



The Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist by James Tissot

**WORSHIP SERVICE
OFFICER ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION
JANUARY 11, 2026
BAPTISM OF THE LORD
614 Griffis Street, Cary, NC 27511
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ORDER OF WORSHIP – 10:30 A.M.

Gathering

(* Please stand as you are able.)

Gathering Chime

Prelude

Aria in F Major

Handel

Welcome and Announcements

*Introit

Take Me to the Water (vv.1,4)

No. 480

1 Take me to the wa - ter. Take me to the wa -
2 I love Je - sus. I love Je -
3 He's my Sav - ior. He's my Sav -
4 Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah. Glo - ry hal - le - lu -

ter. sus. ior. jah. Take me to the wa - ter to be bap - tized.
sus. I love Je - sus, yes, I do.
ior. He's my Sav - ior, yes, he is.
jah. Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah to be bap - tized.

*Call to Worship

In the beginning, at creation, the Spirit hovered over the waters of the deep.

In the waters of the flood, God cleansed the earth and humankind.

God caused the waters to part so that Israel could cross from slavery to liberation.

God formed Jesus in the waters of Mary's womb.

Jesus taught us how to live by washing his disciples' feet in water.

Drinking water from a well, Jesus met a Samaritan woman, the first person to recognize that he was the Christ.
Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, the Christ.
God meant for Jesus to be the firstborn in a large family. Praise be!

HymnCrashing Waters at Creation (vv. 1-3)*

No. 476

Capo 1: (Em) (F#dim7) (Em)
Fm Gdim7 Fm

1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered
2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the
3 Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a -
4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the

(D#dim7) (Em) (Em)
Edim7 Fm

by the Spir - it's breath, first to wit - ness
cap - tives passed on through, wash - ing off the
round the One fore - told, o - pened to re -
thirst and flood the soul. Well - spring, Source of

(F#dim7) (Em) (Am) (B) (Em)
Gdim7 Fm BbM C Fm

day's be - gin - ning from the bright-ness of night's death.
chains of bond - age: chan - nel to a life made new.
veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.
life e - ter - nal, drench our driv - ness: make us whole.

Call to Confession**Prayer of Confession**

**God, you show no partiality,
yet we are not always as tolerant and accepting.
Forgive our intolerance,
and help us to see as you see,
that we may be found acceptable in your sight
through Jesus our Christ. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Kyrie*You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy*

No. 437

Em D Em Am Em D Em
You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!

Am D C D Em C Em
You are the Christ, giv-er of mer-cy!

Em D G Am Em D E
You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!

Assurance of Pardon***Response***Crashing Waters at Creation (v.4)*

No. 476

*(See previous hymn)***Word****Prayer for Illumination**

Medora Hix

Scripture Reading

Matthew 3:13-17

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.****Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 42:1-19

The Message *Energy, Intelligence, Imagination, and Love* Paul Lang***Hymn***I Was There to Hear Your Burning Cry*

No. 488

***Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' 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.**

Time With Our Children

Jennifer Pierce

**ELDER AND DEACON
ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION
Cary Presbyterian Church
January 11, 2026 — Baptism of the Lord**

THE CALLING OF THE CHURCH

The Church is the body of Christ.

Christ gives to the Church all the gifts necessary to be his body.

**The Church strives to demonstrate these gifts in its life
as a community in the world.**

The Church is to be a community of faith,

**entrusting itself to God alone, even at the risk of losing
its life .**

The Church is to be a community of hope,

rejoicing in the sure and certain knowledge that, in Christ, God is making a new creation.

The Church is to be a community of love,
where sin is forgiven, reconciliation is accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down.

The Church is to be a community of witness,
pointing beyond itself through word and work to the good news of God's transforming grace in Christ Jesus its Lord.

With all Christians of the Church catholic,
we affirm that the Church is "one, holy, catholic, and apostolic."

Where Christ is, there is the true Church.
We affirm that, in the power of the Spirit, the Church is faithful to the mission of Christ as it proclaims and hears the Word of God, administers and receives the Sacraments, and nurtures a covenant community of disciples of Christ.

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION

We are all called into the church of Jesus Christ by baptism, and marked as Christ's own by the Holy Spirit. This is our common calling, to be disciples of Jesus Christ and servants of our servant Lord.

Within the community of the church, some are called to particular service as deacons, as ruling elders, and as ministers of Word and Sacrament.

