

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!

Help carry one another's burden, and in this way you will obey the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2

Paul Buskey	Mary Lipscomb
Steve Chaplin	Debbie Lucas
Grayson Coleman	Sarah MacCorkle
Bill Clark	James Mayo
Lyle Crossman	Danny McClung
Sam Hall	Linda McGee
Gary Hartley	Pete Norcross
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Congregation Members with Special Needs:

Steve Heizer

Those in Military Service:

Adam Hoofnagle, Albert Miller Jr., Robert & Sharon Miller, Wayne Perez, Markus Strecker, Ben Switzer, Clint Taylor

Our College Students:

Brett Turpin

Our Missions Near & Far:

WRE, RARA, Gideons International, Relay for Life, Young Life, Theological Seminaries, Habitat for Humanity, Blue Ridge Food Bank, Kings Way Help Center, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Massanetta Springs, Rockbridge Area Hospice, Samaritan's Purse, Living Waters of the World

News & announcements for Sunday's **BULLETIN** must be sent **by Wednesday** of each week.

The deadline for **NEWSLETTER** submissions is the 22nd of each month.

Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, January 9, 2022 — Baptism of the Lord

9:30AM Sunday School—Week 2 of Luke Reassurance
11:00AM Worship Service—**4-cents-a-meal offering**
Ordination and Installation Elders & Trustees

THURSDAY, January 13, 2022

4:00PM Compassion & Fellowship
5:00PM Christian Ed Meeting

SUNDAY, January 16, 2022 — 2nd Sunday After Epiphany

9:30AM Sunday School—Week 3 of Luke Reassurance
11:00AM Worship Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The usher for January—Donna Lanaghan
February 6th— Annual Congregational Meeting

WHY WAS JESUS BAPTIZED?

All four gospels tell us that Jesus was baptized (Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-33; John 1:29-34) – so we know it happened, but why? It can be especially confusing because Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. The people whom John baptized confessed their sins (Matthew 3:6; Mark 1:5), with John's baptism being a baptism of repentance (Mark 1:4; Luke 3:3; Matthew 3:11), but the Bible affirms that Jesus knew no sin (2 Corinthians 5:21), being like us in every way except sin (Hebrews 4:15). Therefore, Jesus' baptism had to be different from the other baptisms that happened at that time at the Jordan River, as it was not about repentance or his sin since he had no sin nor a need to repent. In fact, John the Baptist recognizes that Jesus does not need to be baptized (Matthew 3:14). Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism gives us a partial answer to why Jesus was baptized – Jesus tells John that it is needed to “fulfill all righteousness” (Matthew 3:15). That answer still raises the question – why does this fulfill all righteousness (and what does that even mean!)?

Psalm 29

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
worship the LORD in holy splendor.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
8The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 9 The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare; and in his temple
all say "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for ever.
- 11 May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Second Reading Acts 8:14-17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Gospel 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."