(Source for Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant :[www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/new-service-of-reaffirmation-of-the-baptismal-covenant](http://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/new-service-of-reaffirmation-of-the-baptismal-covenant))*

**Hymn** “Baptized in Water” TFWS #2248 Words: Michael Seward. Music: Trad. Gaelic melody.  
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1. Baptized in water,  
sealed by the Spirit,  
cleansed by the blood of  
Christ, our King;  
heirs of salvation,  
trusting his promise,  
faithfully now God’s  
praises we sing.

2. Baptized in water,  
sealed by the Spirit,  
dead in the tomb with  
Christ, our King;  
one with his rising,  
freed and forgiven,  
thankfully now God’s  
praises we sing.

3. Baptized in water,  
sealed by the Spirit,  
marked with the sign of  
Christ, our King;  
born of one Father,  
we are his children,  
joyfully now God’s  
praises we sing.

**Benediction**

Go into the world in peace and courage. Hold to the good. Honor all of God’s children.  
Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. *(Attributed to John Buchanan)*

## *Postlude*