

PRAYERS for January 10, 2021 – The Baptism of the Lord

Worship Assistant: On this Sunday that we remember the Baptism of our Lord, let us praise the name of the Lord and pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Worship Assistant: Heavenly Father, You are in truth the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. We honor You and commit ourselves to Your guidance, Your power, and Your mercy. You are ours; we are Yours. You are our Father; we are Your children. You are our Shepherd; we are Your lambs. How can we ever sufficiently thank You for bestowing on us the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ? We have nothing to offer You but our repentant hearts. Take us into Your keeping on this earth and receive us in heaven when our time has come.

Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.

Worship Assistant: Eternal God, this new year and every year, Your loving eyes are on Your people. You grant us strength and the ability to perform our daily tasks and to meet the challenges that rise up to test us. Though we are not deserving of Your loving care, we cannot live without it. Help us continue to strive to be like You and to show love and kindness in our relationships with others. Give discernment and encouragement to the pastors, missionaries, and spiritual caregivers around the world. Empower them to shepherd Your flock with care.

Lord in your mercy.....hear our prayer.

Worship Assistant: Holy God, You revealed Your Son as He was baptized by John in the waters of the Jordan, and You anointed Him with the power of the Holy Spirit. Sustain all Your baptized children with the joy of Your love, Your strength, and Your peace. Help each of us remember that we received an identity at our own baptism and be with us as we reaffirm our own baptism this morning. Remind us every day of not only who we are, but of whose we are.

Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.

Worship Assistant: God of Might and Glory, let Your voice speak into the depths of our hearts and into the hearts of all those who are struggling. Because of Your redeeming grace, we are so thankful that we can approach You and call on You in prayer. We know that You give strength to the weak, hope to the sick and injured, guidance to the lost, and peace to the dying. Enfold in Your arms today all those who are in need of Your strength and healing. We pray especially for friends and family members who are on our prayer list and all those whose names we speak out loud or say silently in our hearts.

(Wait at least 20 seconds for names.) Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.

Worship Assistant: Everlasting Father, as You reign as King forever, give grace to Your people. We pray today for our Word of God family as we elect new members to the Service Committee. Help both the new and the present members lead Your church to do Your work. We especially thank You for being with us during this past year of unrest, sickness, and threats to our freedoms. Comfort all people who have lost loved ones from Covid or other illnesses, those who have suffered loss of livelihoods due to the shutdowns, or people who have experienced loneliness because of forced isolation from family and friends. Continue to support our healthcare workers who have been on the front lines of the pandemic. Keep them safe. Keep them strong.

Lord, in Your mercy..... our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen