



Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2020 @ 10:00 am

Church of The Cross

475 West Higgins Road Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

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WELCOME ALL

PRELUDE "You are my All in All " By Carol Tornquist

WORDS OF WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" Hatch/Jackson

*CALL TO WORSHIP¹ Rev. Julie Peterson

O God, some of us are discouraged and long for your embrace.

Wash us with your love.

Some of us are weary, weighed down by the desperation of this world.

Wash us with your hope.

Some of us are anxious and seek refuge from chaotic lives.

Wash us with your peace.

Some of us are restless, yearning for renewal or transformation.

God loves each of us dearly.

However, we come into your presence, pour out your Spirit upon us.

Let us come to the waters of baptism. Let us Worship God!

*HYMN NO. 409, vs 1, 4 "God is Here!"

CALL TO CONFESSION George Rogers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

God of grace, you claim us as beloved children and call us to follow you, but we do not always live out this calling. We stifle the gifts you have given us rather than using them for your glory. We sidestep opportunities to offer kindness rather than showing love to our neighbors. We pretend we can do nothing to further justice in our world and shy away from taking risks for the sake of the gospel. Forgive us, Lord. Wash us again in the waters of baptism and transform us by your grace, so our words may further righteousness and our deeds be pleasing in your sight.

OUR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Rev. Julie Peterson

*HYMN No. 582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

*PASSING THE PEACE ~ *Greet one another with the peace of Christ.*

SHARE GOD'S LOVE

*HYMN No. 188, vs1 "Jesus Loves Me" *Children are invited to come forward*

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

*HYMN No. 188, vs2 "Jesus Loves Me" *Children return to their seat*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

George Rogers

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 3:13-17

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Beginning"

Rev. Julie Peterson

OFFER HOPE ...IN JESUS' NAME

*HYMN NO. 69 "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION³

Elders: Jane Lesch, Fritz Michaelis, Jim Vakoc (3-yrs)

Deacons: Susan Buchholz, Chris Lorentz (3-yrs), Karen Franz (2-yrs)

We thank God for our unity in diversity. There are different kinds of gifts:
but the same Spirit.

There are different kinds of service:

but the same Lord.

There are different kinds of working:

**but the same God. Praise to God Almighty, Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, who works in us in all these ways. Amen.**

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways
of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? **I do.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? **I will, with God's help.**

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal and gracious God ... Amen.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

To the Candidates

To the Congregation

Do we, members of our Lord's church, accept Ruling Elders—**Jane Lesch, Fritz Michaelis, and Jim Vakoc**, and Deacons—**Susan Buchholz, Chris Lorentz, and Karen Franz** as chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

ORDINATION PRAYER & LAYING ON OF HANDS

God of new beginnings... So, we praise you for, in our baptism, we are made one with those of every place and time forever singing of your grace:

**Holy, holy, holy, God who blesses people with peace.
Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes
to fulfill all righteousness. Hosanna in the highest!**

When we huddled in the shadows of despair... And when we gather at the banquet you have catered with your joy and love, we will sing:

'Glory! Glory! Glory!' to you, Holy in One. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND LIFTING OF THE CUP

COMMUNING TOGETHER

Communion is open to all who are baptized from every Christian faith. Communion is served by Intinction. Please come forward by way of the center aisle, take a piece of bread and dip it in the cup of juice, partake of it, and then return by the side aisles to your seat. A server will bring communion to those less able to come forward. The bread is gluten/dairy free.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION³

We give you thanks and praise, O God, for you have fed us with your mercy and poured out your Spirit in this place. Continue to nourish and fill us each day, so we may live as your beloved people: in the name of Jesus, Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 482 "Baptized in Water"

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "Threefold Amen" John Storer

*POSTLUDE "The Love of God" By Frederick M. Lehman

¹Call to Worship 53.1, © 2019 Office of Theology and Worship Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) pg40

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Welcome All
Share God's Love
Offer Hope
... all in Jesus' name



Hearing Assistance Devices, large print copies of the bulletin and hymns are available from an usher.

ARE YOU A VISITOR OR DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

If you are a visitor today please fill out one of our visitor cards. If you have a prayer request, please fill out the prayer request card.

Please drop your card in the offering plate.

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR...

Avonne (Laura D's mother)
Linda A (sister of Judy M)
Mary Lou A (friend of Larry & Dawn A)
Connie & Ed (Friends of Karen)
Mildred B
Mary Ann B
Sushma & family
Mary Joe (Jim B's co-worker)
Virgil B (friend of Karen F)
Andree C
Becky C (former member)
Patrick C (Stu & Marie's son-in-law)
Renee C (Laura D's sister-in-law)
Jim C (Mary Ann's son-in-law)
Linda D (Jim & Sue's relative)
Betty F (Chris L's mother)
Shawn F (Karen F's son)
Jack and Donna F (uncle/aunt of Sue L)
Karen F
Adelaide G
Bruce & Linda G (friends of the Rutter's)
Nick G (Rutter's grandson)
Ricky G (Liataud's nephew)
Rita H (Jim & Ann's relative)
Jessica (Charlie / Nancy's niece)
Mary Ann J (Judie T's friend)

