A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Praver Prayer/Lord's Prayer Water, River, Spirit, Grace

TFWS #2253

Choral Response

Water, River, Spirit, Grace

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CHORAL ANTHEM

The Lord Came Down to the River

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 43:1-7 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

HYMN (remain seated)

You Are Mine

TFWS #2218

SERMON

A SACRED TREASURE

Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission

Offertory

Down to the River to Pray Doxology/Prayer of Dedication

Traditional/arr. Mark Haves

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INVITATION TO REAFFIRM OUR BAPTISMAL COVENANT

The voice of God calls us to the waters of baptism.

The voice of Christ calls us to be reborn in the Spirit.

The voice of Spirit calls us to remember our baptism.

With gratitude we come to reaffirm our baptismal covenant.

RENEWAL OF VOWS

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*HYMN

Go. Make of All Disciples

No. 571

*BENEDICTION

The voice of God sends us forth. renewed and made whole.

Blessed by water and the Holy Spirit

We go forth as a blessing to all.

CHORAL RESPONSE

Irish Blessing

POSTLUDE

Alla Maestoso

Music Director: Julia Burns Piano/Keyboard: Dennis Eiler Organ: Brad Bettencourt

Today's Scripture

Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you: I have called you by name. you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you. and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned. and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange f or you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you. I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for vour life. Do not fear, for I am with you: I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far

away and my daughters from the end of the earth--everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. 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 granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came

Today's Liturgist: Nancy St. Laurent

Retirement Porty

Please join us for a Retirement Celebration for Frances Robertson after both worship services today!

	GIVING					
WEEK	8:30	10:30	IN-PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	
12/15	40	71	111	28	139	\$ 25,175
12/22	46	61	107	33	140	\$ 12.975
12/29	37	47	84	17	101	\$ 1,080
01/05	40	56	96	10	106	\$ 9, 464

Our Fiscal Year started July 1 Weekly Offering Needed \$6,321 STEWARDSHIP REPORT:

STEWARDSHIP REPORT: YTD Received \$ 186,270 Budgeted \$168,237 Christmas Offering Received: \$5,397 Christmas Budget: \$8,500

HOSPITALITY TIME Today's Hosts:

MEMBERSHIP CARE COMMITTEE

Next Sunday Jan. 19 **FELLOWSHIP** COMMITTEE

^{*} Please stand as able.



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



Mon	Jan 13	6:00 PM Gerry's Quilt Class-Criswell Hall.		
Tue	Jan 14	9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 11:00 AM Chair Yoga-CH, 1:00 PM Finance Meeting-Library, 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal-HR.		
Wed	Jan 15	10:00 PM Church Work Morning-CH,2;00 PM Church Council-MMR.		
Thu	Jan 16	9:00 AM Senior Exercise, CH, 1030 PM Staff Parish-PS, 11:00 AM Chair Yoga-Criswell Hall, 4:00 PM Children's Center Board-MMR, 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal-Handbell Room, 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary.		
Fri	Jan 17	10:30 AM UWF Book Club-Library.		
Sat	Jan 18	5 - 7 PM UWF Bingo, Pizza, Prizes-Criswell Hall.		
Sun	Jan 19	8:30 AM Contemporary Service-Sanctuary. 10:30 AM Traditional Service-Sanctuary.		



Abbreviaton Legend

CH--Criswell Hall S--Sanctuary K--Kitchen L--Library---Room #123 MMR--McMillen Room #113 PS--Pastor's Study HR--Handbell Room #115



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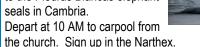
Saturday, January 18, 5-7 PM

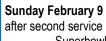
UWF Bingo, Pizza, Prizes-\$20-CH



Saturday, January 25,

11 AM Fellowship Ministry visit to the Piedras Blancas elephant seals in Cambria.







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January 12, 2025

10:30 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

When the Spirit descended upon Jesus at His baptism. a voice revealed Him as a gift from the heart of God. Keep us, disciples of the Way, faithful to the path of light and power made visible in Jesus that we, too, may incarnate the love of our Creator. Amen.

PRELUDE By the Gentle Waters Cindy Berry

Sweet. Sweet Spirit INTROIT No. 334

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Why have you come here? We seek the cleansing waters of baptism. What do you hope to find? We seek God's forgiveness and grace. Will you embrace the renewing fire of the Holy Spirit? Yes! Our hearts are ready to be born anew.

*OPENING HYMN When Jesus Came to Jordan No. 252

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS.

OPENING PRAYER

Holy Spirit, Ioving God, speak to us with your voice of love. Inspire us with your creative power. Call us once more as this new year begins, and refresh us with your renewing presence. Amen.

Carolyn Russell CHILDREN'S MOMENT