

For Prayer & Contemplation

'Local churches, ministers, and laity alike need to be prodded, for we domesticate God's word too soon. Lacking the vigor to deal with big problems, we allow ourselves to be mesmerized by little ones.'

--William Sloane Coffin

Welcome & Sharing Information

Prelude "Baptized in Water" - arr. Callahan

Call to Worship

One: All who thirst, come to the water
and drink deeply of these living streams.
Come, all who are weary;
come, all who yearn for forgiveness.

All: **We come,**
thirsty,
weary,
yearning for more,
knowing that in Christ our needs are met.

One: Let us open ourselves to Christ's grace and love.

All: **Let us worship God.**

*Hymn No. 408 "There's A Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Prayer of Confession (From the Book of Common Worship)

Merciful God,
in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,
making us part of the body of Christ.

We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,
separated from sisters and brothers in Christ.

We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,
and show reluctance to welcome one another;
we allow the past to hold us hostage.

In your loving kindness, have mercy on us,
and free us from sin.

Remind us of the promises you make in baptism
so that we may rise to new life,
and live together in grace.

Moment of Silence

Words of Assurance (Adapted from John 15:1-8)

One: God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth!
Believe the good news and give thanks;
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

*Hymn No. 581 "Glory Be to the Father"

"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen, amen."

*Passing of Peace

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Anthem "In the Bleak Midwinter" - Holst

Linda Richardson, handbells

Time with Children

Scripture

1st Reading: *Isaiah 43:1-7*

Old Testament PG 672, Large Print 822

2nd Reading: *Luke 3:15-22*

New Testament PG 60, Large Print 73

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon "Baptized by Fire" - Rev. Drew Harrison

*Affirmation of Faith (Apostle's Creed)

I believe in God, the Father, almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living 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.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

*Doxology No. 606 "Praise God...All Blessings Flow"

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all
creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen."

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, your gifts are more than we deserve. We give
you our thanks as we offer up our gifts. Accept them, bless
them, and let them serve your kingdom as we do. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Chic, Alyssa, Denise, Patrick, the family of Martha, Erin, Rhett,
Rachel, Jamie, Ron, the family of Sandra, Meg, Heather, Joanna,
Dorothy, Sara, Jim, David, Ted, William, Mimi, Rachael, Laura,
Phyllis, Aaron, Nic, Douglas

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 debts as
we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but
deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.

*Hymn No. 475 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

*Benediction

*Benediction Hymn No. 853 "We Are Marching...Light of God"

“We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching...oo OO we are marching in the light of God. We are marching...oo OO we are marching in the light of God.”

Postlude “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” - arr. Hobby

***** **Please stand as you are able.** *****



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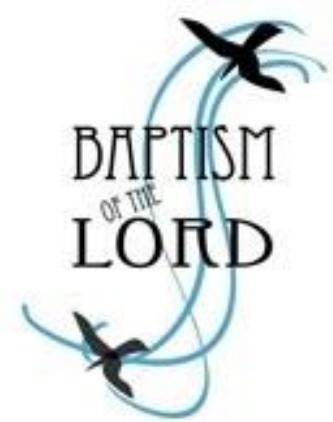
<i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i>
Liturgist Susan Burkart

<i>This Week’s Calendar</i> January 9-16	
<i>Sunday</i> January 9	10 AM Worship Service – Sanctuary/Livestreaming
<i>Monday</i> January 10	7 PM Property Committee – Agape Room
<i>Tuesday</i> January 11	6:30 PM Girl Scouts – Social Hall 7 PM Invitation & Outreach
<i>Wednesday</i> January 12	6:30 PM Sparrow Chorale – Music Room
<i>Thursday</i> January 13	
<i>Friday</i> January 14	7 PM Theology on Tap
<i>Saturday</i> January 15	9:30 PW Grace Circle
<i>Sunday</i> January 16	10 AM Worship Service – Sanctuary/Livestreaming



Music Notes

Today’s prelude is Charles Callahan’s 1993 setting of the hymn tune “Bunessan,” a Gaelic melody which was first published in 1888. The postlude Robert Hobby’s 2000 arrangement of an American folk hymn called “Nettleton,” which made its first appearance in a shape note hymnal published in Harrisburg in 1813. We thank Linda Richardson for sharing special music with us this morning.



10 AM Worship Service
 January 9, 2022
 Baptism of the Lord
 Rev. Drew Harrison