

# Jazz Vespers online

from The Gayton Kirk

January 12, 2025

5 pm

Baptism of the Lord



“The Baptism of Jesus,” by Cara B. Hochhalter

## Music

The Gayton Kirk Jazz Trio  
- Joe Sarver, Bruce Sullivan, Ross Riddell -

## Welcome and Opening Prayer

Shelly Barrick Parsons

Holy Triune God, author of community,  
**come baptize us.**  
**Remind us what it means**  
**to belong to one another.**

God who tears the heavens, come baptize us.  
**Reveal to us your power**  
**that ushers in new realms.**

God who calls us beloved, come baptize us.  
**Declare to us your great delight**  
**and hold us in your pleasure.**

God of vulnerability, come baptize us.  
**Welcome us into the paradox**  
**of strength that comes from weakness.**

Together, let us remember this day.  
**In the Creator's love we are held,**  
**into Christ's body we are baptized,**  
**and by the Spirit's power, we are claimed.**  
**All glory to God. Amen.**

God of baptism,  
you emptied yourself of privilege  
to free us from supremacy.  
You were submerged in the depths  
so that we would not be alone in them.  
You were lifted from the waters  
so that all might be lifted up. **Amen.**

## Tonight's Theme

*Can you have hope for the past?*

Shelly Barrick Parsons

**Scripture**

Sally Wambold

Saving God, source of our calling,  
your Word is full of power and glory.  
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us  
so that we may receive your grace  
and live as your beloved children;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Isaiah 43: 1-7**

<sup>1</sup>But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. <sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup>For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. <sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup>Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; <sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— <sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**“Thanks Robert Frost”** by David Ray

Do you have hope for the future?  
someone asked Robert Frost, toward the end.

Yes, and even for the past, he replied,  
that it will turn out to have been all right  
for what it was, something we can accept,  
mistakes made by the selves we had to be,  
not able to be, perhaps, what we wished,  
or what looking back half the time it seems  
we could so easily have been, or ought...

The future, yes, and even for the past,  
that it will become something we can bear.

And I too, and my children, so I hope,  
will recall as not too heavy the tug  
of those albatrosses I sadly placed  
upon their tender necks. Hope for the past,  
yes, old Frost, your words provide that courage,  
and it brings strange peace that itself passes  
into past, easier to bear because  
you said it, rather casually, as snow  
went on falling in Vermont years ago.

# Holy Communion

The Rev. Dr. Shelly Barrick Parsons

*(Our communion bread is gluten free, and we use juice in lieu of wine. Those at home are encouraged to set aside bread or bread substitute and wine or wine substitute to join us for communion.)*

## Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

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

Blessed are you, O Lord our God:

You are our creator and redeemer.

Through the water you deliver us

and claim us as your beloved, your own.

Therefore we praise you, joining the song  
of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

**Holy, Holy, Holy**      Tune: Tracy Fedke, b. 1975 arr: Koiné

Ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of heav-en - ly hosts.

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Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na! —

Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na! —

Ho-san - na! — Bless-ed is he who comes! Bless-ed is he who comes!

— Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! —

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior:  
At his baptism by John in the Jordan,  
you poured out your Holy Spirit upon Jesus  
and revealed him to be your beloved Son.

Remembering your goodness and grace,  
we offer ourselves to you with gratitude  
as we share this joyful feast.

**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon this bread and cup;  
make us one in the body and blood  
of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Reshape our lives by your living Word  
and renew our hearts by your Holy Spirit  
so that we may follow you more faithfully.  
Through the Lord Jesus Christ,  
in the unity of the Spirit,  
we bless you, God of glory,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us now pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive  
our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **COMMUNION IS SHARED**

*After we receive the bread and the cup,  
let us hold the cup and drink together.*

## **Prayer After Communion**

We give you thanks and praise, O God,  
that you have fed us with your mercy  
and poured out your Spirit in this place.  
Continue to nourish and fill us each day,  
that we may live as your beloved people;  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Music**

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### **Closing Words**

Shelly Barrick Parsons

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## WORSHIP NOTES

~ Special thanks to the Rev. Dr. Shelly Barrick Parsons for leading our worship this evening ~

**COVER ART** "The Baptism of Jesus," by Cara B. Hochhalter

<https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/diglib-fulldisplay.pl?SID=20250105414980372&code=act&RC=59305&Row=24>

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**WORDS** "Thanks Robert Frost," by David Ray, from *Music of Time: Selected and New Poems*

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## **THE GAYTON KIRK WEEKLY CALENDAR**

### **SUNDAY JANUARY 12**

- 8:30 AM - Celtic Worship Service in-person and Zoom (*host, Marilyn Johns*)
- 11:00 AM - Worship Service in-person, live streaming, and on Zoom (*host, Marilyn Johns*)
- 5:00 PM - Jazz Vespers in-person, live streaming, and on Zoom (*host, Marilyn Johns*)
- 5:45 PM - Jazz Vespers Discussion - in person and Zoom (*host, Marilyn Johns*)
- 6:00 PM - Jazz Vespers Fellowship - in-person

### **MONDAY JANUARY 13**

- 11:00 AM - Coffee and Scripture - Zoom (*host, Marilyn Johns*)
- 1:30 PM - Creative Expressions - in-person (*led by Sandra O'Neill*)
- 3:00 PM - Women's Bible Study "Let Justice Roll Down" - in-person (*led by Deb Kuhn*)
- 6:30 PM - All Committees Night - on Zoom (*host, Marilyn Johns*)
- 7:00 PM - River City Players rehearsal

### **TUESDAY JANUARY 14**

- 11:55 AM - Kirktown Ukes - in-person (*led by Kay Cox and Tina Bechtle*)
- 1:00 PM - Bridge and Learn to Play Bridge - in-person (*Ellen Welthy and Tina Bechtle*)
- 6:00 PM - Theology on Tap - in-person at Rare Olde Times
- 7:00 PM - River City Players rehearsal

### **WEDNESDAY JANUARY 15**

- 9:45 AM - *Falling Upward* class - in-person (*led by Bland Weaver*)
- 12:30 PM - Midday Prayer Service (*in the spirit of Taize*) - in-person
- 5:30 PM - Tuckahoe Kiwanis Club - in-person
- 7:00 PM - River City Players rehearsal

### **THURSDAY JANUARY 16**

- 9:30 AM - Tai Chi - in-person (*led by Steve Sawyer*)
- 10:30 AM - Chair Yoga - in-person (*led by Robin Ricketts*)
- 7:30 PM - River City Players rehearsal

### **SATURDAY JANUARY 18**

- 5:00 PM - Memorial Service for Bob Chesnut

### **SUNDAY JANUARY 19**

- 8:30 AM - Celtic Worship Service in-person and Zoom (*host, Marilyn Johns*)
- 11:00 AM - Worship Service in-person, live streaming, and on Zoom (*host, Marilyn Johns*)
- 5:00 PM - Jazz Vespers in-person, live streaming, and on Zoom (*host, Marilyn Johns*)
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