

***Ebensburg Presbyterian  
Baptism of the Lord  
January 9, 2022***

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## GATHERING

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER: *(in unison)*

CTW. 551—2021-22

**O Lord our God, we give you thanks  
for the faith, hope, and love you give to us  
through the blessing of our baptism— claiming us as your beloved children,  
calling us to the path of discipleship, revealing to us the light of your glory.  
By the power of your Holy Spirit, poured out upon us in baptism,  
help us to follow you with faith, to trust in you with hope,  
and to serve you with love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, with heavenly beings;

**Let us praise Him in his sanctuary  
for his glory and strength.**

Honor the Lord for the glory of his name.

**We worship the Lord  
in the splendor of His holiness.**

\*HYMN #72 "When Jesus Came to Jordan"

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *(in unison)*

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**In the waters of baptism, O God,  
you have cleansed us and claimed us.  
Forgive us for refusing your grace and rejecting your name.  
We have followed our own paths, and they have led us far from you.  
Help us to live into our baptisms, to trust that all we need is in you,  
for you have marked us as your own, loving us without limit.  
Wash us with your love again,  
that with clean hearts we may go in the way of Jesus. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE FORGIVENESS: *(responsively)*

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The love of God flows ceaselessly. The mercy of God never ends.

This is good news!

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

GLORIA PATRI

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST: **(responsively)**

The peace of Christ Jesus be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*(Please share the peace of Christ with those around you.)*

**GOD'S WORD IS PROCLAIMED**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: *(in unison)*

**Saving God,**

**source of our calling, your Word is full of power and glory.**

**Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that we may receive your grace and live as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING:

Acts 8:14–17

Pg. 892

SECOND READING:

Luke 3:15–17, 21–22

Pg. 834

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: “Baptized, then What?”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *(Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.15)*

**God's sovereign love is a mystery**

**beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.**

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE: *(responsively)*

Lord Jesus Christ, hope of the world,  
help us to bear witness to your light  
so that all may believe and have life in you.  
We pray in unison the way you taught us, saying:

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

HYMN # 361 "How Firm a Foundation"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

May the hope of Christ's coming,  
The power and presence of the Holy Spirit  
And the glory of God's kingdom be with you now and forever. Amen.

POSTLUDE

\*Please stand if you are able.

## Psalm 29 Scribe to the Lord

- <sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,<sup>[a]</sup>  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- <sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;  
worship the Lord in holy splendor.
- <sup>3</sup> The voice of the Lord is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the Lord, over mighty waters.
- <sup>4</sup> The voice of the Lord is powerful;  
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
- <sup>5</sup> The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- <sup>6</sup> He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- <sup>7</sup> The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
- <sup>8</sup> The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- <sup>9</sup> The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,<sup>[b]</sup>  
and strips the forest bare;  
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"
- <sup>10</sup> The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.
- <sup>11</sup> May the Lord give strength to his people!  
May the Lord bless his people with peace!

## PRAYER LIST

We are starting a new prayer list beginning January, 2022. If you have any names you would like added to the Prayer List, please call the church office at 472-6920 or place the names in the Offering Baskets near each of the front entrances. Thank you.

Father Pat Kirsch  
Gloria P.  
Claudette Segear  
Chris Wolfe

Alternate tune: LLANGLOFFAN, 289

Matthew 3:13-16

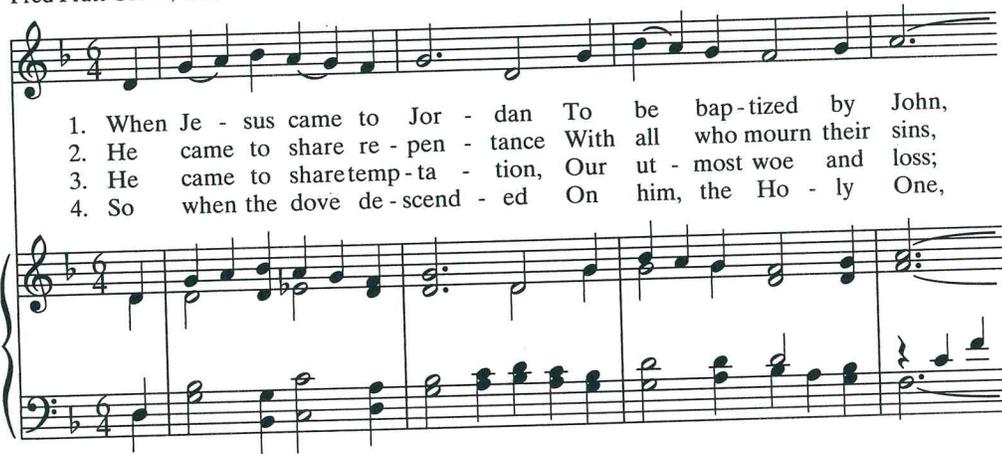
# When Jesus Came to Jordan

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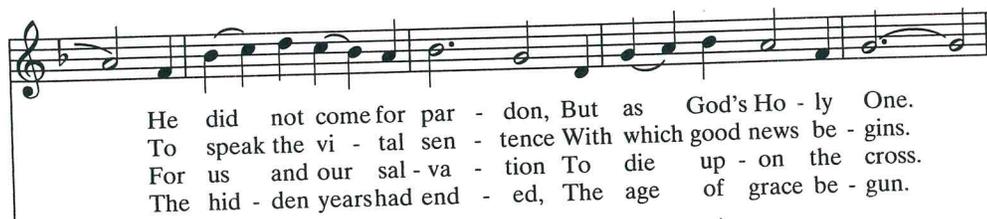
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Fred Pratt Green, 1973

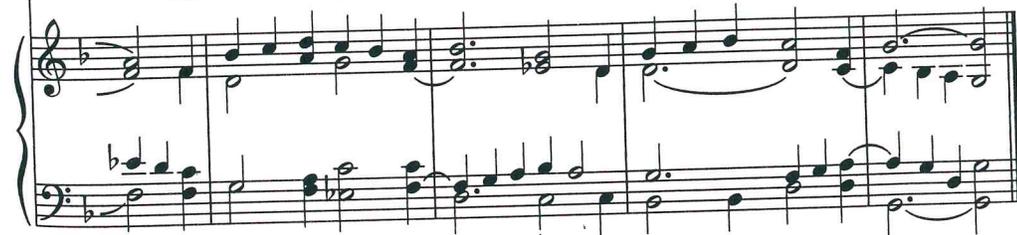
Frederik August Mehrrens (1922-1975)



1. When Je - sus came to Jor - dan To be bap - tized by John,  
2. He came to share re - pen - tance With all who mourn their sins,  
3. He came to share temp - ta - tion, Our ut - most woe and loss;  
4. So when the dove de - scend - ed On him, the Ho - ly One,



He did not come for par - don, But as God's Ho - ly One.  
To speak the vi - tal sen - tence With which good news be - gins.  
For us and our sal - va - tion To die up - on the cross.  
The hid - den year had end - ed, The age of grace be - gun.



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## How Firm a Foundation

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"K" in *A Selection of Hymns, 1787*  
Ed. John Rippon; alt.

FOUNDATION 11.11.11.11

American folk melody  
Funk's *Genuine Church Music, 1832*

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,  
3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
4. "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,

Is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
The riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;  
My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
For I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign

To you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
And sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
Thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.

5. "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."