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# ***Gospel of Matthew:*** **Jesus' Baptism**

**January 8, 2023**

## **GATHERING, PRAISING & PRAYING**

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

**Call to Worship** (written by Joanna Harader)

We come to prepare the way;

**THE WAY FOR CHRIST -**

the hope of Christ, the peace of Christ -

**TO ENTER OUR WORLD**

**TO ENTER OUR HEARTS.**

We cry out together in the wilderness:

**THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN HAS COME NEAR.**

We come to be part of the light –  
**THE LIGHT THAT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS.**

**HYMN** *Prepare the Way! the Prophet Called* VT 220

Passing the Peace & Fellowship Greeting

**HYMN** *Spirit of Life* VT 368

**Lighting the Peace Lamp & Peace Essay:** *Readings from FMC Senior Youth Peace Essays through the years:* Matt Nisly 6-22-14

**Prayer** (adapted from VT 984)

*This day, God, may we dream your dreams;*

*This day, God, may we reflect your love;*

*This day, God, may we do your work;*

*This day, God, may we taste your peace. AMEN*

## **LISTENING**

Children's Time

Scripture Reading            *Matthew 3:1-17*

Sermon

## **RESPONDING**

Music for Meditation

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

## **SENDING**

**HYMN** *I Sing with Exultation* VT 444

Benediction

**Postlude** *Who Now Would Follow Christ* (VT 576)

*Remain seated to receive the postlude as a musical blessing.*

*Coffee/tea/juice will be served during Fellowship time.*

*Sunday School classes and Mentor & Mentee meet today.*

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Ushers: Don Wiens, Russell Goering  
Sound: Adam Pounds  
Livestream: Joel Iwashige  
Nursery: TBD  
Organ: Pauline Buller  
Song Leader: Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger  
Worship Leader: Nick Krehbiel  
Children's Time: DeAnna Goering  
Scripture Reader: Nick Krehbiel  
Sermon: Pastor Jim Unruh

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# Welcome!

We are so glad you are here!!

**Fellowship time follows worship, with drinks served in the Common Grounds Room just off the foyer.**

**Sunday School classes for all ages begin at 11:00am.**

Youth & Jr Youth meet upstairs.  
Children & adults meet in the basement.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

**Bible Study using MennoMedia's Salt & Light study guide** meets in the Prayer Room in the basement.

**Discussion/Study class** meets in the fellowship hall and on Zoom.

**"Younger Adults"** meet in the Adult Ed room.

## LPC: Listening-Prayer-Conversation Groups

### BEGIN the Second Week of January 2023

Monthly LPC groups (Listening-Prayer-Conversation) are beginning! *Two options will be offered each month: Second Tuesday from Noon-1pm or Second Wednesday from 6:30-7:30pm. There is also the possibility of adding a Zoom option to either one of these times.*

The hour will be simply structured to create space for listening to scripture and Spirit, praying with and without words, and conversation with God and others. If possible, please RSVP to Pastor Tonya if you plan to attend. **January gatherings are Tues January 10 at Noon and Wed January 11 at 6:30pm.**

## COMING UP...

**TODAY:** DONATIONS of hats & mittens for Salvation Army due

**Mon Jan 9** – 6:30 Craft Night returns (bring your project!)

**Mon Jan 16** – 6:30 Family Night (for everyone)

**Sun Jan 22** – Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday

**Wed Jan 25** – 6:30pm CMT and all Coordination Teams meet

**Sat Jan 28** – FMC serves in the Soup Ministry



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