

Baptism of Our Lord

Sunday, January 9, 2022

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you and one another.

We have turned our faces away when you did not appear as we expected.

We have rejected your word when it made us feel uncomfortable.

We have failed to show hospitality to those we should have welcomed.

Accept our repentance for what we have done and left undone.

For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

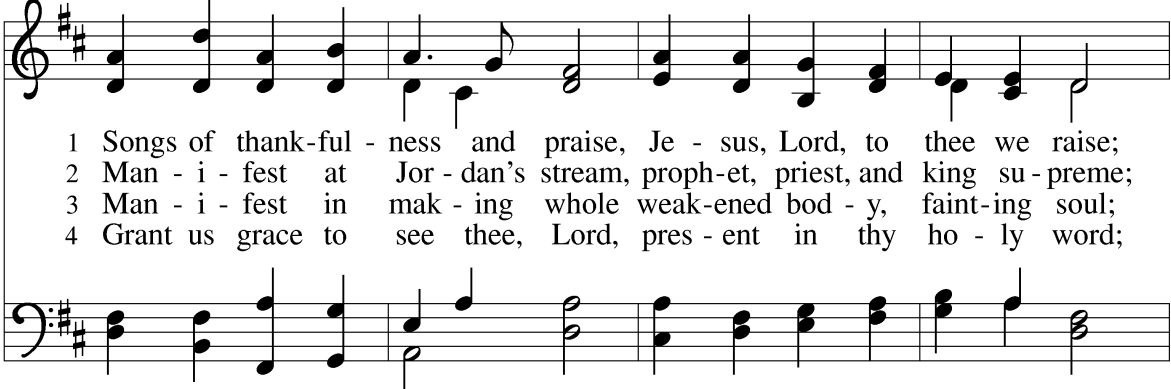
Forgive us and lead us, that we may reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

Rejoice in this good news:

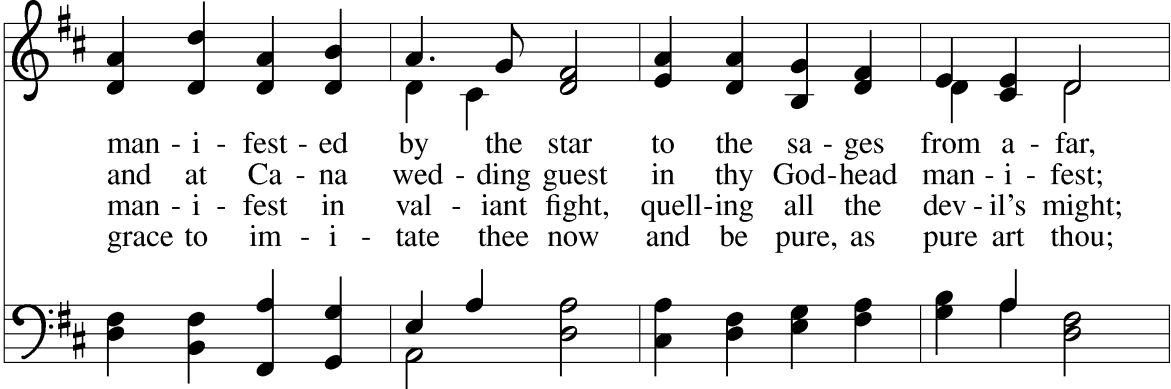
In Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven, and you have the promise of eternal life.

