



2022 Church Conference AGENDA

WELCOME	Pastor
CALL TO ORDER	DS/Presiding Elder
OPENING PRAYER	Lay Leader
HYMN "Spirit Song"	UMH #347
SCRIPTURE Matthew 3:13-17	Lay Leader

MESSAGE DS/Presiding Elder
"Our identity as the church grows out of this grounding in Jesus' baptism. For 2000 years, we have been rooted in Christ while finding ways to live out our faith in the Christian community. While disconnected and isolated these past few years, we witnessed the power of connection in new ways. Through Zoom, online worship, missions, acts of compassion, and opportunities for social justice, the connection has held strong." – Bishop John L. Hopkins

HOLY CONFERENCING

- What do you remember from your baptism?
- How do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and serve him as your Lord?
- What is Jesus calling you to do in this new year?

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

The New Testament records that Jesus was baptized by John, and he commanded his disciples to teach and baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:19). Baptism is grounded in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and involves dying to sin, newness of life, union with Christ, receiving the Holy Spirit, and incorporation into Christ's church.

Let us Pray - Pour out your Holy Spirit, and by this gift of water call to our remembrance the grace declared to us in our baptism. For you have washed away our sins, and you clothe us with righteousness throughout our lives, that dying and rising with Christ we may share in his final victory.

People: All praise to you, eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.

(Members of the congregation may be invited to touch the water and, if desired, touch their foreheads with a moistened finger)

Remember your baptism and be thankful. **AMEN.**

HYMN (Selected by the church)

VITALITY REPORT by Vital Congregations DS/Presiding Elder
(Churches' spiritual and financial vitality over several years based on their statistical report)

BUSINESS:

- Leadership Nominations and Election
- Clergy Compensation
- Ministry Recommendations
- Lay Servant Reports
- Additional Business

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

Pastor