

**THE WORSHIP OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
AT SWIFT CHURCH**

*Baptism of the Lord
First Sunday after the Epiphany*

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Near to the Heart of God"

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Chuck Carneal

Leader: God created the heavens and the earth.

People: The Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters; then God said: Let there be light, and God saw that it was good.

Leader: At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus was baptized by John.

People: The heavens opened, and the Spirit descended like a dove; then God said: this is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Leader: Let us worship God.

***HYMN** "Come Holy Spirit, Dove Divine" #320

Vs. 1 – Come, Holy Spirit, Dove divine,
On these baptismal waters shine,
And teach our hearts, in highest strain,
To praise the Lamb for sinners slain.

Vs. 4 – And as we rise with Thee to live,
O let the Holy Spirit give
The sealing unction from above,
The joy of life, the fire of love. Amen.

**please stand as you are able*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silent Prayer "Teach Me To Pray"

God of all glory, you look from heaven and see us as we are — not worthy to kneel at your feet, not ready to welcome your way.

Forgive us, gracious God.

In Christ, stoop down to save us; loosen the ties that bind us to sin and set us free to love and serve you; In Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news of the gospel: As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so God says to each of us: You are my beloved child, and with you I am well pleased.

Leader: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven

People: Thanks be to God!

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

***RESPONSE** "Gloria Patri" #623

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 29:1–11

GOSPEL READING Mark 1:4–11

RESPONSE

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Baptism: A Sign and Seal"
The Rev. Alexandra Hutson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** "The Apostles' Creed"

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory "How Great Thou Art"

***RESPONSE** "Doxology" #625

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING**

***HYMN** "Break Thou the Bread of Life " #274

Vs. 1 – Break Thou the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me,
As Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page I seek Thee, Lord,
My spirit pants for Thee, O living Word.

Vs. 4 – O send Thy Spirit, Lord, now unto me,
That He may touch my eyes and make me see:
Show me the truth concealed within Thy Word,
And in Thy book revealed I see the Lord.

THE LORD’S SUPPER

“Quiet Devotion”

SENDING

***HYMN** "All Glory Be to Christ"
To the tune of “Auld Lang Syne”

Should nothing of our effort stand, no legacy survive?
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders
strive.
To you who boast tomorrow’s gain, tell me what is your
life?
A mist that vanishes at dawn. All glory be to Christ.

Refrain
All glory be to Christ our King, all glory be to Christ.
His rule and reign we’ll ever sing. All glory be to Christ.

His will be done, His kingdom come, on earth as is above.
Who is Himself our daily bread, praise Him the Lord of
love.
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price.
We’ll take a cup of kindness yet. All glory be to Christ.
Refrain

Then on the day the great I AM, the faithful and the true,
The Lamb, who was for sinners slain, is making all things
new.

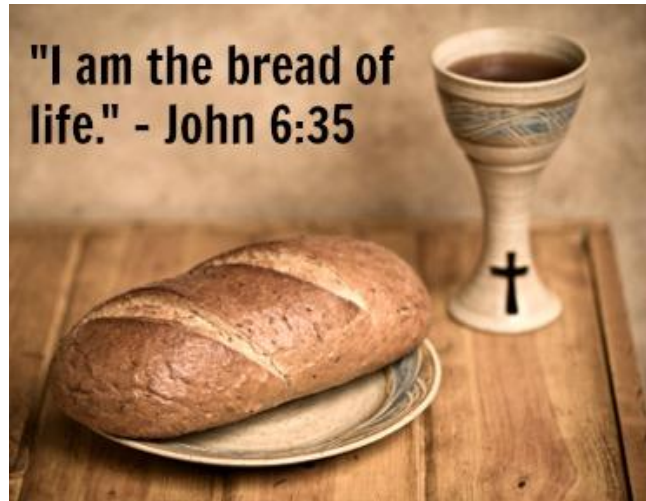
Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast
love.
And we shall e’er his people be. All glory be to Christ.
Refrain (twice)

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

***CHARGE**
Leader: Good people of Swift Church, who are you?
**People: Striving to bring God joy, we proclaim
Christ’s love and grace through serving
and nurturing body, mind, and soul.**

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”



Please join us for fellowship
and refreshments in the fellowship hall
immediately after the worship service.

Welcome to Swift Church

January 7, 2024

Striving to bring God joy!



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