Live and love as children of God. **Amen.**

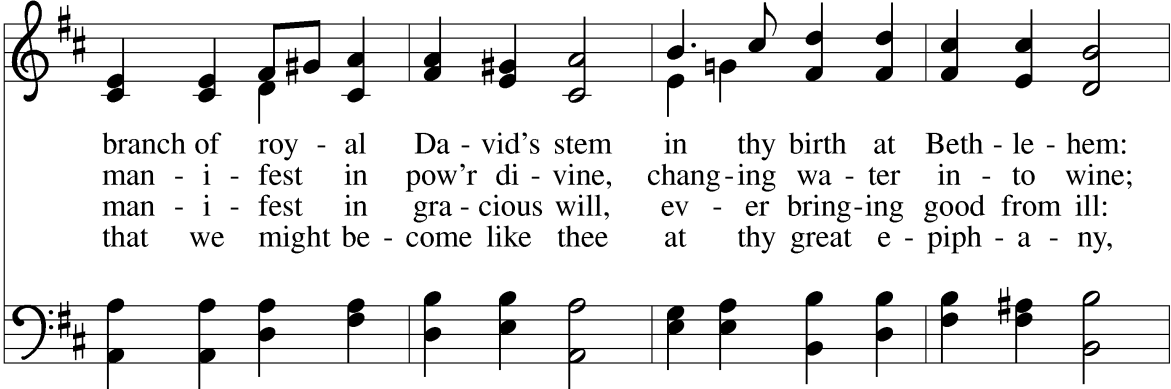
GATHERING HYMN “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint-ing soul;
4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

A Reading from Isaiah

¹But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.

⁵Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;

⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—

⁷everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made." (Isaiah 43:1-7)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29 (read responsively)

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

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

**The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

**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!

A Reading from Acts

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. (Acts 8:14-17)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Optional Repeat*

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John 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. ¹⁷His 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.”

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and 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.” (Luke 3:15-17, 21-22)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Baptized in Water”
[See back of bulletin]

THE NICENE CREED (Read in Unison)

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified,
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance, so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

A brief silence.

You call us to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Inspire your faithful people so that everyone may know they are precious in your sight.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You reveal your love for humanity through water and the Spirit. Help us to provide clean water for all people and protect the land from drought and flood.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Raise up world leaders who will defend vulnerable, marginated people, and strengthen all who fight for the sake of mercy and justice.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Remind us that you are with us always, in our joys and in our sorrows. Comfort everyone on our prayer list and all who suffer. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We are joined in baptism to Christ and to one another. Help us to be faithful in our fellowship, worship, evangelism, and service to others.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You created each of us in your image and likeness. We give you thanks for your gift of faith and for those you have welcomed into your eternal embrace.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

(The Pastor concludes): Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

OFFERTORY HYMN "As the Grains of Wheat"

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. **Amen.**

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

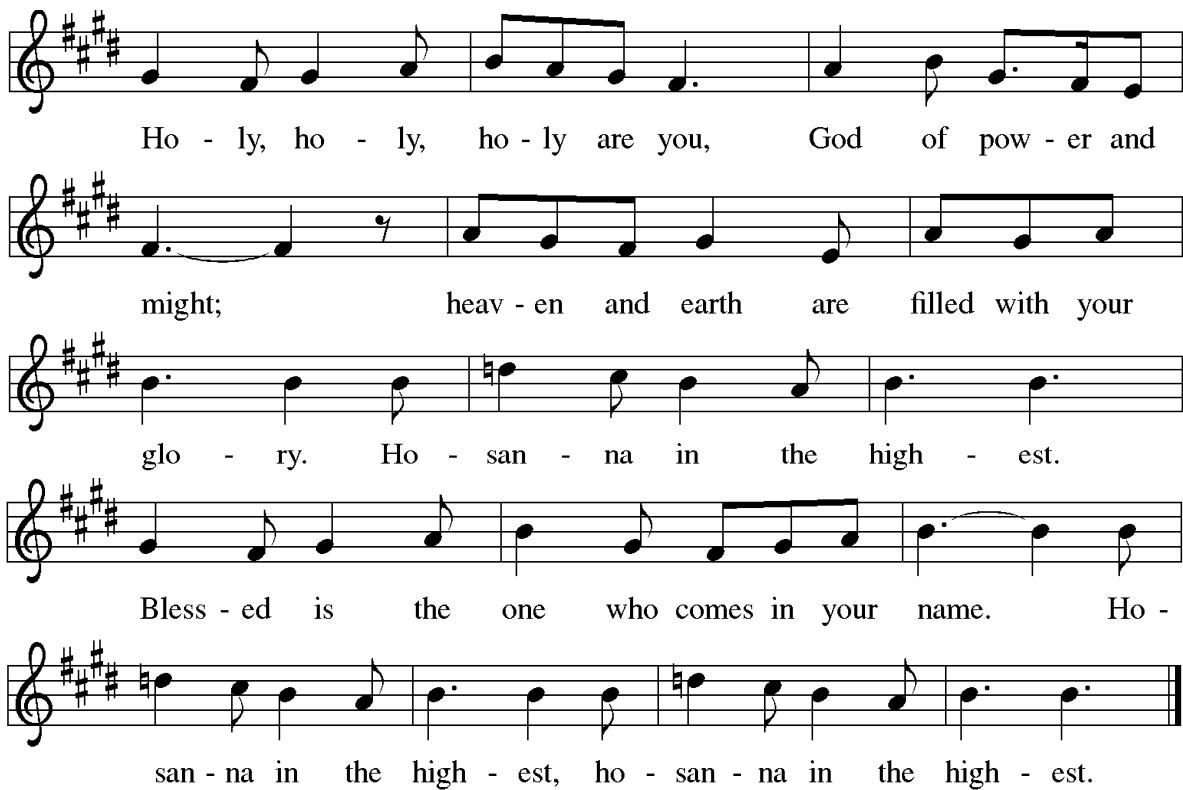
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world, you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Read in Unison)

