



*I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."* Psalm 122:1

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
BAPTISM OF THE LORD — SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION · JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> · 11:00 AM

† Please stand - in body or spirit    Elder David Schooley, Worship Leader    Elder Derek Almarode, Temp Supply Pastor

**GATHERING** -----

*Prelude* . . . . . *In This Sweet Hour* . . . . . by John M. Easley  
*Westminster Chimes*  
*Welcome & Announcements* . . . . . David Schooley

**WE APPROACH GOD** -----

*Invocation* . . . . . David Schooley  
*Call to Worship* . . . . . David Schooley

Leader: In the beginning, at creation, the Spirit hovered over the waters of the deep.  
People: **In the waters of the flood, God cleansed the earth and humankind.**  
Leader: God caused the waters to part so that Israel could cross from slavery to liberation.  
People: **God formed Jesus in the waters of Mary's womb.**  
Leader: Jesus taught us how to live by washing his disciples' feet in water.  
People: **Drinking water from a well, Jesus met a Samaritan woman, the first person to recognize that he was Christ.**  
Leader: Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus the Christ.

† *Opening Hymn #438* . . . . . *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* . . . . . JOANN PENDLEY, ORGANIST  
† *Call to Confession* . . . . . David Schooley  
† *Prayer of Confession* . . . . . David Schooley

We confess, Glorious One, that we are quick to criticize what we don't understand and eager to judge what we can't fully comprehend.  
When you act in ways we do not expect, we are caught off guard & react with fear.  
We prefer to walk in familiar, easy paths and hesitant to follow when you give us new opportunities and new challenges. Forgive our timidity and lack of trust in you.  
Give us confidence in your power and love, so that we can find in you the courage we need to hear and to act when you call us to do new things.

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†*Moment of Silent Confession*

†*Assurance of Forgiveness* (Matthew 3:17). . . . . David Schooley  
*Special Music*. . . . . Julie Turner

**HEARING GOD'S WORD** -----

*Children's Sermon* . . . . . *Chosen for a Purpose* (Ephesians 1:3-14) . . . . . Derek Almarode  
*Prayer of Illumination* . . . . . Derek Almarode  
*Scripture Reading* - Romans 15:1-13 . . . . . Derek Almarode  
*Sermon*. . . . . *New Year, New Book* . . . . . Derek Almarode  
†*Hymn of Reflection* #460 . . . . . *Break Thou the Bread of Life* . . . . . JOANN PENDLEY, ORGANIST & PIANIST

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD** -----

†*Statement of Faith - The Apostle's Creed* . . . . . David Schooley  
*Joys & Concerns* . . . . . David Schooley

**SERVICE OF COMMUNION** -----

*Sacrament of Holy Communion*

Leader: The Lord be with you,  
People: **and also with you.**  
Leader: Lift up your hearts.  
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

*Response*

Leader: Great is the mystery of Faith:  
People: **Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.**

*Epiklesis, Intercession for the Church and the World and The Lord's Prayer*

*Words of Institution*

*Communion*

*Prayer After Communion*

**RECEPTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS** -----

*Offertory* . . . . . *More Love to Thee* . . . . . JOANN PENDLEY, ORGANIST & PIANIST  
†*Doxology* #606  
*Prayer of Dedication* . . . . . Derek Almarode  
*Amen* #601 . . . . . All

**SENDING** -----

*Closing Hymn* #610. . . . . *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* . . . . . JOANN PENDLEY, ORGANIST & PIANIST  
*Charge and Benediction* . . . . . Derek Almarode  
*Postlude* . . . . . *The Solid Rock* . . . . . by Tom Doran

JOANN PENDLEY, ORGANIST & PIANIST

# Today

## Communion — Baptism of the Lord

### Lydia's Trip to Peru

*Stay for lunch!!*

*Let's fellowship and enjoy Lydia's presentation about her adventures in Peru.*

## 2023 Bring a Friend to Church Campaign

*This year, it is our hope you will bring a friend to church!*

Share the love that is Christ Jesus with a friend, a neighbor, a family member or an acquaintance you feel led to invite to church. If they don't like inside church maybe they'll love worship at the chapel.

You don't know if you don't ask!

Katie McElveen would love to hear from you! If you'd like to send her a card or note, her home away from home is:

*Katie McElveen  
UVA Mother and Baby  
8th Central, Room 8139  
1215 Lee Street  
Charlottesville, VA 22903*

## Monthly Movie Night

*If you have any movie requests, please let the Almarodes or the Lees know.*

## Valentine's Service

*Sunday, February 12th.*

*Youth will be conducting the service & leading us in worship.*



Join us for Bible Study!  
Thursdays @ 6:30

ENGAGING GOD'S WORD  
A 30 Week Study on the Book of Acts

### Prayer Requests/Changes

If you have any changes, additions or updates to the Prayer List please contact:

Tammy Barbour @ 540-471-0450 or Ellen Fitzgerald @ 540-292-2914

To keep the Prayer List as up to date as possible, names will be removed from the list after eight weeks unless Tammy, Ellen or the Church Office has been notified otherwise.

1ST  
JANUARY

ATTENDANCE

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*the flowers today  
are given to the  
Glory of God*

*By*

*Tom & Tammy  
Barbour*

## ELDER ON CALL

Derek Almarode  
540-280-4940

## WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

*Estimated Weekly Budget*  
\$3,127.00

*Offering for Jan. 1st*  
\$3,742.00







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## *Lift in Prayer*

Bethel Leadership  
Our Bethel Church Family

Joyce Davis

Margaret Liptrap

Jane Law · John Pilson

Ashley Kellogg & Matt Cloonan

Ann Kellogg

Miah Miller & Family

Yvonne Goodson

McElveen & Johnson Families

David Strickler Family

Family of Virginia Ann Strickler

### *Sympathies & Condolences*

FAMILY & FRIENDS  
OF THE FOLLOWING:

Ava Ann Cloonan

Matt Koogler

Tracy Koogler

Shelby Fridley

Matt & Mark Harris  
(LOSS OF THEIR MOTHER)

## ELDERS

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Dave Schooley, *Clerk of Session, S&F Co-Chair*

Cindy Almarode, *Christian Education, Chair  
& Women of the Church, Moderator*

Derek Almarode, *Transition Chair, Temp. Supply Pastor*

Tammy Barbour, *Worship Chair*

Wade Cash, *Buildings & Grounds Chair,  
Chairmen of the Deacons*

Penny Lee, *Christian Outreach Chair*

Brian Lee, *Youth Chair*

Bob Olson, *Nominating Chair; Witness Chair*

Dale Thompson, *Personnel Committee*

Tim Turner, *Communications Chair*

Jill Webb, *Personnel Chair*

## DEACONS

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Ellen Fitzgerald · Charlie Johnson

Mitch Lathrop · Harleigh Lee

Katie McElveen · D.W. Miller

## TRUSTEES

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Guy D. Brooks · Bill Brubeck

Charlie Johnson · Billy Wade · James Williams

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on  
your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him,  
and He shall direct your paths. PROVERBS 3:5-6*

## CHURCH STAFF

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Adrienne Barker, *Secretary*

JoAnn Pendley, JoAnn Pendley, *Pianist, Organist  
Bell Choir and Choir*

Lois Stogdale, *Disbursing Treasurer*

Kay Thompson, *Receiving Treasurer*

John & Donna Bush, *Custodians*

Carol & Puggie Sprouse, *Custodians*