

**Order of Worship
Baptism of Christ
9 January 2022**

Prelude:

Laura Murach

Welcome:

Deacon

Opening Prayer:

God of cleansing waters and purifying fires, touch our lives today to recall us to the power of our baptism and reconfirm our commitment to Jesus Christ. Name us again as your own people: precious, gifted, created to glorify you in fullness of life, in peace with ourselves and one another. Send your Holy Spirit once more to energize our worship and enliven our witness in the world. Amen.

Hymn

“Down in the River to Pray”

(video)

[Down in the River - Shenandoah Christian Music Camp](#)

Message for All:

Sarah Pradhan

Star Witness

Bob Giles

Scripture:

Deacon

As we hear the words of scripture,
Let us listen in the words for the Word of God

Isaiah 43:1-7

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The grass withers and the flower fades,
But the Word of God shall stand forever.

Message

“Resilience”

Pastor Todd

Service of Water

Blessing of Water

One: Let us pray:

We thank you, God, for the gift of creation called forth by your saving Word.

Before the world had shape and form, your Spirit moved over the waters.

Out of the waters of the deep, you formed the firmament and brought forth the earth to sustain all life.

In the time of Noah you washed the earth with the waters of the flood, and your ark of salvation bore a new beginning.

In the time of Moses and Miriam your people Israel passed through the Red Sea waters from slavery to freedom and crossed the flowing Jordan to enter the promised land.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus Christ who was nurtured in the water of Mary’s womb.

Jesus was baptized by John in the water of the Jordan, became living water to a woman at the Samaritan well, washed the feet of the disciples, and sent them forth to baptize all nations by water and the Holy Spirit.

(As the following words are spoken, the water may be poured into a basin or font.)

One: Bless by your Holy Spirit, gracious God, this water that by it we may be reminded of our baptism into Jesus Christ and that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may be kept faithful until you receive us at last in your eternal home.

All: Glory to you, eternal God, the one who was and is, and shall always be, world without end. Amen.

One: Eternal God, you have come to us in Jesus Christ, given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgiven all our sins, Bless us now with the grace we need to fulfill what we have promised.

All: Keep us faithful to our Savior Jesus Christ, forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn

“Amazing Grace”

Prayers of the People

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayers.

Disciple’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, now and forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn:

“Leaning On the Everlasting Arms”

(video)

[Leaning On The Everlasting Arms - Norton Hall Band](#)

Charge and Blessing

**Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;
Be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;
Render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted;
Support the weak; help the afflicted;
Honor all people; love and serve God;
Rejoicing through the power of the Holy Spirit.
The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen**

Parting Song:

Chalice Hymnal #469 (chorus)

**I am the light of the world!
Your people come and follow me!
If you follow and love
You’ll learn the mystery
Of what you were meant to do and be.**

Postlude