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

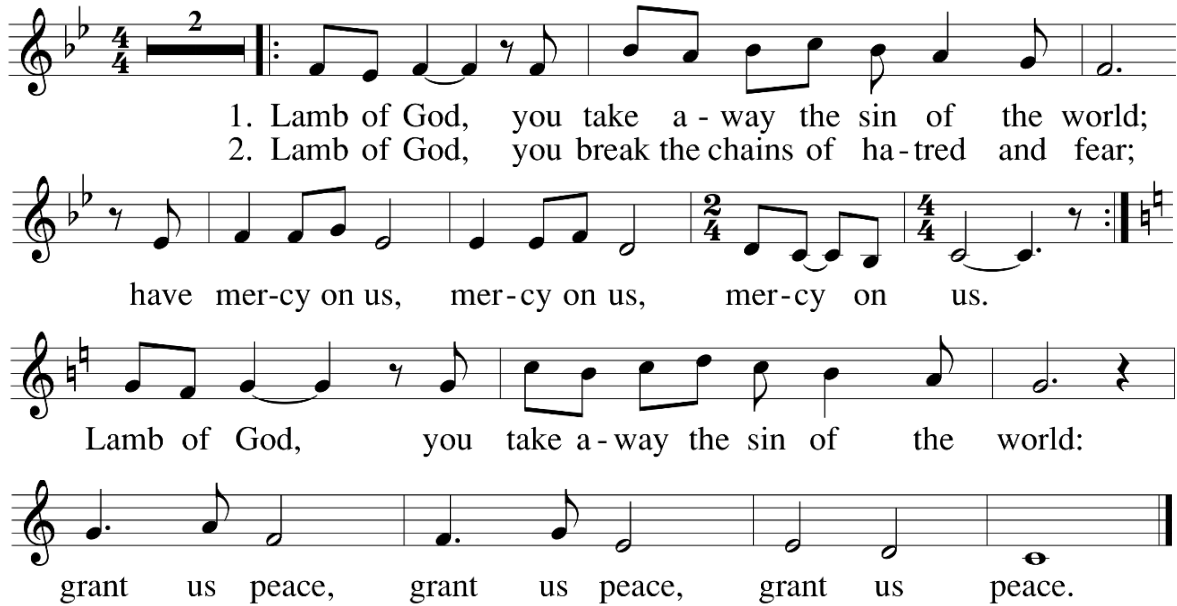
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to God's table. There is heavenly food enough for all.

