



# Highland Hills

BAPTIST CHURCH

The Worship of God  
The Baptism of the Lord  
January 12, 2025

The Chiming of the Hour

The Organ Prelude

“We Walk By Faith”

James Biery

The Call to Worship

Steve Brown

We come today to remember.

**We come to remember Jesus’ baptism and ours with thanksgiving.**

We come today to remember. . .

**The day that the heavens opened, when the Holy Spirit’s dove rested on Jesus and a heavenly voice declared God’s pleasure.**

We come to remember. . .

**That the One greater than John, greater than all of us, is coming again.**

**We come to worship and give thanks that we are known, and loved, and precious in God’s sight.**

The Invocation

Caitlin Childers Brown

The Welcome to Worship

Caitlin Childers Brown

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

\*The Hymn of Praise 349

“To God Be the Glory”

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

A Reading from the Old Testament

Isaiah 43:1-7

Carol Brown

But now thus says the Lord,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name; you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

Because you are precious in my sight  
and honored and I love you,

I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east,

and from the west I will gather you;

I will say to the north, “Give them up,”  
and to the south, “Do not withhold;

bring my sons from far away

and my daughters from the end of the earth—

everyone who is called by my name,

whom I created for my glory,

whom I formed and made.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Children’s Message

Sydney Spivey

\*The Hymn of Offering 69

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA

\*The Prayer of Giving

Kam Cook

The Offertory

“Blessed Jesus, We Are Thine”

Johann S. Bach

\*The Doxology 706

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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A Reading from the New Testament

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Ethan Brown

As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, 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. 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."

Now when all the people were being baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, 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."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Folk Melody, arr. R. Kosowski

The Message

*And Jesus Also*

Ethan Brown

\*The Hymn of Response 425

"How Firm a Foundation"

FOUNDATION

The Commitment to Service

Will you be faithful in prayer, and in the reading and study of the Holy Scriptures?

**I will.**

Will you look for Christ in all others, being ready to help and serve those in need?

**I will.**

Will you do your best to pattern your life and this community in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be an example to all people?

**I will.**

Will you in all things seek not your glory but the glory of the Lord Christ?

**I will.**

May the Lord by his grace uphold you in the service he lays upon you.

**Amen.**

The Ordinand Testimony

Ben Browne

The Celebration of Communion

The Opportunities for Service

Caitlin Childers Brown

The Organ Postlude

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Albert Travis

The Benediction

Ethan Brown