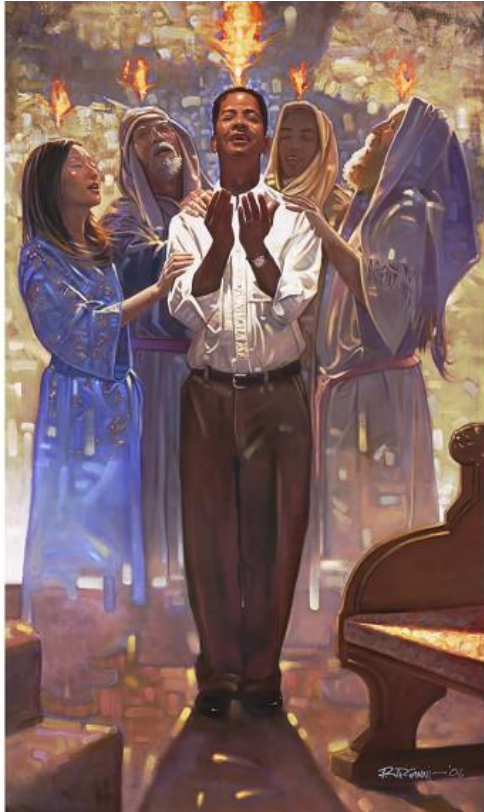


**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE
EPIPHANY, YEAR B
JAN 7, 2024, 11AM**



"Baptism in the Holy Spirit" by Ron DiCianni

"I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." Mark 1:8

**ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**

**First Sunday after the Epiphany, Year B
Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

Rector: The Rev. Catherine D. Hicks
The Rev. Tom Hughes, Rector Emeritus

(BCP—Book of Common Prayer, H-Hymnal 1982; S Numbers are the service music found in the front of The Hymnal 1982; WLP-Wonder, Love and Praise) LEVAS-Lift Every Voice and Sing II)

In the name of Christ, we welcome you to this Church. May those who sorrow find comfort; the weary, rest; the unhappy, joy; the troubled, peace; the stranger, friends; and to all the sense of God's Presence in this holy place. We acknowledge that we gather on the traditional land of the first people of Port Royal, the Nandtaughtacund, and we honor with gratitude the land itself and the life of the Rappahannock Tribe.

The Ringing of the Bell

Prelude	Shall we gather at the river	St Peter's Choir
Opening Hymn	I sing the almighty power of God	H 398

The Word of God

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
Glory to God forever and ever.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Praise	All creatures of our God and King (Verses 1-3,7)	H 400
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The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with

you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A reading from The Book of Genesis, Chapter 1, verses 1-5.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

**4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.**

9 And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"

**10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.**

11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in
the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from The Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 19, verses 1-7.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Sing praise to our Creator

H 295

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I

is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Tom Hughes

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

BCP 292

The Prayers of the People

Sisters and brothers, our baptismal vows call us to compassion and mercy on behalf of those in need. We offer our prayers for the Church and for the world.

We pray for the earth, and for its life giving living waters; rain, streams and creeks, tributaries, mighty rivers, bays, and the for the oceans, rich with life. As we give thanks for the renewing and restoring waters of baptism, may we care for the earth’s waters on which our lives and the lives of all living things depend. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the Church around the world. Renew in us the gifts of your Spirit and the call to Christian discipleship. Where we are divided, make us one in the baptism we share. We pray for the people of St Peter’s, Oak Grove. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all the people of the earth. Give to the leaders of all nations the wisdom to know what is good. We pray for an end to all wars and violence, especially in the Holy Land, in Ukraine and in Sudan. We pray as well for an end to ongoing violence and division in this country. Give those serving in the armed forces your wisdom as they carry out their duties, and your protection when they are in danger, especially those on our prayer list. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the loved ones that you have given us, for those who love us and for those whom we love. Bless our families, friends, and neighbors; keep them safe from trouble and danger. Where there is sorrow, sickness or suffering, send your Spirit of comfort and healing. We pray for our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, and for all on our prayer list, especially for Lois Christie, Tiffany Feliciano, Gloria Jewell, the Linne von Bergs, the Faibisys, for Cy and Linda Murphy, for Daryl Potter, for Enid and Albert Barnett and for all caregivers, that they may receive your strength as they care compassionately for those in need.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord God, you revealed your Son in the waters of the Jordan and anointed him with the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim good news to all people. Sanctify us by the same Spirit, that we may proclaim the healing power of the gospel by acts of love in your name. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

BCP 360

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

BCP 830 #51/431

Offertory

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

St Peter's Choir

The Holy Communion

Eucharist Prayer 3, Enriching our Worship

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise
are yours at all times and in all places,
our true and loving God;
through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,

the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.
You laid the foundations of the world
and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;
You brought forth all creatures of the earth
and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a
sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing
your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we
shout with joy:

Sanctus

S 125

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all,
your Word has never been silent;
you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations,
you delivered them from bondage
and led them to a land of promise.
Of your grace, you gave Jesus
to be human, to share our life,
to proclaim the coming of your holy reign
and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
you have freed us from sin,
brought us into your life,
reconciled us to you,
and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us
Jesus took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
gave it to his friends and said:
"Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:

"Drink this, all of you:

this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,
poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us:
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,
longing for Christ's coming in glory,
and presenting to you these gifts
your earth has formed and human hands have made,
we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts of bread and wine
that they may be to us
the Body and Blood of your Christ.

Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power,
may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness
of time gather us

with all your people
into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your
Holy Spirit, we worship you, our God and Creator, in voices of unending
praise.

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

The Breaking of the Bread		BCP 364
The Communion of the People of God		
Communion Hymn	This is the hour of banquet and of song	H 316
Post-Communion Prayer		BCP 365
The Blessing		
Closing Hymn	We know that Christ is raised	H 296
Dismissal		
Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.		
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!		
Postlude		

Resources:

Prayers of the People:

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers and Feasting on the Word, Liturgies for Year B, Vol 1, Kimberly Bracken Long, ed.

Announcements

Welcome to St Peter's. May you find God's love present with you in this place and return here often to worship. The communion bread is gluten free. All are welcome at the Lord's table.

The offering plates are in the back next to the doors. Your gifts help support God's work through this church. Mail - PO Box 399, Port Royal, VA 22535. online - <https://news.churchsp.org/onlinegiving>

Coffee Hour after the service in the Parish House. All are welcome.

Happy Birthday Betty Kunstmann (01/09), Marilyn Newman (01/11), Terri Harrison (1/12).

Jan. 7, Worship, On YouTube at 11am or afterward.

<https://www.youtube.com/@st.petersepiscopalchurchpo677/streams>

Bible Study, Weds, Jan. 10, 10am-12pm. Parish House, reading the lectionary for Epiphany for the Second Sunday after the Epiphany
https://lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Epiphany/BEpi2_RCL.html

Thurs. Jan. 11, 1pm – Vestry

The Baptism of Jesus. The first Sunday after Epiphany is the day on the church's calendar each year that we celebrate Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River, remember our own baptisms and renew our baptismal vows.

The annual congregational meeting and Vestry elections will take place on Sunday, January 21.

Tues, Jan. 23, 4PM OR 7PM –“A Case for Love” movie at the Paragon Theatre, Fredericksburg. Bishop Michael Curry, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, inspired the film's focus as he offered a solution to what ails us: “Love.” Specifically, “Unselfish Love.”

Bishop Curry wrote in 2019 that “.. As a commitment, love means I'm seeking your self-interest as well as my own—and maybe above and beyond mine. That kind of unselfishness is actually how Jesus talked about love most of the time in the New Testament—the Greek word that's used is agape. That's the kind of love you see in a person who has done something selfless for you and affected your life for the good: a parent, teacher, Scout leader, or coach. Take that further and you realize that there has been no social good that's been intentionally done apart from this kind of love. We don't give people Nobel Peace prizes for selfishness. We recognize those people because they've given of themselves without counting the cost to themselves.”

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The Vestry

Cookie Davis, Larry Saylor (2024)

Elizabeth Heimbach, Helmut Linne von Berg (2025)

Linda Upshaw (2026)

Jim Heimbach, Treasurer, Elizabeth Heimbach Registrar

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Prayer List

Stanley and Cindy Fields, Marion Mahoney, The Wisdoms, The Pogues, Laura Carey, The Pannells, The Linne von Bergs, Brad Volland, Rob Dobson, Lydia O' Neil, John Hess, Charles McGuire, The Segars, The Faibisys, The Felicianos, Thom Guthrie, Vivian McDonald, Bill Wick, Jim Heimbach

Lois Christie, Ralph and Diane Powell, Enid and Albert Barnett (Pogue relatives), Pinkie Mayfield (Laura Carey's friend), Kristina Childs, Cy and The Rev Deacon Linda Murphy (Saylor friends), Joe Parker, Dot Wright, Gordon Flesher, Beryl Harrison, Larry Saylor's family, Jesse Clarke's family, Daryl Potter (Hughes friend), Joanne and Herbert Wilkerson, Jimmy and Nancy Davis, Julie Davis, Otis Felts (family and friends of Johnny Davis), Dale Brittle, Ruth Smith, Joyce Smith (Laura Carey's sisters-in-law), Lisa Herbert, John Ryan Kirwin (Jean Devitt's son), Max and Rita Jensen (Duke friends), Barbara Deal, Roberta Rutledge, (Pogue friend), Patterson family, Valerie Leitch, Liz Ruthven, Charlene Schnakenberg, Nathaniel Schnakenberg, (Fisher family), Wayne Cohen (Pogue family), , Mrs. Watson, Hyacinth and Morris Wallace, Orville Watson, Tiffany Feliciano and family, The Glasgows (Feliciano family and friends), Sylvia and Jonathan Coleman (Cleo's daughter and son), Ann Pyle (Carolyn Duke's mother), Harvey Yarus (friend of Tom Kramer), Rosie Dowdy, Bill Lauck, Anthony Bowman, Dylan Puryear (BJ's grandson), Gloria Jewell, The Hill family (Lydia O'Neil's family), G. Lee Baldwin, Linda Oliver, Pat , Joan Pemberton (Brad's family), Louise Chapman (Barbara Segar's cousin)

Serving in the Armed Forces

PJ Koons

Scott Estes

Cliff Lance

Steven Lee

Reg Merkl

Grace Grimaldi

Alexis Rye

Michael Hobbs

Alex Long V