Ordination is Christ's gift to the church, assuring that his ministry continues among us. Through ordination, God provides for acts of care and compassion in the world, for the ordering and governance of the church, and for the preaching of the word and celebration of the sacraments.

For Deacons and/or Ruling Elders to Be Ordained and Installed

Representing the one holy catholic and apostolic church, the session of Cary Presbyterian Church now ordains **John Harvey and Jenny Lundergan** to ministry as deacons, and ordains **Betsy Johnson and Mary Korkes** to ministry as ruling elders, and installs them to active service in this congregation.

For Deacons and/or Ruling Elders Previously Ordained, Now to Be Installed

The session also installs to active service those who have been previously ordained: deacons **Denise Peoples, Kevin Steidinger, and Sarah Troiano**; ruling elders **David Bohm, Holly Boswell, and Shane Pierce**.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

As God calls some to particular forms of ministry, God calls us all to bear gladly the yoke of Christ given in the covenant of Baptism.

Let us, therefore, reaffirm our baptismal vows, renouncing all that opposes God and God's rule and affirming the faith of the holy catholic church.

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.**

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.

Gracious and eternal God,
with joy we give you thanks and praise.

We praise you for leading your people Israel
through the waters of the sea,
out of bondage and into freedom
in the land of your promise.

We praise you for sending Jesus your Son,
who for us was baptized in the waters of the Jordan,
and was anointed as the Christ by your Holy Spirit.
Through the baptism of his death and resurrection
you set us free from the bondage of sin and death,
and give us cleansing and rebirth.

We praise you for pouring out your Holy Spirit,
who teaches us and leads us into all truth,
filling us with a variety of gifts,
that we might proclaim the gospel to all nations
and serve you as a royal priesthood.

We rejoice that you have claimed us in our baptism
and anointed us for service in Christ's name,
and that by your grace we are born anew.

By your Holy Spirit renew us,
that we may be empowered to do your will
and continue forever in the risen life of Christ,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all glory and honor, now and forever. **Amen.**

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy
Spirit. **Amen.**

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

In baptism,
you were claimed by the love of God,
clothed in the grace of Jesus Christ,
and anointed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit
to share Christ's mission in the world.

Now you are called by God through the voice of the church for new service and ministry in Jesus' name.

In accordance with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), show your commitment to this calling by responding to these questions:

Do you trust in the Lord Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? **I do.**

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you? **I do.**

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God? **I do and I will.**

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our Confessions? **I will.**

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit? **I will.**

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world? **I will.**

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church? **I do.**

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? **I will.**

For Deacons

Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will.**

For Ruling Elders

Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will.**

For the Congregation

Do we, the members of the church, accept

- † John Harvey
- † Jenny Lundergan
- † Denise Peoples
- † Kevin Steidinger
- † Sarah Troiano
- † David Bohm
- † Holly Boswell
- † Betsy Johnson
- † Mary Korkes
- † Shane Pierce

as ruling elders and deacons, 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.**

PRAYER OF ORDINATION [AND INSTALLATION]

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.

Gracious and eternal God,
with joy we give you thanks and praise.
Throughout the ages and in every place
you have chosen servants from among your people
to point the way to salvation by your grace.

We are grateful for ancestors in the faith
who followed without fear,
placing their trust in you alone—
for judges and monarchs
who ruled in righteousness and peace;
for prophets and apostles
who spoke your bold words of mercy and of truth;
for leaders and teachers in every age
who have nurtured your people in faith and faithfulness.

Above all, we praise you for Jesus Christ,
who came not to be served, but to serve,
and to give his life to set others free.

Anointed by your Holy Spirit,
he proclaimed your reign on earth,
revealing your saving love
in all he said and did.

Give these deacons and elders a spirit of truthfulness
that they may show the compassion of Christ
in the actions of daily living
and rightly govern your people.

By the gifts of your Holy Spirit
empower them to build up the church,
to strengthen the common life of your people,
and to lead with compassion and vision.

In the walk of faith and for the work of ministry,
give to all your servants gladness and strength,
discipline and hope,
humility, humor, and courage,
and an abiding sense of your presence.

Gracious God,
pour out your Spirit of power and truth
upon the whole church,
that we may be for you a holy people
baptized to serve you in the world.

Sustain your church in ministry.
Ground us in the gospel,
secure our hope in Christ,
strengthen our service to the outcast,
and increase our love for one another.

