



First Congregational Church

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Baptism of the Lord

First Sunday after Epiphany

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09 January 2022



*Enter with a spirit of preparation as we gather ourselves for worship*

**Prelude:** "Traumerei" Robert Schumann

## Welcome and Announcements

**Introit:** "O God Our Help in Ages Past"

O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home!

## Call to Worship

\* **Hymn:** "Arise Your Light Is Come" **P. 7**

\* **Responsive Reading:** (Isaiah 60: 1-5)

**ONE:** Arise! Shine! Your light has come; the Lord's glory has shone upon you.

**ALL:** Though darkness covers the earth and gloom the nations,  
the Lord will shine upon you;

**ONE:** God's glory will appear over you.

**ALL:** Nations will come to your light and rulers to your dawning radiance.

**ONE:** Lift up your eyes and look all around: they are all gathered;  
they have come to you.

**ALL:** Your children will come from far away, and your offspring on caregivers' hips.

ONE: Then you will see and be radiant; your heart will tremble and open wide,

**ALL: because the sea's abundance will be turned over to you; the nations' wealth will come to you.**

**First Reading:** Psalm 29

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the Lord the glory of the Lord's name;  
worship the Lord in holy splendor.

<sup>3</sup> The voice of the Lord is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the Lord, over mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup> The voice of the Lord is powerful;  
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

<sup>5</sup> The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

<sup>6</sup> The Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

<sup>7</sup> The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

<sup>8</sup> The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

<sup>9</sup> The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,  
and strips the forest bare;  
and in the temple all say, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup> The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

<sup>11</sup> May the Lord give strength to the people!  
May the Lord bless the people with peace!



## Prayer Response

### **Second Reading:** Luke 3:15-22

<sup>15</sup> The people were filled with expectation, and everyone wondered whether John might be the Christ. <sup>16</sup> John replied to them all, "I baptize you with water, but the one who is more powerful than me is coming. I'm not worthy to loosen the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> The shovel he uses to sift the wheat from the husks is in his hands. He will clean out his threshing area and bring the wheat into his barn. But he will burn the husks with a fire that can't be put out." <sup>18</sup> With many other words John appealed to them, proclaiming good news to the people.

<sup>19</sup> But Herod the ruler had been criticized harshly by John because of Herodias, Herod's brother's wife, and because of all the evil he had done. <sup>20</sup> He added this to the list of his evil deeds: he locked John up in prison.

<sup>21</sup> When everyone was being baptized, Jesus also was baptized. While he was praying, heaven was opened <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit came down on him in bodily form like a dove. And there was a voice from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness."

**Sermon:** "Burnt Bread with Ample Husk"  
Rev. Jacob L. Poindexter

\* **Hymn:** "The Baptist Shouts on Jordan's Shore" **P. 9**

\* **Benediction**

\*Benediction Response: "Go Forth, O People of God"

Go forth, O peo-ple of God; go forth, O peo-ple of God!

A new law, and a new prom-ise, all cre - a - tion is re - born.

Go forth, O peo-ple of God; go forth, O peo-ple of God!

The image shows a musical score for a benediction response. It consists of three staves of music in a 6/8 time signature with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line of music corresponds to the first line of lyrics, the second line to the second, and the third line to the third. The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for congregational singing.

Postlude: "Elegie" Jules Massenet

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## News from the Pews

- ☆ **Outreach Meeting**—Today, after worship
- ☆ **Degreening the church**—Today after worship
- ☆ **Lectio Divina**—Tuesdays at 10am (Zoom)
- ☆ **Stewardship Meeting**—Tuesday, Jan 11 at 5pm (Zoom)
- ☆ **Handbell Rehearsal**—Wednesdays at 5:15pm
- ☆ **Choir Rehearsal**—Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
- ☆ **Fellowship Meeting**—Thursday, Jan 13 at 4pm
- ☆ **Memorial Service for Brenda Post**—Saturday, Jan 15 at 2pm

