



# LET US WORSHIP GOD!

January 12, 2025—10:30 AM

## BAPTISM OF THE LORD

A HYBRID WORSHIP EXPERIENCE IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

Today's worship team—Music Director: Jayne McDonough;  
Worship Leader: Beverly Mate;  
Message: Ms Yvonne Sullivan, Executive Director,  
Family Promise of Cape May County;  
Worship Production: Norris Clark.

### WELCOME! WORSHIP YOUR WAY!

So glad you're here today! Enjoy worship with your neighbors and be spiritually energized. Join us in-person in our beautiful, historic Red Brick Church or online: [www.coldspringworship.com](http://www.coldspringworship.com)

### MESSAGE PREVIEW

Please welcome **Yvonne Sullivan**, Executive Director of Family Promise of Cape May County. Yvonne came to Family Promise in December of 2023 with over 20 years of experience in business administration including grant writing, fundraising, event planning, budget development and management and associate retention. Prior to Family Promise, she spent 10 years with Brookdale Sr. Living as Executive Director.

### MUSIC PREVIEW

Canon Michael Saward has been a leader in the revival of English-language hymnody for over 40 years. Through Jubilate Hymns, an organization devoted to revising older hymns and composing newer texts that reflect the language and concerns of contemporary life, he has made a significant contribution to recent hymnody. In 1981 he composed "Baptized in Water", our gathering hymn.

"O Jesus I have promised" was written by John E. Bode in 1868 for his daughter and two sons' confirmation service. At the time he was a pastor in Cambridgeshire England and the song was published in 1869.

Song of Hope, written in 1984 by Alvin L. Schutmaat, a PC(USA) missionary to Latin America, this joyful hymn set to a traditional Argentine folk melody, inspires us to be hopeful and work for peace and justice in the world. Bringing in images of light and darkness, the hymn references John 8:12, “Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.’” This is a reminder of Jesus’ promise to us to never leave us in the dark, but instead, offer us eternal life.

**PRELUDE**

JAYNE McDONOUGH

**WELCOME:**

BEVERLY MATE

**GOD WELCOMES ALL (UNISON)**

**God welcomes all,  
strangers and friends;  
God’s love is strong  
and it never ends.**

**THE CALL TO WORSHIP (ISAIAH 43:1)**

**(RESPONSIVE)**

One: But now thus says the Lord,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel.

Many: **Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.**

## **OPENING PRAYER (UNISON)**

**On this Baptism of the Lord Sunday, we remember the truth of baptism that we are claimed and called by God. God's Spirit is available to us when we pray. We are not alone. God is at our window whispering words of truth. Will we listen?**

## **GATHERING HYMN: "*BAPTIZED IN WATER*"**

**BLUE HYMNAL #492**

**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 praise 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 praise 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 praise we sing.**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

We belong to God. Nothing can break this covenant. Let us, then, with confidence approach God to honestly confess our sins in prayer.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

**God, you call us to beloved community with you and with each other. But we exclude and reject those we deem different. You claim us as beloved, but we turn against each other in anger and hate. You liberate us and lead us in Christ's path of peace, but we build walls and invest in guns and dismiss peace as impractical and unrealistic. Redeeming God, forgive our worldly ways. Call us and claim us once again for the work of building your beloved community. Amen.**

## SILENT REFLECTION

## HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE (RESPONSIVE)

Our God is loving, just and merciful. God delivers us from sin and restores us by grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Amen.**

## **THE GLORIA -**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Help us, Holy God, to connect to your word anew. Open the Scriptures to us in a way that is life-giving. Encourage us to listen to the message your Spirit makes known in word and worship. Amen.

