

January 13, 2013 Baptism of Jesus

PREPARATORY PRAYER

GOD CALLS US INTO WORSHIP

INTROIT “Blest Are You” (chorus only) Green Hymnal # 122

Our help is in the Name of the Lord, creator of heaven and earth.
Grace to you and peace from God, our Creator, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*PEACE Jesus said: "Peace be with you. My peace I give to you."
 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body.
 One: The peace of Christ be with you.
 All: And also with you.
 One: Let's stand and share a sign of peace with each other.

CALL TO WORSHIP (From the Baptismal Font) *Isa. 43:1-7; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22*

One: The God who created us says, “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.”

All: **The God of our baptism says, “I have called you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.”** The voice of the Lord is over the waters; **the God of glory thunders.** A voice from heaven speaks, **you are my child, my beloved; with you I am well pleased.** Baptized into Christ Jesus, we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, **and the promise of the Father to call us by name.** Come, let worship the Lord.

*HYMN “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Hymnal # 356
[*Please stand as you are able.]

As the days grow longer, so the grace of God grows more profoundly in our journey of faith. In our weakness, frailty and guiltiness we are always seeking renewal. Therefore let us pray together.

Isa. 43:1–7; Luke 3:15–17, 21–22

Lord Jesus Christ, yours is the baptism of Spirit and fire, but we confess we are not worthy of you. We have failed to bear the fruit of repentance, but have been worthless chaff, good for nothing. Forgive our sins, Lord Jesus, and call us anew. See us through every trial, whether of water or flame, that we might give you glory and tell the coming generations of the greatness of your redemption.

KYRIE ELEISON

Hymnal #572

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

As far as the east is from the west, to that extent has God removed our transgressions from us; therefore, in Christ we stand forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

CALL TO FAITHFUL LIVING

Matthew 22

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: **“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.”** This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: **“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”** On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. **And so let us live.**

*HYMN	“How Firm a Foundation”	Hymnal #361
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GOD COMES TO US IN WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lift up your hearts. **Let us lift them to the Lord our God.** Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus ... who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

FIRST LESSON The Word of the Lord from Isaiah 43:1–7 (Page)

The Lord says to Israel: Do not fear; I have called you by name; you are mine.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON The Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke 3:15–17, 21–22 (Page)
Jesus is baptized by John; the Spirit descends; a voice from heaven speaks.
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Open Up!”

Rev. Shepler

PRAYER FOR BLESSING

“The Epiphany Prayer”

Green Hymnal #119

*HYMN

“Take Me to the Water”

Green Hymnal #236

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

Te Deum

We praise you, O God: we acknowledge you to be the Lord. All the earth worships you, the Father everlasting. To you all the angels sing aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein. To you cherubim and seraphim continually do sing. Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth! Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of your glory. The glorious company of apostles praise you; the goodly fellowship of the prophets praise you; the noble army of martyrs praise you; The Holy Church, throughout all the world, acknowledges you as the God of infinite majesty, your adorable true and only Son, and also the Holy Spirit, our Comforter. You are the King of Glory, O Christ. You are the everlasting Son of the Father. When you took upon yourself to deliver humankind, you did not abhor the Virgin's womb. When you had overcome the sharpness of death, you opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. You sit on the right hand of God the Father in glory. We believe that you shall come to be our Judge. We therefore pray, help us your servants, whom you have redeemed with your precious blood. Make all of us numbered with your saints in glory everlasting. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Hymnal #579

GIVING OF TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM / OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Hymnal #591

*THANKSGIVING

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to offer thanks and praise.** God of all mercies, we give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people. **Give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;** through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory now and forever. **Amen.**

GOD SENDS US INTO MISSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS / SUPPLICATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

“Lord in your mercy...**Hear our Prayer.**”

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. AMEN.

INVITATION TO FELLOWSHIP

*SENDING HYMN

“Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart”

Hymnal #326

*CHARGE / BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

Sunday:	7:00 am	Del Dios Vivo Church Worship		
	10:00 am	English Worship	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	11:30 am	Korean Service	5:00 pm	Del Dios Vivo Church Worship

NEXT CONSISTORY MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23RD

HELPING YOU THIS MORNING

Coffee Hour: Everyone’s Coffee Hour

INCOME & EXPENSE FIGURES 2012 END OF YEAR

Total Income	\$ 272,810
Total Expenses:	\$ 281,246

A congregational meeting is currently being planned for early February. Watch for more details in next Sunday’s bulletin.

2013 ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE

There are still some 2013 boxed envelopes in the Narthex for pickup. Kindly put your box up today.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING - This year’s special Christmas offering is to the RCA for the victims of Hurricane Sandy. We raised \$452 at Thanksgiving and are hoping to double this. Please us the special envelopes that are located on the foyer tables. Last day to give will be Sunday, January 6.

Classis of New Brunswick CDC Meeting Planned - The Classis New Brunswick Community Development Corporation’s (CDC) Annual Meeting will be held Wednesday, January 16 at 7 p.m. Please join us as we review the successes and challenges of the past year and look forward to an exciting year ahead! The mission of the CDC is to help churches within the Classis obtain funding and develop programs that serve the needs and dreams of their communities. All are welcome! The meeting will be held in the Quilt Room of the Reformed Church of Highland Park (19-21) Second Avenue, Highland Park, NJ 08904. Come learn more about supporting Classis-wide social justice programs, provide your input and ideas, and consider joining us as a Board

Member! For more information call (908)-421-1242 or email us at classisnewbrunswick.cdc@gmail.com.