Bob L (Judie T's friend)
Jim L (Groenewold's son-in-law)
Linda L (Judie T's friend)
Mary Jo (Jim B's co-worker)
Al M (Pastor Julie's cousin)
Glenna M
Judy M
Klee (Michaelis' son)
Kofi M (Grant-Acquah family friend)
Lisa M (Karen's daughter)
Steve M
Noah (nephew of Adelaide's son-in-law)
Jann P (Jeff P's father)
Barbara O (friend of Glenna M)
Susan Q (Ann S's boss)
Ann S
June T (Pastor Julie's aunt)
Larry V (Jim V's father)
April V (Chris V's cousin)
Caregivers
Communities impacted by natural disasters
Those devastated by terrorism
Families of suicide loss
Those who grieve

- **Family of Jerry N** (friend of Judie T)
- **Family of Ella W** (Ann S's mother)



TODAY'S TABLE FLOWERS :

From George Rogers in memory of Joan Rogers

BOOK CLUB

January 15 – “The Magic Hour” by Kristin Hannah



ONLINE DONATIONS

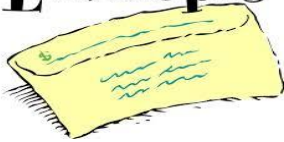
GIVE+
Electronic Giving Options



Donations to the General Fund, Major Maintenance Fund, Deacons Fund and Memorial Fund can now be made online on our website (churchofthecrossonline.org) or via the Give+ Church application on your phone. For instructions please pick up flyers in the lounge or visit our website.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

**Offering
Envelopes**



**YOUR 2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE
AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP**

Please pick the envelopes up in the lounge.

CAFÉ HOURS



Join Pastor Julie for *Café Hours* on Thursday mornings from 9:00-11:00 am at, Tous Les Jours @ 20 E Golf Rd, Schaumburg, IL 60173 (corner of Golf & Roselle Roads, same strip mall as Office Depot) Stop in to say hi, enjoy a cup of coffee, and share a prayer if you like.

LUNCH WITH PASTOR JULIE



Join us for Lunch with the Pastor every Wednesday at 12 noon. The first Wednesday of the month we will have lunch at a restaurant and the other weeks it will be in the lounge at Church of the Cross.

The schedule is on our website.

FOOD DRIVE

The Schaumburg Food Pantry provides assistance to those in need within Schaumburg Township. **The most needed pantry items are:**

Hamburger Helper
Rice A Roni
Pasta Roni

Apples
Oranges
Potatoes



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



COTC's Annual Congregational Meeting will take place in the sanctuary immediately following worship on **Sunday, January 26, 2020**. All active members of Church of the Cross have voice and vote for this meeting. The congregation will be asked to receive the 2020 Budget and the 2019 Annual Report.

Following the Congregational Meeting, there will be a potluck in the Lounge. Please check out the sign-up sheet in the lounge or on-line to sign up.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY



On Super Bowl Sunday, February 2, COTC will be participating in the 2019 Souper Bowl of Caring

MORE THAN 29 YEARS AGO, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: “Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.”

Join us on Sunday, February 2 by bringing canned goods or money to support our local food pantry.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

On Sunday, February 9, COTC will be celebrating Black History Month

Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history.



FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Saturday, February 22 @ 9a m – 11 am
we head to Feed My Starving Children as one of our mission activities.



AGAPE SUPPER POTLUCK

Wednesday, February 26 at 6:00pm

We are looking for the following:

Soup, chili, fruit, veggies, cornbread, or a dessert.
(Please have your dish here by 5:45pm)



SAVE THE DATE FOR COTC's 60th ANNIVERSARY



We are celebrating Church of the Cross's 60th Anniversary on **Sunday, May 31st**.

CALENDAR

For the week of January 12th

Sunday, January 12

9:00 am Sunday School for All
10:00 am Worship & Communion
Ordination & Installation
11:00 am Coffee Hour & Fellowship

Wednesday, January 15

12 noon Lunch with Pastor Julie

Thursday, January 16

9:00 am Café Hours with Pastor Julie
7:00 pm Choir practice

Sunday, January 19

9:00 am Sunday School for Adults only
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Coffee Hour & Fellowship

January

21 Tuesday	22 Wednesday	23 Thursday	24 Friday	25 Saturday	26 Sunday
7:00 pm - Session meeting	12 noon - Lunch with Pastor	9:00 am - Café hours with Pastor Julie 7:00 pm - Choir			9:00 am - Sunday School for All 10:00 am - Worship <i>Annual Congregation meeting</i> 11:00 am - Potluck

WORSHIP RESOURCE SCHEDULE

Date	January 12	January 19	January 26	February 2
	Communion Ordination & Installation		Annual Congregation Meeting	Souper Bowl of Caring
Worship Leader	George Rogers	Stu Rutter	Jim Buchholz	Pat Groenewold
Disciple on Duty	Charlie Keppel			Ken Groenewold
Usher/Greeter	C Lorentz	De La Cruz	Karen Franz	Jim Vakoc
Counter	Bob Groenewold		Jane Lesch	
Communion Set Up	Dawn Amos			
Communion Servers	Pastor Julie			
	Dawn Amos			
	George Rogers			
Coffee Hour	Ann Scheerer	Free will	Potluck	Cathy Walker

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