## **FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: ISAIAH 43: 1-7**

### **Israel's Only Savior**

But now, this is what the Lord says—  
he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you,  
Israel: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have summoned you by name; you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with  
you; and when you pass through the rivers,  
they will not sweep over you. When you walk  
through the fire, you will not be burned;  
the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the  
Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your  
Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and

Seba in your stead. Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’ and to the south, ‘Do not hold them back.’ Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

### **GOSPEL READING: LUKE 3: 15-17, 21-22**

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. 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 barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

### **The Baptism and Genealogy of Jesus**

When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying,

heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

**MESSAGE: YVONNE SULLIVAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FAMILY PROMISE OF CAPE MAY**  
**SILENT REFLECTION**

**HYMN OF MEDITATION -"O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED" BLUE HYMNAL #388, VSES 1,2,4**

**1. O Jesus I have promised  
To serve Thee to the end;  
Be Thou forever near me,  
My Master and my Friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
If Thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway  
If Thou wilt be My guide.**

**2. O let me feel Thee near me!  
The world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
The tempting sounds I hear;  
My foes are ever near me,  
Around me and within;  
But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer**

**And shield my soul from sin.  
4. O Jesus Thou hast promised  
To all who follow Thee  
That where Thou art in glory  
There shall Thy servant be;  
And, Jesus, I have promised  
To serve Thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
My Master and my Friend.**

### **OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS -**

A generous God calls us to live generous lives.  
Let us present our tithes and offerings to further  
Christ's mission and ministry.

### **OFFERTORY -**

### **THE DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God all creatures here below; praise  
God above the heavenly host, praise Father,  
Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO: NEIL OBERLIN - 1/18**





***The Flowers that beautify the Sanctuary are given by Tom and Mary Imperato in Celebration of Camille Imperato's 6th Birthday!***

**Flowers:** Sign-up in the Narthex, or online, if you'd like to donate flowers in memory, or in honor, of a loved one. For more information, contact Beverly Mate, 609-847-1530. (\$20/vase).

**RECEIVING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

Pray for: **Linda Kaempf**, scheduled for hip replacement surgery on Jan. 15; **Dr Regina** Is thankful for our constant prayers and the blessing of being clear of blood cancer; **Karen Boyle** suffered the loss of her home and possessions; **Victims of New Orleans terror attack; Victims and families of California wild fires; Jim Cremer** prayers for illness; **Carol & Don**, blessing of a cancer free biopsy report; Pat Harris' sister, **Cherie McKinney** prayers for negative results of lung & lymph node biopsies; **Paula Spence** has progressed to physical therapy following triple bypass surgery; Pray for: Robert Heinly's niece, **Katrina Gonzalez** diagnosed with breast cancer after giving birth to her miracle baby in her mid 40's.

**Continual prayer requested for: Eileen Stalford** in nursing care; **Pastor Bob & Anna Sheidly** friends of Bob Heinly, as they battle multiple maladies of aging;

**Bob Sheidly** is improving and grateful for our prayers.

**Those on hospice care: Marty, John Stalford, Gertrude Hess, Celeste Bashaw, Ted Lewis, Ed McCaughey, Mike Ferry.**

**Those undergoing cancer treatment: Bob Maher, Karen R., Keith, Todd, Brian, Gerri Mills, Robin B, Mike, Kim, Steve, Rickey, Lorraine, Candy, Donna, Liz, Jennifer, Julie, Lori, Ruth & Debbie, Mike Grecco.**

### **PRAYER**

#### **The Lord's Prayer (unison)**

**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.**

#### **FRESH EXPRESSION OF COMMUNITY**

Once we were strangers,  
**Now we are neighbors.**  
Once we were strangers,  
**Now we are friends.**

## SENDING HYMN - "SONG OF HOPE"

BLUE HYMNAL #432

**May the God of hope go with us every day,  
Filling all our lives with love and joy and  
peace.**

**May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
Bringing light and hope to every land and  
race.**

**Praying, let us work for peace,  
Singing, share our joy with all,  
Working for a world that's new,  
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

**BENEDICTION:**

BEVERLY MATE

**POSTLUDE:**

JAYNE McDONOUGH

Go in peace. See you next week!

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1. *God Welcomes All* - CCLI Song #5495557
2. *Baptized in Water: Michael Seward, arr. Dale Grotenhuis* ; CCLI #2700434
3. *Gloria* Public Domaine
4. *O Jesus, I Have Promised: John Ernest Bode, Arthur Henry Mann*; CCLI Song #3715095
5. *Doxology* - CCLI Song #425557
6. *Song of Hope; Alvin Schutmaat, Argentine folk melody; CCLI Song #5193990*