

# Third Sunday After Epiphany

January 24, 2021

Lake Shore Baptist Church



“I Baptize Thee,” c. 1940 by William H. Johnson  
—Smithsonian American Art Museum

## Prelude

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”  
arr. Lloyd Larson  
Cindy Fuller

## Epiphillon

*In 2003 Lake Shore created the word “epiphillon” from the words “Epiphany” and “carillon.” During the Epiphany season, the trilling of the bells beckons us to look for the Christ Child and carry the light into the world.*

## Welcome

Grant Dooley

*We are a welcoming and affirming community of Christians, attempting to discover, articulate, and embody the meaning of the Gospel in the world today. We welcome all at Lake Shore because we believe that God’s love knows no bounds.*

## Passing of the Peace

Grant Dooley

One: The peace of Christ be with you.  
**Many: And also with you.**

## Call to Worship

Alice Baird

From Psalm 29

ONE: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God’s name,

**MANY: Worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

ONE: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

**MANY: the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.**

ONE: The voice of the Lord is powerful;

**MANY: the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

## Hebrew Scripture

Genesis 1:1-5

Jon Snyder

One: This is a reading from our ancient stories.  
**Many: Thanks be to God.**

## Gift of Music

“Wade in the Water”  
arr. H.T. Burleigh  
**Jon Snyder**

## The Call to Prayer

Water, River, Spirit, Grace sweep over me, sweep over me!  
Recarve the depths your fingers traced in sculpting me.  
— *Thomas H. Troeger*

## Pastoral Prayer

**Sharlande Sledge**

## Congregational Song

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”  
CWM RHONDDA

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing waters flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
Bear me through the swelling current; land me safe on Canaan’s side;  
Songs of praises, songs of praises; I will ever give to thee.

## Gospel Reading

Mark 1:4-11  
**Richard Groves**

One: This is the Gospel of Grace.  
**Many: Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

“Our Baptism and the Baptism of Jesus”  
**Richard Groves**

## Congregational Benediction

“Lead On, O Cloud of Presence”  
LANCASHIRE

Lead on, O God of freedom, and guide us on our way,  
And help us trust the promise through struggle and delay.  
We pray our generations may journey to that land  
Where justice dwells with mercy and love is law’s demand.

## Postlude

“Postlude on CWM RHONDDA”  
arr. Mary Ellen Kerrick  
**Cindy Fuller**

Offering: <https://my.simplegive.com/App/Giving/lbcbwaco>

Parents’ Gathering:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3251880550?pwd=YU5RYs9xc3FTWmlEQlZTait5ejlxzdz09>  
Meeting ID: 325 188 0550  
Passcode: Bishop5801

## Church Business Meeting Sunday, January 24, at 4:00 pm

To consider and vote on the following motion from the Deacon Board,  
based upon the recommendations of the Transition Team:

**Motion to direct the Committee Coordinating Council to form a Senior Pastor Search Committee and simultaneously to establish three Task Groups for addressing issues identified by the Transition Report in relation to church (1) polity, structure, and procedures; (2) staffing; and (3) reconciliation.**

### Senior Pastor Search Committee

(as explained in the current *Bylaws for Lake Shore Baptist Church*)

“When calling a pastor becomes necessary, a Search Committee shall be formed for the purpose of recommending a candidate to the church.”  
(*VII.B.1*) “The Search Committee, of not fewer than seven (7) and not more than thirteen (13), shall be nominated by the Committee Coordinating Council and presented to the church for election.” (*VII.B.2*)

### Polity, Structure, and Procedures Task Group

The mission of the Polity, Structure, and Procedures Task Group is to review concerns and issues brought up in the transition team report related to church governance and decision-making processes. This Task Group will review bylaws, policies, and procedures, in order to make recommendations to ensure the average member of the congregation can understand how the church operates and makes decisions concerning its mission, programs and finances. The group will be asked to develop proposals for improving

communication, right-sizing the diaconate and committee structure to ensure it is reflective of the congregation's needs, the capacity of its membership and the diversity of congregants, and to provide guidance for educating and training the membership with regard to participation in business meetings and fulfilling committee responsibilities and expectations. The group will promote congregational health by addressing unhealthy perceptions of power and realities of burnout within the body.

### **Staffing Task Group**

The mission of the Staffing Task Group is to review and make recommendations regarding all things staffing related raised in the congregational survey and identified in the Transition Team report. This group will review questions related to the current and anticipated needs of our staff, future growth trends for the church and financial sustainability going forward.

### **Reconciliation Task Group**

The mission of the Reconciliation Task Group is to formally acknowledge division within the congregation and provide opportunity for the church body to safely come together, understand the varied personal impacts of recent pastoral departures and promote restoration of trust through the creation of a shared narrative of events contributing to rupture with the help of the Transition Team report. The Reconciliation Team will promote dialogue and sacred conversations within the congregation with commitment to truth telling, forgiveness and hope for coming together in the ongoing work and existence of the church. The Team will work with all ministerial staff to explore options for integrating reconciliation activity with worship and other times of spiritual renewal, anticipating recommitment and personal decisions to belong and to accept others in the church body.

#### Specific Duty of the Committee Coordinating Council

“To establish new standing committees and task groups as needed.” (V.A.3.j)

### **Please see Zoom invitation for the Church Business Meeting below:**

Lake Shore Baptist Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Church Business Meeting

Time: Jan 24, 2021 04:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86912076088?pwd=WVJmWkZaR2dzaFBmQ25xc3VmTWpiQT09>

Meeting ID: 869 1207 6088

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