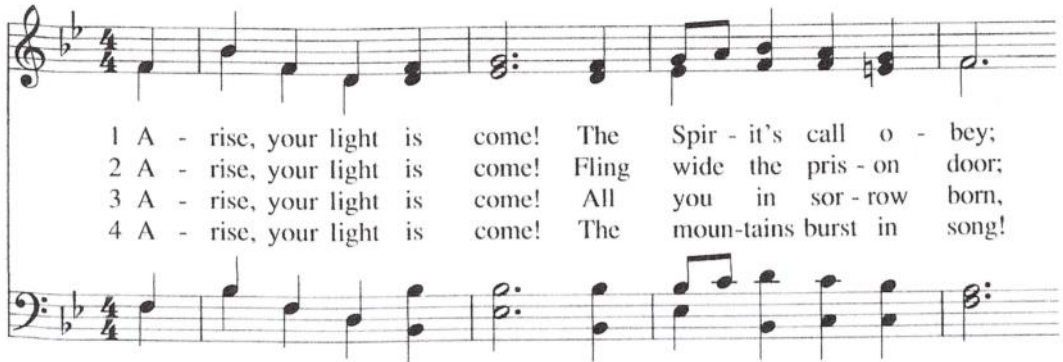


**Special Congregational Meeting**—On January 30, 2022 Moderator Paul Wasko will convene a special meeting of the congregation for the purpose of identifying and confirming a formal search committee to begin the work of finding our next settled minister. Plan to attend, in person or via the Gathering Room on Zoom.

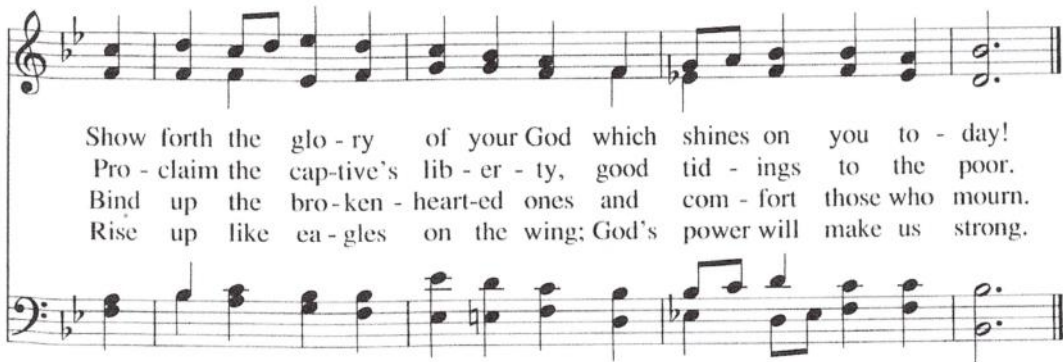
# Arise, Your Light Is Come

Isa. 60:1; 61:1-2; Luke 4:14-21

Ruth Duck, 1973



1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,  
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song!



Show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day!  
Pro - claim the cap-tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.  
Bind up the bro-ken - heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

*This hymn was first published by the Ecumenical Women's Center of Chicago in the 1974 collection of hymn adaptations, Because We Are One People. Ruth Duck later included it in her own collection, Dancing in the Universe.*

Tune: FESTAL SONG S.M.  
William Walter, 1872

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# What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

Capo 2: (C) (Am) (G) (C) (F) (C) (G) (C) (F) (C)  
 D Bm A D G D A D G D

1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more love - ly  
 2 'Tis now ful - filled what God de - creed, "From Ja - cob  
 3 While out - ward signs the star dis - plays, an in - ward  
 4 O Je - sus, while the star of grace im - pels us

(G) (C) (F) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G) (C)  
 A D G D A Bm E7 A D

than the noon - day light? 'Tis sent to an - nounce a  
 shall a star pro - ceed"; and lo! the east - ern  
 light the Lord con - veys and urg - es them, with  
 on to seek your face, let not our sloth - ful

(F) (C) (Dm) (G) (C) (G) (C) (F) (G) (C)  
 G D Em A D A D G A D

new - born king, glad ti - dings of our God to bring.  
 sa - ges stand to read in heaven the Lord's com - mand.  
 ten - der might, to seek the giv - er of the light.  
 hearts re - fuse the guid - ance of your light to use.

TEXT: Charles Coffin, 1736; trans. John Chandler, 1837, alt.