INSTRUCTIONS

All who are baptized and seek forgiveness of their sins and the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, are welcomed to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please move into the center aisle when instructed to do so. When you stand before the Pastor, please open your hand to receive a wafer of bread, and then move toward the Communion Assistant to dip the tip of the wafer into the chalice of wine. After you have consumed the Sacrament, you may return to your seat by the side aisle. Those who are unable to come forward may receive the Sacrament as they sit in their pews. If you would like to receive a blessing rather than the Sacrament, please come forward and say, "A blessing."

AGNUS DEI



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear;

have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:

grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN “Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart” [See back of bulletin]

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, gracious God, for you have blessed us abundantly. Send us to bring good news and proclaim your favor to all, as you continue to strengthen us by your mercy and grace, through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

May our triune God, One God, who is the Father, and the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless your going out and your coming in, now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
joy like seed and, all our days, to
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
share a dream and help the blind to see.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

THE DISMISSAL

Go with Christ into our weary world. Share God's good news!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Introduction to the Day: Today's festival rejoices in God's blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.

STiC MEETING TODAY

STiC is having an important meeting today, Sunday, January 9, at 9:30 a.m. upstairs. We will be coordinating plants for our homebound folks and working toward a summer concert to support our animal rescue centers.

OUR NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL

We will continue to host a Sunday School for children every second Sunday of the month. Children ages 1-10 are invited to join us during the 10:30 a.m. service **TODAY** for Bible stories, crafts, a snack, fun, and fellowship. Come upstairs!

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, January 9	8:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:30 AM	STiC
	10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:30 AM	Sunday School
Monday, January 10	6:30 PM	Finance
Wednesday, January 12	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Saturday, January 15	5:30 PM	Worship
Sunday, January 16	8:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion

SERVING THIS SUNDAY (1/9/22)

8:00 AM

GREETER: Pastor Mike; LECTOR: Kay Weidensaul

COMMUNION ASST.: Kay Weidensaul

10:30 AM

GREETER: Doug Travor; USHER: Carl Heintzelman; LECTOR: Jim Spotts

COMMUNION ASST.: Chris Long

ALTAR GUILD: Tina Butler and Chris Long

COUNTERS: Rosalie Wingle, Diane Brobst, and Marlene Eidam

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (1/16/22)

8:00 AM

GREETER: Pastor Mike; LECTOR: Ruth Ann Withers

COMMUNION ASST.: Ruth Ann Withers

10:30 AM

GREETER: Doug Travor; USHER: Sue Petresky; LECTOR: Doug Travor

COMMUNION ASST.: Evan Davis

ALTAR GUILD: Tina Butler and Chris Long

COUNTERS: Joyce O'Rourke, Gloria Dierwechter, and Pat Davis

REHEARSALS RESUME

Chancel choir will resume rehearsals at 7 PM on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, and Bell Choir will begin rehearsing again at 6 PM on Wednesday, January 26, 2022.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Baptized in Water”

1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

The image shows a three-part musical score for the hymn "Baptized in Water". It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains the first three lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next three lines. The third system contains the final three lines. The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for a church service.

ADULT FORUM

Starting Sunday, January 16, 2022, Adult Forum will begin the new year back in the church parlor beginning at 9:15am. We will be using *Isaiah: Visions of Promise* as our guide. Please contact Barbara Lafko at bjlafko@yahoo.com or 570-366-1208 or the church office if you will be joining the group.

MIGHT YOU BE INTERESTED...

We would like to find new homes for 27 sturdy steel folding chairs with right-handed tablet arms which are located upstairs in our church. These chairs are in very good condition. We welcome offers for one or all. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Mike Petresky at 570-366-2316.

COMMUNION HYMN “Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart”

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,

wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:

stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
 the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,

and make me love you as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

PLEASE TAKE A POINSETTIA HOME WITH YOU

As of the printing of this bulletin there are seventeen (17) “orphaned” poinsettia plants which remain in our church. If you can do so, please take one (or more) plants home with you. Everyone, including poinsettia plants, deserves a home!