

## PRAYERS for January 9, 2022 – The Baptism of the Lord

**Worship Assistant:** On this Sunday that we remember the Baptism of our Lord, let us praise the name of the Lord and pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

**Worship Assistant:** Gracious Lord, how can we ever thank You enough for bestowing on us the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son? We honor You and commit ourselves to Your guidance, Your power, and Your light. You are ours; we are Yours. You are our Father; we are Your children. You are our Shepherd; we are Your lambs. We are thankful for Your continued presence with us and our loved ones and for giving us Your grace and blessing us with Your peace.

**Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.**

**Worship Assistant:** Eternal God, day after day and year after year, Your loving eyes are on Your people. You grant us strength and the ability to perform our daily tasks and to meet the challenges that rise up to test us. Though we are not deserving of Your loving care, we cannot live without it. Help us continue to strive to be like You and to show love and kindness in our relationships with others. Send forth pastors to preach Your peace and bring us Your Good News. Keep them faithful to declare Your gracious reign in Christ.

**Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.**

**Worship Assistant:** Holy God, You revealed Your Son as He was baptized by John in the waters of the Jordan, and You anointed him with the power of the Holy Spirit. Sustain all Your baptized children with the joy of Your love, Your strength, and Your peace. Help us remember that we received an identity at our own baptism. Remind us every day of not only who we are, but of whose we are. We give You thanks for all the believers who have gone before us, especially all those who have been with us during holidays past and now live with You. Remind us of Your promise of resurrection and eternal life and bring us together with them at the coming of Your kingdom.

**Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.**

**Worship Assistant:** God of Might and Glory, let Your voice speak into the depths of our hearts and into the hearts of all those who are struggling. Grant healing, peace, patience, and faith that endures to all who suffer sickness in mind or body, to all who are homebound, and to any who ask for our prayers. Because of Your redeeming grace, we know we can approach You and call on You in prayer. We especially pray for all those who are on our prayer list and our families and friends whose names we speak aloud or say silently in our hearts.

**(Wait at least 15 seconds for names.) Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.**

**Worship Assistant:** Everlasting Father, as You reign as King forever, give grace to Your people. We pray today for our Word of God family as we elect new members of the Service Committee. Help both the new and the present members lead Your church to do Your work. Lord, guide all who administer and judge our laws in this land. Preserve us in justice and truth and make us faithful citizens, honoring those in authority over us. Wherever leaders reject Your calling to serve justly, are hostile to Your truth, or persecute Your people, turn them from their evil ways and protect Your church.

**Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**