MUSIC: Trier ms., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609; harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1910

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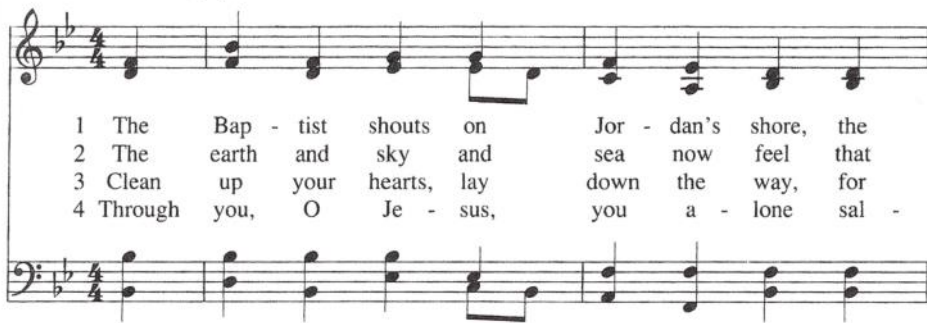
# The Baptist Shouts on Jordan's Shore

Charles Coffin, 1736

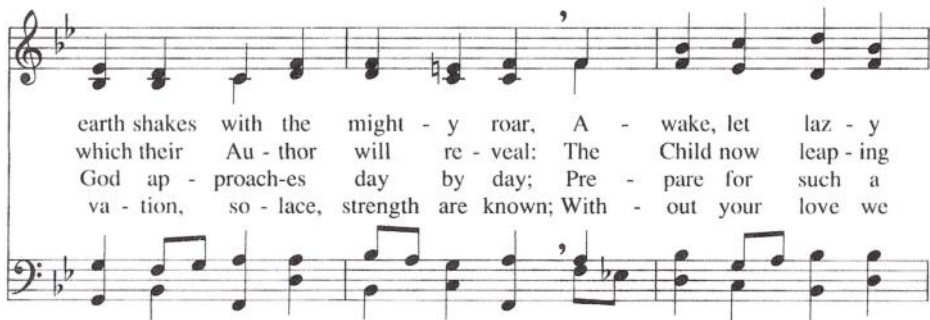
Transl. The New Century Hymnal, 1993

John 1:6-8, 19-28; Mark 1:1-8;

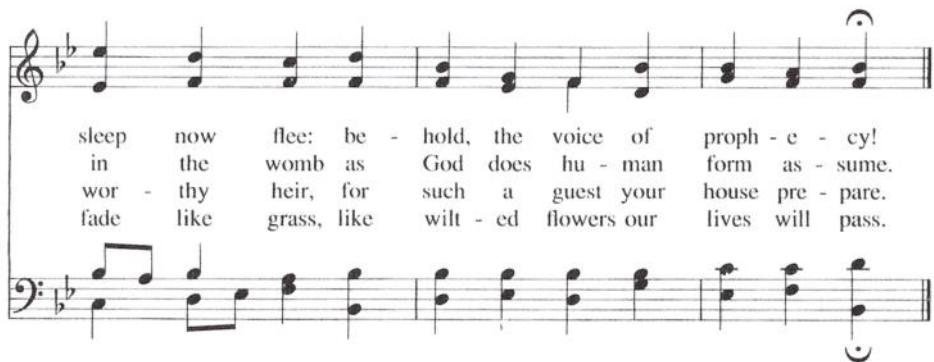
Luke 3:2-6, 15-18; Matt. 3:1-6, 11-12



1 The Bap - tist shouts on Jor - dan's shore, the  
2 The earth and sky and sea now feel that  
3 Clean up your hearts, lay down the way, for  
4 Through you, O Je - sus, you a - lone sal -



earth shakes with the might - y roar, A - wake, let laz - y  
which their Au - thor will re - veal: The Child now leap - ing  
God ap - proach-es day by day; Pre - pare for such a  
va - tion, so - lace, strength are known; With - out your love we



sleep now flee: be - hold, the voice of proph - e - cy!  
in the womb as God does hu - man form as - sume.  
wor - thy heir, for such a guest your house pre - pare.  
fade like grass, like wilt - ed flowers our lives will pass.

5 Your hands ex-tend, our pain em-brace,  
lift up the pros-trate, show your face;  
Though we in part your beau-ty know,  
O blos-som forth, your splen-dor show.

6 O One who comes to set us free,  
O Child, to you our song will be,  
With Fa-ther, Spir-it moth-er-ing,  
to you shall praise for-ev-er ring!

Charles Coffin, distinguished scholar and Latin author, was rector of the University of Paris for a time. The hymn, appearing here in a new translation, is from a breviary ordered by the archbishop of Paris to replace ancient Latin hymns with newer ones.

