Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church
January 12, 2025 Baptism of Our Lord Sunday

Prelude "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" *arr. Waltz*
Stephen Cook, Director of Music

Introit "Light of the World, We Hail Thee" *arr. William Walker*
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Welcome & Passing of the Peace *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

*Call To Worship (fr. Discipleship Ministries July 2024) *Margaret Blair, Lay Reader*

Leader: When we pass through the cleansing waters of baptism and the troubled waters of our lives, God declares:
People: I will be with you.

Leader: When we go through the fires that refine us and the fires that threaten our livelihoods, God declares:
People: I will be with you.

Leader: Even when we travel to the far corners of the earth or down into the depths of our souls, God declares:
People: I will be with you.

Leader: So come, let us worship God whose love never fails, whose presence never leaves, whose mercies never end.
People: Praise be to God who, in the form of Jesus, waded into the waters of baptism to prove God's solidarity with us! Amen.

*Opening Hymn "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" Red Hymnal #152

The Children's Message *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Pastoral Prayer and Words of Assurance

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

*Congregation to rise as they are able

Anthem	"River in Judea"	*arr. John Leavitt* *Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director*
Scripture Readings	Isaiah 43:1-5 *Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	*Margaret Blair, Lay Reader*
	Leader: The Word of God for the people of God **People: Thanks be to God**	
*Hymn:	"We Meet You, O Christ"	Red Hymnal #257
Sermon	"Gathering at His Baptism"	Rev. Thai-Erwin
Anthem Response	"Be Still and Know"	*arr. Inman*
Announcements		
*Closing Hymn	"O Spirit of the Living God"	Red Hymnal #539
*Benediction		Rev. Thai-Erwin
*Benediction Response	"May You Run and Not Be Weary"	TFWS #2281

May you run and not be weary, may your heart be filled with song.
And may the love of God continue to give you hope and keep you strong.
And may you run and not be weary. May your life be filled with joy!
And may the road you travel always lead you home.

Postlude	"How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"	*by J. S. Bach* *Stephen Cook, Director of Music*

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Thank you for worshipping with us this morning!
We hope you will join us after worship in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments.
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