

## Welcome

We are pleased to have you worship with us this morning! We hope that your spiritual life is deepened today.

Please join us for coffee and refreshments in the church hall following worship.

Nursery care and Sunday School up to age 12 is available in the parish hall. Children will rejoin their parents after the Peace.

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# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## Feeding you, body, mind and soul

### THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY: THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST: JANUARY 12, 2014



*Baptism of Christ* Painting by James Janknegt (<http://www.bcartfarm.com>)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn 121

*Christ, when for us you were baptized*

Opening Acclamation and Prayer

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Gloria in excelsis

Hymnal S-280

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Response: **And also with you.**

Isaiah 42:1-9

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 29

Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"

The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.

The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*  
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Acts 10:34-43

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 490, v. 1 *I want to walk as a child of the light*

Matthew 3:13-17

Responses: **Glory (Praise) to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev Jason Wells

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Response: **Lord, have mercy.**

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;**

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
And also with you.

Offertory

Hymn 339 *Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness*

Eucharistic Prayer

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*  
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Holy, holy, holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. —

Memorial Acclamation

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

Amen

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
A - men.

Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,  
**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, and the power,**  
**and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Altar. If you come to the rail and cross your arms over your chest, you may receive a blessing instead of Communion.

If you would like to be baptized, please speak to the Rev. Jason Wells as soon as possible for scheduling.

Hymn 829

*Laudate Dominum*

**Laudate Dominum, Laudate Dominum**  
**omnes gentes, Alleluia.**

*Translation:* Praise the Lord, all you people! Alleluia!

Closing Prayer

Let us pray.  
**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you**  
**for feeding us with the spiritual food of the**  
**most precious Body and Blood of your Son**  
**our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in**  
**these holy mysteries that we are living mem-**  
**bers of the Body of your Son, and heirs of**  
**your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send**  
**us out to do the work you have given us to**  
**do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses**  
**of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the**  
**Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for**  
**ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Hymn 616

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

Dismissal

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**World Religion Day Panel** The Greater Concord Interfaith Council invites you to reflect on Love, Elimination of Prejudice & Doing Good Deeds on Sunday, January 19, 3pm-5pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church (274 Pleasant St)

**MLK Day of Service** Come out and give of yourself for others. Show our pride in Concord. "Everyone can be great, because everyone can serve" on Monday, January 20, 9:00am at Concordia Lutheran Church (215 North Main). Call (603) 224-0277 for more information or to RSVP

**Temple Learner's Service** Friday, January 17, 7pm for Temple Beth Jacob's annual Learner's Service. If you've ever wondered what goes on in a Jewish worship service, here is your opportunity to find out. It's a great service for youth groups, adult Bible study groups, and anyone else just wanting to learn. Please RSVP to ravnafshi@gmail.com to give an idea of how many extra chairs to put out.

**Forward Day by Day** Free devotionals for February-March-April are on the table in the narthex.

**Souper Bowl of Caring** is February 2—details coming!

## ANNUAL MEETING

11am, Sunday, January 19 (Snow date: Jan. 26)

**8am** No worship service

**10am** Holy Eucharist

**11am** Annual Meeting (includes lunch)

Please join us for the meeting and light luncheon and celebrate everything good from 2013 and look forward with us into 2014, wherever the Holy Spirit might lead us!

### At this Meeting

Hear about the Vestry's 2014 budget

Share in "World Cafe" discussion about our church's future

Elect new Diocesan Convention delegates

# PRAYER NEEDS

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**  
St. Mark's Church, Ashland.

## Requests

Thurston, Ernest, Anna, Dan and Tom.

# TAKE-A-TOTE

The Take a Tote ministry to the children at Mill Brook School needs your help! In order to fill 25 totes each week, we use 25 boxes of cereal, 25 mac and cheese containers, 50 fruits/pudding/applesauce cups, and the list goes on.

We'll feature one item to be brought in on Sunday. **Next week, please bring in tuna fish (avoid tuna fish salad) in pouches or To-Go cups.**

# CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity runs annually from January 18-25. Use this prayer in your devotions this week:

Almighty Father, whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples to be one, as you and he are one: Grant that your Church, being bound together in love and obedience to you, may be united in one body by the one Spirit, that the world may believe in him whom you have sent, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; Amen. (BCP, p. 255)