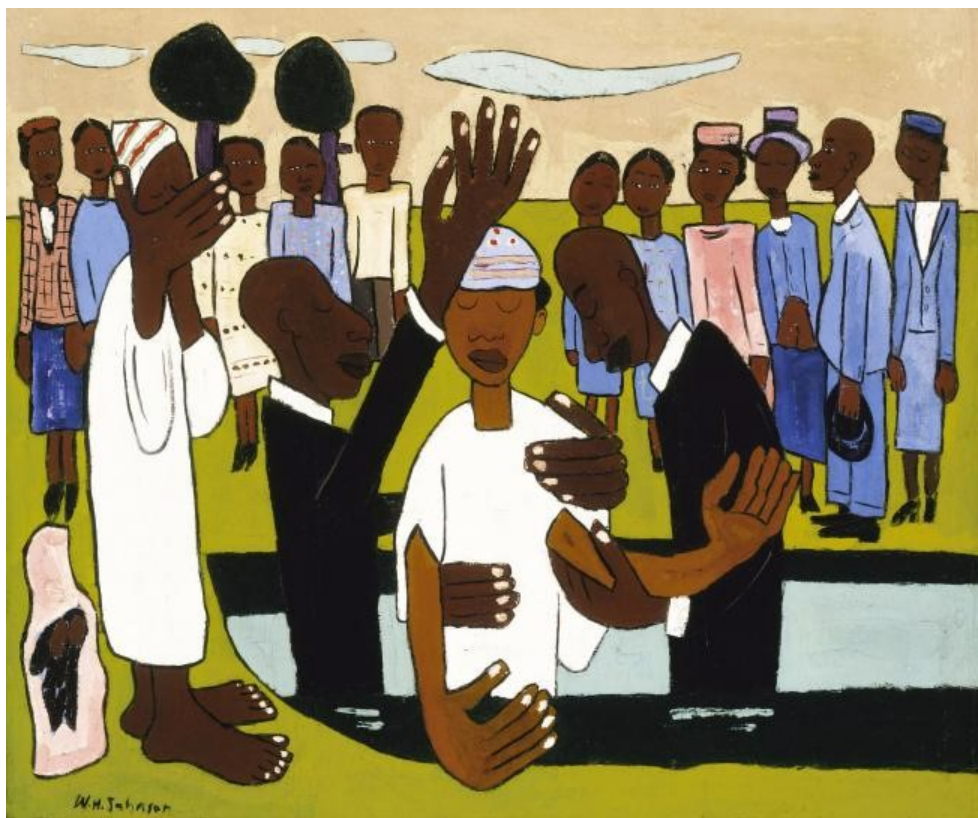


# Lake Shore Baptist Church



“I Baptize Thee”  
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## Season of Epiphany The Baptism of Our Lord

**We are in the season of Epiphany.** The term Epiphany means “to show” or “to make known” or even “to reveal.” For many Protestant churches (Lake Shore included) the season of Epiphany extends from January 6th until Ash Wednesday, the day that begins the season of Lent.

The Sunday after Epiphany is traditionally known as the day of **The Baptism of the Lord** and is designed to give a sense of solidarity with Jesus by joining him in the experience and confession of baptism. Jesus submitted to the ritual as a way of standing with us, claiming there was no limit to God’s overwhelming love.

As followers of Christ, we are each called to remember our own baptism on this day.

**The Worship of God**  
**First Sunday After the Epiphany**  
The Baptism of Jesus  
**January 9, 2022**

**Welcome and Invocation**

Sharlande Sledge

**Prelude**

“Prelude on OLD 100<sup>th</sup>”  
arr. Gordon Flesher  
Cindy Fuller

**Meditation of Preparation**

O God, you who promise to make all things new, does that include me?  
Will you make me new? Cleanse me from head to toe,  
renew my heart, revise my mind, revive my worth.  
For I am poured out, emptied, ready to be filled: but with what?  
Fill me with your gracious self. O God, be you in me.  
— “New Day” by Donald Schmidt

**Call to Worship**

Sharlande Sledge

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
**The holy habitation of the Most High.**  
The Lord pours forth rivers from bare mountains,  
**And fountains in valleys’ depths.**  
God opens rocks, and water gushes out.  
**on dry thirsty land God springs forth streams in the desert.**

**Hymn of Grace**

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”  
NETTLETON

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it  
mount of God's redeeming love.**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
hither by thy help I've come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.**

Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee:  
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.

## Hebrew Scripture

Isaiah 42:5-9  
Steven Pounders

Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:  
I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,  
to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
I am the LORD, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.  
See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

## Hymn of Mission

“We Call Ourselves Disciples”  
LANCASHIRE

We call ourselves disciples, as pilgrims on the way.  
We seek the truth in wisdom, and beauty in each day.  
As women, men, and children, we serve, Christ's path to clear.  
In joyful expectation we see God's reign draw near.

We're baptized in the Spirit, in waters God provides.  
In Christ we rise to newness, for in him we have died.  
Now dead to powers of evil, and free from hopeless fears,  
we live with faith and purpose, creative through the years.

## The Gospel

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22  
Sharlande Sledge

This is the Gospel of grace.  
Thanks be to God.

## **Blessing of Our Gifts**

**Kay Avant**

God, you bless us as sons and daughters through baptism in Christ.  
**Your Spirit lives in our hearts and burns away what is not  
pleasing to you.**

Just as Jesus turned to you in prayer, help us to seek your will continually.

**Bless our offerings today for the ministry of our church.**

We pray that they bring newness of life to our community and our world.

**We dedicate ourselves to serving you through your beloved Son,  
Jesus. Amen**

## **Offertory**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

arr. Ken Medema

**Cindy Fuller**

## **Meditation**

Water, River, Spirit, Grace, sweep over me, sweep over me!

Recarve the depths your fingers traced in sculpting me.

— *Thomas Troeger*

## **The Sermon**

“Raised to Walk in Newness of Life”

**Sharlande Sledge**

## **The Silence for Reflection**

As for Jesus, so for us. Our first calling, the baptismal call, is the one that simply loves and names: You are my child. I delight in you. The words embrace us and promise to hold us. This is where it begins, and this is also we dare claim, the last word, the one that holds our future.

— *John Stendahl*

## **Hymn of Mission**

“We Call Ourselves Disciples”

LANCASHIRE

**We join with all disciples to live the Word indeed,  
to share the cup of water and bread with all in need;  
to work till God’s compassion and righteousness prevail,  
till all this planet’s people know justice without fail.**

**So now the vision brightens, the light of Christ burns still  
in hearts of all disciples to be the church God wills.**

**From quiet meditation, and joyous hymns of praise,  
we go to do God’s mission! Christ, lead us all our days!**

## **Pastoral Benediction**

**Sharlande Sledge**

## **Postlude**

“Postlude on HARWELL”

arr. by Thomas Brinkley

**Cindy Fuller**



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.

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