

# The Baptism of Christ

Jan. 12, 2025

11AM Worship

## Welcome to Seattle First Baptist Church. All are welcome.

*We gather on the unceded ancestral lands of the Coast Salish people, past and present. With gratitude, we honor the land itself and the legacy of the First People of Seattle, the Duwamish Tribe. May we remember that the oppression of Native peoples is not a relic of the past, but continues today. And may we, through God's Spirit, repent and walk forward together, changing systems that discriminate as we live into authentic diversity and healing.*

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*If it is comfortable, you are invited to stand.\**

Announcements Pastor Anita Peebles

Prelude Christian Broughton

“Prélude sur l’Introït de l’Épiphanie”

MAURICE DURUFLÉ

Gathering & Passing of the Peace Pastor Leigh Curl-Dove

**\*Hymn 22** LOBE DEN HERREN

“Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped”

Time with Children Pastor Anita Peebles

Scripture LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22 (NRSVUE) Dick Miller

As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also



had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

Reader: For the word of God in scripture,  
for the word of God among us, and for the word of God within us,

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Call to Giving

Joanne Wright

**\*Hymn 169**

WATER OF BAPTISM

“What Ruler Wades through Murky Streams”

Prayer

Pastor Anita Peebles

Anthem

“Wade in the Water”

Sanctuary Choir

SPIRITUAL *arr.* RUSSELL ROBINSON

Wade in the water, wade in the water.

Wade in the water, wade in the water, children.

Wade in the water; God’s gonna trouble the water.

Jordan’s river is chilly and cold; chills the body but not the soul.

If you get there before I do, tell my friends I’m coming too.

Scripture

ISAIAH 43:1-7 (ROBERT ALTER TRANSLATION)

And now, thus said the Lord,

your Creator, Jacob, and your Fashioner, Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name, you are Mine.

Should you pass through water, I am with you,

and through rivers—they shall not overwhelm you.

Should you walk through fire, you shall not be singed,

and flames shall not burn you.

For I am the Lord, your God,

Israel’s Holy One, your Rescuer.

I have made Egypt your ransom,

Nubia and Saba in your stead.

As you are precious in My eyes,

you are honored, and I love you.

And I put people in your stead

and nations instead of your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you.  
From the east I will bring your seed,  
and from the west I will gather you.  
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
and to the south, "Do not withhold.  
Bring my sons from afar  
and my daughters from the end of the earth,  
all who are called by My name  
and for My glory I created them,  
I fashioned them, yes, I made them"

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Sermon	"Without Condition"	Pastor Leigh Curl-Dove
<b>*Hymn 407</b>	"How Firm a Foundation"	FOUNDATION
Benediction		Pastor Leigh Curl-Dove
Postlude	"Wir Christenleut," BWV 612 J.S. BACH	Christian Broughton

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Children are a treasured part of our community. Please find a Worship Adventure Packet or a Busy Box at the tables in the foyer. Children are free to use these resources in the pews or in the Wiggle Room, a mostly soundproof room on the north end of the sanctuary where young worshippers and people who need to move around can see and hear the service.

*Every minor in the Wiggle Room must be attended by an adult.*

# THE 155TH ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING OF SEATTLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

*SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025 DIRECTLY AFTER WORSHIP*

The 155th Annual Business Meeting of Seattle First Baptist Church is scheduled for Sunday, January 26, 2025 following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to present the 2024 annual report and volunteer recognitions, to adopt the proposed 2025 budget and Dr. Rodney Romney Legacy Fund allocations, and to elect 2025 lay leaders. The proposed budget and slate of leaders have been published on our website. Printed annual meeting materials are also available by contacting the office.

If anyone has an additional nomination of someone, including themselves, to serve on the Council of Ministries, please secure their permission and contact Mike Zaugg, current Council President and Sue Ross, Nominations Chair, by emailing them at [president@seattlefirstbaptist.org](mailto:president@seattlefirstbaptist.org).

If you have any questions about the annual meeting, please contact SFBC President Michael Zaugg at [president@seattlefirstbaptist.org](mailto:president@seattlefirstbaptist.org).

Copies of the Proposed 2025 SFBC budget and Nominations for the Council of Ministries are available on the welcome tables in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall. They are also available on the website under the “Governance” section.

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