Tune: WINCHESTER NEW L.M.  
Musikalisches Handbuch, Hamburg, 1690

New Prayer Concerns

Friends & family of Celeste May, aunt of Harry Kachline

Macrina Sudbeck, mother of Aimée Sudbeck

Friends & family of Linn Schmidt

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Scott McClure

Bob Reupke

George White

Ann & Steve Hutchings

Carolyn Rinehart

Cathy White

Willy Templeton

Fermen Dillon

Julie, cousin of Claudia Kniefel

Ina, friend of Claudia Kniefel

Casey Graff, grandniece of Marilyn Lee

Jarden Jones, brother of Cathy White

Jeannie, family of Elisabeth & Harry Kachline

Pastor Deanna, family friend of Caroline Valentine

Sally & Tom, friends of Elisabeth & Harry Kachline

Tim Griffith, friend of Elisabeth & Harry Kachline

Elizabeth Amber; family of Jenna & Nathan Amber

Irene Stewart

Steve McKean

Christina Pike, daughter of Vivian Pike

Stan Parker; brother of Lori Wasko

John Allen

Roger Meyer; brother of Cindi Crawford

Ron Broome

Elisabeth Kachline

Mary Anne's mother; friend of Elisabeth & Harry Kachline

Margaret Webber; friend of Barbara Bowerman & Pam Wright

Joe's daughter; friend of Elisabeth & Harry Kachline

Barbara May; great grandma of Reagan & Avery Binek

Alice Butler; mother of Jane vonBirgelen

Nicole Johnson; niece of Eric Johnson & Marilyn Lee

Jacob Kreuzenstein; grandson of Peggy Kreuzenstein

Family of Ian White; Director, Crow Creek Pipe & Drum

Wayne Pratt; brother of Sharon Higgins

Lillian Soth; grandchild of Jeanette & Fermen Dillon

Deaths

Cheryl Burnett, cousin of Susan Faith

Deloise Odom, friend of Susan Faith






Carol Moss, step mother of Marcie Errico

Tina Severance, sister of Toni Reupke

For all the teachers, aides, staff, & volunteers who educate our children; for the first responders, those serving in the military, and those that serve our community in a variety of ways; for the peacekeepers and public servants; for those in our community who are in need and those struggling in different ways; for the people with whom we are in conflict, we pray.

# First Congregational Church of Anchorage

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<p><b>Senior Minister</b> Rev. Jacob L. Poindexter 907.272.8363—jacobp@fccak.org</p>	<p><b>Sunday Volunteers</b> Deacon Serving: Erin Binek Usher Team: Kate O'Dell &amp; Susan Faith Greeting: Jeanette Dillon Liturgist: Mark Zimmerman Audio/Video Tech: Kathy Means Guest Accompanist: Marilyn Lee Fellowship Hour:</p>
<p><b>Music Ministry</b> Caroline Valentine Organist and Director, Northern Lights Ringers Lori Parker Wasko Director, Chancel Choir</p>	
<p>Krystal Poindexter Administrative Assistant 907.272.8363—office@fccak.org <b>Position Open</b> Church Custodian/Sexton Julie McClure Wedding Coordinator</p>	
<p>This week's Communion Table flowers are given by Deb &amp; Dennis Stauffer, for a HEALTHY 2022!</p> <p>Flowers provided by Evalyn's Floral</p>	
<p><b>Connect—Get Involved—Share a Prayer Request</b> Fill out one of the connect cards located in the back of the pew in front of you and drop it in the offering plate.</p>	<p>Scan the QR Code to receive news and updates from FCC Anchorage in your inbox.</p> 
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## January 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship: Degreening the Church 11:45am Outreach Mtg	10	11 10am Lectio Divina 5pm Stewardship Mtg	12 5:15pm Handbell Rehearsal 6:30pm Choir	13 10am Soup Group 4pm Fellowship Mtg	14	15 9am Organist 2pm A Memorial Service for Brenda Post
16 Communion 10:30am Worship & Sunday School 11:30am Fellowship 11:45am Council Mtg	17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	18 10am Lectio Divina	19 5:15pm Handbell Rehearsal 6:30pm Choir	20 10am Soup Group 7pm Worship Mtg	21 5pm A Memorial Service for Tina Severance (Peretti)	22 9am Organist
23 10:30am Worship & Sunday School 11:30am Fellowship	24	25 10am Lectio Divina	26 5:15pm Handbell Rehearsal 6:30pm Choir	27 10am Soup Group	28	29 9am Organist
30 Special Congregational Meeting 10:30am Worship & Sunday School 11:30am Fellowship	31	Feb 1 First Day of Black History Month 10am Lectio Divina	2 5:15pm Handbell Rehearsal 6:30pm Choir	3 10am Soup Group 6:30pm Investment Club	4	5 9am Organist