

Scripture Theme for 2025
For God gave us a Spirit not of Fear
But of Power and Love and Self Control
2 Timothy 1:7



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*First Sunday after Epiphany
& Remembrance of Baptism Sunday*

January 12, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.

Welcome All!

*We are pleased that you are worshipping with us either
on Face book Live or in the Sanctuary.*

**Congregation, please stand if able*

PRELUDE

Tom Hoehn

Point to Ponder: Baptism is a partnership. At its core, there is the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the person being baptized. Baptism is a promise, a promise of presence.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Rudy Hyde

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!

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

No. 64

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT

Rudy Hyde

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Pastor Melissa

Pastor: Creator of the universe, we gather amazed at your power and glory.

People: We are eager to worship you and offer our praise, but we are often reluctant to answer when we hear you calling our name.

Pastor: We sing our songs of tribute in the sanctuary, but shy away from the river, lest we be baptized with the fire of the Holy Spirit.

People: Forgive us when we forget your promise to be with us always, O God.

ALL: Renew us with the power of your ever-present love, and strengthen us to proclaim your love throughout the world. Amen.

A moment of silence with God for your personal prayer of confession.

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

SONG OF PRAYER

No. 474

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

followed by THE LORD’S PRAYER

YOUR GIVING MADE A DIFFERENCE

OFFERTORY PRAYER: Loving God, who guides us with your everlasting presence, we offer these gifts with grateful hearts. As Jesus stood with us in the waters of baptism, may these offerings stand as a testament to your love and grace. Use them to bring hope, healing, and transformation to our world. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

**OFFERTORY
*DOXOLOGY**

Tom Hoehn

SCRIPTURE FOR JANUARY:

May the God of Hope fill you with all Joy and Peace as you Trust in Him.

Romans 15:13

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***GOSPEL LESSON**

Marcia Porter

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Liturgist: This is the Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Dave Porter

Isaiah 43:1-7

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MESSAGE

Pastor Melissa

“God of the Seas”

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP &

The Remembrance of Your Baptism

All are invited to come forward like we do at Holy Communion and Place your Hands in the Waters of the Baptismal Font. You may remain and kneel afterwards if you wish.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: May the Triune God, whose presence surrounds you always and everywhere, bless you with the deep assurance that you are never alone.

People: In the waters, in the fires, in the far corners of the world, God is with us.

Pastor: We have come together as people of faith to celebrate the good news of Jesus Christ and now we scatter in the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit to assist in ushering in the Kingdom of God more fully in 2025.

People: Submit to God and God will bring the best out of you.

POSTLUDE

Tom Hoehn