

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Monday	Jan. 9	Northing currently scheduled
Tuesday	Jan. 10	Senior Exercise 9:00 AM CH Sew n Sews 9:00 AM MMR Chair Yoga 11:00 AM CH Hand Bell Practice 5:00 PM HR Board of Trustees 7:00 PM MMR
Wednesday	Jan. 11	Senior Exercise 9:00 AM CH Church Work Day--CH+
Thursday	Jan. 12	Senior Exercise 9:00 AM CH Bell Practice 5:00 PM CH Choir Practice 6:30 PM S
Friday	Jan. 13	Nothing currently scheduled
Saturday	Jan. 14	Gary Thompson Memorial--1:00 PM
Sunday	Jan. 15	Contemporary Service 8:30 AM S Traditional Service 10:30 AM S



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January 8, 2023

10:30 AM

Baptism of the Lord

The Spirit calls and strengthens us.
Listen for the Holy One who cleanses and renews.
Come and be made new.

PRELUDE	<i>By the Gentle Waters</i>	Cindy Berry
CHORAL INTROIT	<i>Sweet, Sweet Spirit</i>	No. 334
CALL TO WORSHIP		

The voice of God calls over the waters:

"Beloved, receive the Holy Spirit."

The Son of God beckons:

"Beloved, be renewed by cleansing waters."

The Holy Spirit calls us through our baptism.

Come! Let us worship.

*OPENING HYMN	<i>When Jesus Came to Jordan</i>	No. 252
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WELCOME/ELT SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

OPENING PRAYER

**God of Light,
As you alighted upon Jesus at his baptism,
descend upon us this day,
that we may be a people of hope
and possibility.
Wash us clean and renew our spirits,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT	Carolyn Russell
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ALL CHURCH SUNDAY HOSPITALITY TIME

ALL CHURCH HOSPITALITY TIME IS THE LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH--

Please mark your calendars and plan your snacks. Next is January 29th.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Bible Study Classes resume Tuesday, Jan. 17 at 1 PM, CH, with two new studies.	mission; to stop their lovestruck daughter from making the same mistake they once made. Free popcorn, sodas & other snacks hosted by Sandy Underwood
The "Preparing for Life's Crises" series presented through Program Ministry begins the week of January 16. Sign Up with Program Ministry in the Narthex.	A Docent-led walk at Oso Flaco (no dogs) is scheduled for Friday, January 27; again sign up with Program Ministry.
Sun. Jan 23 Movie Night 4 PM CH, New Release "TICKET TO PARADISE" PG-13 Julia Roberts and George Clooney team up as exes who find themselves on a shared	With and/or without dogs is the Avila Dog Walk on Monday February 13 at 10 AM.

Abbreviation Legend: * Please sign up in advance at the welcome desk in the Narthex.
CH = Criswell Hall HR = Hand Bell Room #115 PS = Pastor's Study
MMR = McMillen Room #113 L = Library Room #123 S = Sanctuary

A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* (verses 1 & 2) No. 420
 Prayers of the People
 Choral Response *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* (verses 3 & 4) No. 420

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 42:1-9
 Matthew 3:13-17

HYMN (please remain seated) *Fairest Lord Jesus* No. 189

SERMON Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

RAISING THE BAR

OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission
 Offertory *Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee* Foundry Collection: arr. Cindy Berry
 Doxology Melody from Hymnal, No. 95

*Praise God whose dawn transfigures night,
 whose Daystar shines for us on high,
 whose Spirit brings into our sight
 the light which our world draws nigh.*

CHORAL ANTHEM *Come to the Water* Jack Schafer

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

* CLOSING HYMN *Jesus Shall Reign* (verses 1-3 & 5) No. 157

* BENEDICTION

Go forth, loved by God, to claim
 the blessings of life in Christ.
**We go as God's beloved,
 in hope, joy, peace, and love.**

RESPONSE *Song of Hope* TFWS #2186

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.

POSTLUDE *The Echoing Skies* Roger C. Wilson

* Please stand as able.

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
 my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
 I have put my spirit upon him;
 he will bring forth justice to the nations.
 He will not cry or lift up his voice,
 or make it heard in the street; a bruised
 reed he will not break,
 and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
 he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will
 not grow faint or be crushed
 until he has established justice in the earth;
 and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
 Thus says God, the LORD,
 who created the heavens and stretched
 them out,
 who spread out the earth and what comes
 from it,
 who gives breath to the people upon it
 and spirit to those who walk in it:
 I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
 I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
 I have given you as a covenant to the people,^a
 a light to the nations,
 to open the eyes that are blind,
 to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
 from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the LORD, that is my name;
 my glory I give to no other,
 nor my praise to idols.
 See, the former things have come to pass,
 and new things I now declare;
 before they spring forth,
 I tell you of them.

Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the
 Jordan, to be baptized by him.

John would have prevented him, saying, "I need
 to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"
 But Jesus answered him,

"Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way
 to fulfill all righteousness."

Then he consented.

And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he
 came up from the water, suddenly the heavens
 were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God
 descending like a dove and alighting on him.

And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son,
 the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.

Today's Liturgist: Priscilla Alquist

ATTENDANCE					STEWARDSHIP	
WEEK	8:30	10:30	IN-PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	
12/18	34	44	78	53	131	\$7,961
12/24 Eve			107	53	160	\$235
12/25 Day			47	blended		\$5,224
01/01	36	41	77	19	96	\$7,158
Weekly offering needed: \$6,160						
Fiscal Year To Date						
Needed:		\$166,320		Received:		\$169,248
				Christmas Offering Received:		\$6,610

HOSPITALITY

Today's Hosts

**UWF--United
 Women in Faith**

**Next Sunday
 (August 15)**

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