

*Our Mission:  
Love God  
Love Others  
Make Disciples*



*Our Vision:  
Be the hands  
and feet  
of Christ*

**Northgate United Methodist Church**

**January 9, 2022**

**Epiphany/Baptism of the Lord**

**Sermon Series: Love Never Ends: Being the Body of Christ (Week 1 of 8)**

**Sermon: Well Pleased**

Prelude

Greeting & Announcements

NOTE: † Congregation, please stand as you are able.

**Bold: Congregation, please respond together.**

†Call to Worship

The Father's voice bears witness to the Son.

**God has shown himself to us.**

The Son bows his head beneath the waters of the Jordan.

**God has shown himself to us.**

Christ submits to John's baptism and frees us from slavery.

**God has shown himself to us.**

God's love is seen to the end of the world.

**God has shown himself to us.**

†Opening Prayer

O God of all creation, you came into the world that we might know love and new life. Pour your Spirit on your church, that it may fulfill Christ's command to live the gospel everywhere; that the proclamation of the good news might be heard throughout the earth. Reassure us, that we are your beloved people. Defend us against all evil and temptation. Give us grace to bear faithful witness to you. Give us love, keep us in constant prayer, empower us for the service of love. **AMEN.**

†Opening Hymn

*When We All Get to Heaven*

UMH 701, v. 1 and 4

Concerns of the Community

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. AMEN.**

‡Hymn

*Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*

UMH 703, v. 1 and 4

‡Affirmation of Faith

“The Apostles’ Creed”

UMH 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

Young Disciples’ Time

Jay Marsh

Anthem

*We Three Kings*

Choir

‡Scripture

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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 thong 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."

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Well Pleased"

Pastor Jennifer

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

‡Closing Hymn

*Soon and Very Soon*

UMH 706

‡ Benediction

‡ Choral Response

*Freely, Freely*

**He said, "Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give.  
Go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live."**

‡ Postlude

Today's Worship Leaders

Preacher..... Rev. Jennifer Kilpatrick

Liturgist ..... Gail Blythe

Music Director ..... David Forbus

Accompanist..... Laura Benton

A/V Team ..... Cary Marsalis, Jay Marsh



***Traditional Worship Service in-person or online at 10:45 a.m.***

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### **Upcoming Worship Services**

**January 16, 2022**

Second Sunday after Epiphany  
Continue 8-part Advent Sermon Series

**Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

**Sermon title:** Varieties of Gifts

**Sermon series:** Love Never Ends:

Being the Body of Christ  
(week two of eight)