Show us the transforming power of your grace
in our life together,
that we may be effective servants of the gospel,
offering a compelling witness in the world
to the good news of Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION [AND INSTALLATION]

For Deacons and/or Ruling Elders

- † John Harvey
- † Jenny Lundergan
- † Denise Peoples
- † Kevin Steidinger
- † Sarah Troiano
- † David Bohm
- † Holly Boswell
- † Betsy Johnson
- † Mary Korkes
- † Shane Pierce

you are deacons and ruling elders,
ordained to ministries of service and governance
in the church of Jesus Christ
and for this congregation.

WELCOME

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY ORDAINED [AND/OR INSTALLED]

For Deacons and Ruling Elders

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Responding

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

The Lord Came Down to the River

Chancel Choir

Choplin

*When the Lord came down to the river to be baptized by John,
the Holy Spirit led the way. When he came up from the water,
he saw the heavens open wide as he heard a voice from heaven come to say:
"This is my Son in whom I am well pleased.
This is my Son who comes to follow me."*

*Then a dove from heaven came down and there was a glory all around.
And the Spirit led the way as the Lord began his ministry that day.
And as others come to the water to renew today. The Holy Spirit leads the way.
As we gather by the water, God's blessings shower down
and now the Holy Spirit seems to say:
This is my child in whom I am well pleased.
This is my child who comes to follow me.*

*And my Spirit will come down, my love and power will surround.
And I will lead the way as my child begins a life of faith today.
Now as others come to the water, and the Spirit leads the way.*

***Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 609
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known;
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Lord in your goodness: Hear our praise; Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

Prayer of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Sending

*Hymn

Here I Am Lord (vv. 1-2)

No. 69

Leader or All

G Am D G C G D

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em C Am7 D G

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

Am D G C G D

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em C Am7 C/G D D7

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

All G C G D G C G D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am7 G Am7 D G C G C

call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

*Blessing and Charge

*Response

*Here I Am, Lord (v. 3)
(See previous hymn)*

No. 69

*Postlude

Allegro in F Major

Walther

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

You are invited to share Christ's peace with those around you.

Today's Worship Service Participants

Ministers: Rev. Dr. Paul H. Lang, Rev. Paul Burgess

Music Director: Ed Yasick

Lay Reader: Medora Hix

Children's Time: Jen Pierce

Ushers: LeNelle Patrick, Ellen Govert,
Sonia Kennedy, Hal Drumheller

Tech: Ian Dunbar

Slides: TBD



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at CPC**

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**SIGNUP
CENTRAL**

This Week at Cary Presbyterian Church

Website and Online Member Directory: www.carypresbyterian.org

Sunday, January 11	9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Children's Faith Formation: K-5 th Grade (C. Ed. Wing) Middle School Faith Formation (Youth Rooms) Pastor's Class: <i>The Screwtape Letters</i> (FH Annex) Feasting on the Word Bible Study (Parlor) Sunday Worship Service (In Person & Online) CA Family Lunch (Fellowship Hall) Next Chapter Group (100) Youth Sunday Planning: MS/HS (Youth Rooms)
Monday, January 12	11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Abigail Circle (100) Staff Meeting (Parlor) GSA Troop 362 (Youth Area) BSA Troop 232G (Fellowship Hall) Cub Scout Pack 232 Den Meetings (C. Ed. Bldg.) Preschool Ministry Board (Zoom) Music & Worship Team (Parlor)
Tuesday, January 13	1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Williams Memorial Service/Reception (Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall) Christian Fellowship (Zoom) BSA Troop 232B (Youth Area)
Wednesday, January 14	10:00 a.m. 5:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Social Justice Ministry (Parlor) Duke MBSR Mindfulness Course (Youth Rooms) Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday, January 15	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Generosity Team (100) Music Group (100) Stephen Ministry (100/102/106)
Friday, January 16	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Courage, Strength, & Hope / Alateens (Youth) Al-Anon / Courage, Strength, & Hope (101/102)
Saturday, January 17		
Sunday, January 18	9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Children's Faith Formation: K-5 th Grade (C. Ed. Wing) Middle School Faith Formation (Youth Rooms) Pastor's Class: <i>The Screwtape Letters</i> (FH Annex) Feasting on the Word Bible Study (Parlor) Sunday Worship Service (In Person & Online) Oak City Cares Youth Lunch (Off-site)



Save the Date: ASP 2026
Our annual trip with Appalachia Service Project will be June 21-27, 2026.
Registration forms will go out in January and be due in mid-February.