

powerful than me is coming. I'm not worthy to loosen the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

**21** When everyone was being baptized, Jesus also was baptized. While he was praying, heaven was opened **22** and the Holy Spirit came down on him in bodily form like a dove. And there was a voice from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness."

**Leader:** This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Message** "Living Fearlessly: Courage is Contagious" -Rev. Andrea Curry

**\*Closing Hymn** UMH #374 Standing on the Promises

**Benediction**

**Postlude** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" by Charles C. Converse  
Yejin Lee – Pianist

**Assisting in our worship service today:**

Rev. Andrea Curry – Lead Pastor  
Marie Rittenberry – Director of Discipleship and Outreach  
Yejin Lee – Pianist  
Ushers – Acolytes  
Jeannie Housholder – Liturgist  
Beverly Miner – Coffee Hour  
Susan Montgomery – Greeter  
Doug Walter and David Avery – Media  
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Spreading the Word and living the love of Jesus



Welcome to Trinity! We are so glad you are here today. If you are new here, please be sure to fill out a '1st Time Visitor' card and place it in the offering plate before you leave. You are also invited to visit the Info Station to receive your **first-time visitor gift**. If you have a prayer request that you would like included on our email prayer chain, you can submit your prayer request via email to [bgtrinityumc@yahoo.com](mailto:bgtrinityumc@yahoo.com) or fill out a **pink prayer request card** today and hand it to an usher. Your prayer card will be shared during the worship service unless marked "Private", in which case it will remain private. We have **audio headphones available** for use, to ensure clear and accessible sound throughout the service. Please see an usher if you would like a pair.

\*indicates "please rise in body or in spirit"

**January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 The Baptism of Our Lord**

**Prelude** "Jesus, Name Above All Names with Jesus O, How I Love Jesus" by Naid Hearn  
Yejin Lee – Pianist

**Welcome and Announcements**

***We Turn Our Hearts to Worship God***

**\*Call to Worship**

**- Jeannie Housholder, Liturgist**

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 FWS #2060 God the Sculptor of the Mountains**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Children's Message** – *All children ages four and over may come to the front for a time of teaching.*

**Junior Worship** – *All children ages four and over may go to Junior Worship with Marie Rittenberry.*

**Song of Prayer UMH #512 Stand By Me (vs. 1-3)**

**Prayers of the People**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**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 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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## ***Offering Our Gifts***

### **Offering**

The ushers will pass the offering plates through the aisles to collect our gifts and tithes. You may also give electronically at [bgtrinity.org](http://bgtrinity.org) by clicking on the [tithe.ly](http://tithe.ly) link or using the QR code in the bulletin.

### **Offertory**

**“We Bow Down” by Twila Paris**

*Yejin Lee – Pianist*

**\*Doxology HWC #625**

**Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

### ***Proclamation of the Word***

### **Scripture**

**Luke 3:7-15, 21-22 CEB**

**Jeannie Housholder, Liturgist**

Then John said to the crowds who came to be baptized by him, “You children of snakes! Who warned you to escape from the angry judgment that is coming soon? **8** Produce fruit that shows you have changed your hearts and lives. And don't even think about saying to yourselves, Abraham is our father. I tell you that God is able to raise up Abraham's children from these stones. **9** The ax is already at the root of the trees. Therefore, every tree that doesn't produce good fruit will be chopped down and tossed into the fire.”

**10** The crowds asked him, “What then should we do?”

**11** He answered, “Whoever has two shirts must share with the one who has none, and whoever has food must do the same.”

**12** Even tax collectors came to be baptized. They said to him, “Teacher, what should we do?”

**13** He replied, “Collect no more than you are authorized to collect.”

**14** Soldiers asked, “What about us? What should we do?”

He answered, “Don't cheat or harass anyone, and be satisfied with your pay.”

**15** The people were filled with expectation, and everyone wondered whether John might be the Christ. **16** John replied to them all, “I baptize you with water, but the one who is more

## *This Week at Trinity!*

### **Sunday 1/12/2025**

Coffee Hour 8:45am  
Sunday School 9:00am  
Worship 10:00am

### **Monday 1/13/2025**

Dartball 7:30pm

### **Tuesday 1/14/2025**

### **Wednesday 1/15/2025**

(Ukulele Newcomers at 12:30pm)  
Ukulele Group 1:30pm

### **Thursday 1/16/2025**

Sew, Knit, Crochet Group 1pm  
Bell Choir 5:30pm  
Chancel Choir 6:30pm  
Al-Anon 7pm

### **Friday 1/17/2025**

BG SONG 8am

### **Saturday 1/18/2025**

### **Sunday 1/19/2025**

Coffee Hour 8:45am  
Sunday School 9:00am  
Worship 10:00am



Assisting in Worship Next Week  
Sunday, January 19th

Liturgist – Bev Robie  
Coffee Hour – Charlene Avery & Sally Snider  
Greeter – Susan Montgomery  
Media – Doug Walter and David Avery

## *Prayer Concerns and Celebrations*

### **Congregational Concerns:**

- For our members who are homebound and in nursing care centers.

### **World Concerns:**

- For an end to wars and conflicts as tensions rise and attacks continue in the Middle East, Ukraine, and Syria.
- For everyone whose loved ones died in the earthquake in Tibet.
- For the people affected by the wildfires in California.
- For those experiencing homelessness and hunger in our area and around the world.

**MLK Day of Service** - Join the East and West Ohio Conferences of the United Methodist Church as we honor the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a day of service across all ten districts. This is an opportunity for individuals, families, and communities to unite and embody the spirit of love, justice, and service Dr. King championed.

Whether through volunteering at a local food pantry, assisting with community clean-up efforts, mentoring youth, or supporting other impactful projects, everyone can make a difference. Let's turn this National Day of Remembrance into a day of action! Below are service opportunity suggestions in your area, or gather your family and friends to create your own opportunity to serve. We can continue Dr. King's dream of building a beloved community together.

### Maumee River District

**St. Paul's Marketplace** (Mark Kwiatkowski 419-215-6115) Mission / Outreach | [stpaulsumctoledo.com](http://stpaulsumctoledo.com)

**Friendly Center** (Terry Robideau 419-343-2120) Home | Friendly Center, Inc | Community Center | North Toledo

**Monroe Street Neighborhood Center** – A Vital Community Resource  
Rev. Joshua Wynn 419-473-1167, cell 859-948-9269

**Oregon Christ** partnership with a UCC church

**Rev. Jeremiah Diegel**, Church office 419-691-9701, cell 419-575-4834. (5) Facebook

**St. Andrew's Findlay Laundry** (20+) We're thrilled to announce... - St. Andrew's United Methodist Church | Facebook Findlay Church Opening Free Laundry Facility - WFIN Local News

**Bishop Visit** - Bishop Hee-Soo Jung has announced Day on District gatherings for clergy and laity. The theme is "Healing and Restoration in Community," with the scripture Mark 2:1-12 as a guiding principle.

Laity sessions will begin with dinner at 5:00 p.m. and will conclude by 8:30 p.m. The schedule includes worship, Bible study led by Bishop Jung and a visioning and ministry conversation.

**Mark your calendars! You view more information at:**

<https://www.westohioumc.org/bishop-jungs-days-districts>

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