



Central Presbyterian Church

210 W. Douglas Ave

Petersburg, IL 62675

217-632-2651

office@central-pres.org

January 12, 2025

Baptism of the Lord

Welcome

Announcements

Please take a quiet moment to prepare your heart for worship.

Prelude

Prayer of Preparation *(for your personal use, during Prelude)*

Eternal Father, grant that Your Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior, may daily renew us who have been born again of water and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Call to Worship – From Psalm 147

L: Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

P: **For He strengthens the bars of your gates; He blesses your children within you.**

L: He grants peace within your borders; He fills you with the finest of wheat.

P: **He sends out His command to the earth; His word runs swiftly.**

L: He gives snow like wool; He scatters frost like ashes.

P: **He hurls down hail like crumbs—who can stand before His cold?**

L: He sends out His word, and melts them; He makes His wind blow, and the waters flow.

P: **He declares His word to Jacob, His statutes and ordinances to Israel.**

L: He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know His ordinances. Praise the Lord!

*Hymn “*Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized*” PH #70

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of the New Year and all things new, we thank You for the New Year. A year of possibilities. A year of challenges. A year of service. A year of worship. A year of relying on Your grace and mercy. In 2025, empower us to more fully embrace the One who gave His life for ours, so that we might be faithful ambassadors for the Gospel. We know we will fall short at times, but because we are Your children, we have received Your forgiveness before, and know that we will receive Your forgiveness again, for Your love for us is unconditional in Christ. Amen. *(Time of silence for personal reflection)*

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

L: Peace be with you.

P: And also with you.

*Gloria Patri *“Glory Be to the Father”* PH #579

Chancel Choir

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Time with Young Disciples

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

Sermon Text/Gospel Reading

Luke 3:15-22

Sermon *“The Baptism of Our Lord”*

Pastor Ryan

*Hymn *“Let us Break Bread Together”*

PH #513

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith – Apostles’ Creed

(This is found inside the back cover of the Red Hymnal Book)

Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer

L: God of Mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

(Insert)

The Great Thanksgiving

Sharing the Bread and Cup

(Wine is in the outer circle of the trays)

Offering

Offertory

***Doxology**

PH #591

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD
INTO THE WORLD**

***Hymn**

"Shall We Gather at the River"

(Insert)

***Charge and Blessing**

Postlude

Please be seated for the Postlude.

Worship Leader:

Pastor Ryan Edgecombe

Greeter/Usher:

Ben Kiningham

Liturgist:

Beth Kiningham

Communion Steward:

David Drake

Pianist/Organist:

Emma Lou Denton

Bethany Edgecombe

Rich Ford

Julia Territo

***Please stand, if able**

CCLI License #2716138

Hymnals: PH-blue hard cover; Red-red hard cover; SF-small blue soft cover

*Call to Confession, Assurance of Pardon, and Prayer of Illumination written by Pastor Ryan