

PRAY EVERY DAY January 9, 2022 Resource

Psalm Praise from Psalm 29:3-4 (NRSV)

The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over the mighty waters.
The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

The Bishop Sharma Lewis Read the Bible in 2022 Challenge (One Year Bible Reading Plan)

You may find this plan on the Virginia Annual Conference website <https://vaumc.org> or pick up a copy of the reading plan at KUMC.

The Bible in a Year with KUMC

This plan is available at KUMC and on the church website. This plan can be started at anytime.

Small Group or personal study

- Read Luke 3:15-22
- What was your furthest moment from God this week?
- What was your closest moment to God this week?
- The beginning of Jesus' public ministry is marked by his baptism in Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In Luke's telling of the baptism of Jesus, John's participation is minimized by his imprisonment and God's activity is emphasized. John was there, John did baptize Jesus, but the emphasis in Luke is on God's action. For Christians baptized today, there is usually a pastor and congregation present and taking part (wonderfully so), and God is present and bringing grace. If you have been baptized, what is the story of how you were baptized? How was God working? How were people sharing the grace of Jesus with you? Share that story with someone.
- After being baptized, Jesus was praying. It was during that prayer time at baptism the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus and the voice of the Father came from heaven. Jesus didn't take one step from baptism on his own. Jesus waited in prayer for the Spirit and Father before going forward and the next times we see Jesus moving he was directed or empowered by the Spirit (Luke 4:1, 14). When do you pray? Do you first pray when things get tough or do you begin with prayer and with God?
- At Jesus' baptism the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus like a dove and the voice from heaven said, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased" (v. 22, NRSV).

Spend time in silence

Prayer for others and yourself

The Lord's Prayer

Share the Love of Jesus because It's All about Relationships

How will you or how did you share the love of Jesus with neighbor today with no strings attached? Write it down and share it this week in small group for support and prayer.

Psalm Blessing from Psalm 29:10-11 (NRSV)

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.
May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!