



BAPTISM OF THE LORD
January 12, 2025
Order of Service –
10:00 am

Please join in the worship liturgy by reading the sections in ***bold italics***.
✱ - Please rise in body or in spirit

Words of Welcome

“It is the mission of the Community Reformed Church of Colonie to love the Lord our God with all our hearts, with all our souls and with all of our minds; and to love our neighbors as ourselves.” (Matthew 22:37-40)

We are a community bound together and energized by faith, love, and commitment to Jesus Christ. And even though you may not yet share that faith, love, and commitment, you are most welcome to be with us, to belong here, to experience what we’re about. Then, if you are attracted and persuaded by what you see and hear, we hope you’ll want to set down roots here long-term. And even if you don’t, you’ll always be a friend.

The Community Reformed Church of Colonie welcomes you
and thanks you for worshipping with us.

FOR CONTEMPLATION

“In baptism, we are reminded of God’s unconditional love
and His promise to be with us always,
offering us forgiveness, grace, and eternal life.”
~John Ortberg

PRELUDE “Down to the River to Pray”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THE ELDER'S PRAYER – Melody York

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT “How Shall I Come Before the Lord”

CALL TO WORSHIP

The voice of God resounds upon the water.

The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.

The Son of God is named, “Beloved.”

And all who worship shout out, “Glory!”

Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.

Let us worship God in holy splendor.



* HYMN 77 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

77 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Surely then you will find delight in the Almighty. Job 22:26

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-a-
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign -
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de-fend
 4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a-dore

tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal -
 eth, shel-ters thee un-der his wings, yea, so gen-tly sus -
 thee, sure-ly his good-ness and mer-cy here dai-ly at -
 him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais-es be -

va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 tend thee. Pon-der a-new what the Al -
 fore him! Let the A-men sound from his

tem-ple draw near; join me in glad ad-o-ra tion!
 sires e'er have been grant-ed in what he or-dain eth?
 might-y can do, if with his love he be-friend thee.
 peo-ple a-gain: glad-ly for-ev-er a-dore him.

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*We are guided by the Holy Spirit, God's presence in the world.
By the Spirit we are called into Christ's Church,
To celebrate his love, to seek justice and resist evil,
To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
To share with him in Baptism and to eat at his Table.*

TAIZÉ MEDITATION "Bless the Lord" (3 times)

*Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*We are precious in your sight,
Yet we often forget that we are your beloved.
We confess that our love is fickle and inconsistent.
We follow selfish goals and deny that our way of life
harms others and hurts your world.
We are sorry and we want to change.
Create in us a clean heart,
strengthen our resolve,
reconcile us one to another,
and bless us with your peace.
Amen.*

TAIZÉ MEDITATION "In God Alone" (3 times)

*In God alone my soul can find rest and peace,
In God my peace and joy.
Only in God my soul can find its rest,
Find its rest and peace.*

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – Sarah Huiest

DEACON'S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD – Kevin Ingalls

THE LORD'S 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. And 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, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

ANTHEM “I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

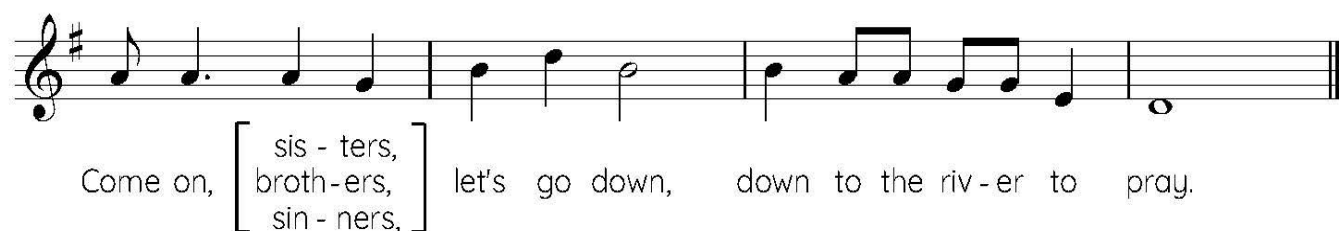
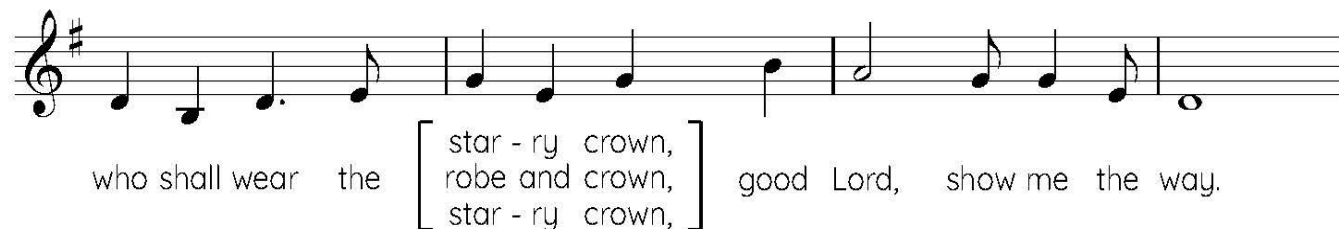
As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

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

THE MORNING MESSAGE “Remembering Our Baptism”

*HYMN “Down to the River to Pray”



BENEDICTION

*THE IRISH BLESSING

*May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be ever at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
And the rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again, and until we meet again,
May the God who loves us all
Hold you in the palm of His hand.
Amen.*

POSTLUDE “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

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Sarah Huiest

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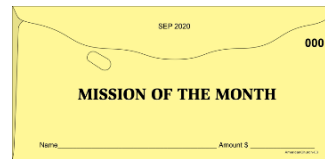
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