

January 12, 2025

11:00 AM

*Pastor Dennis W. Molnar*

Patti Reep, Organist

Deborah Snyder, Pianist  
& Choir Director

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Liturgist, Curt Reep*

In the beginning, darkness covered the deep, and God said: Let there be light.

**The voice of the Lord is over the waters!**

Do not fear, says the Lord; I am with you. I have called you by name; you are mine.

**The voice of the Lord is over the waters!**

When Jesus was baptized by John, suddenly the heavens were opened. And as Jesus was coming up out of the water, the Spirit of God rested on him like a dove.

**The voice of the Lord is over the waters!**

MORNING PRAYER

\* Hymn of Praise #492 PH "Baptized in Water"

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, you call us to beloved community with you and with each other. But we exclude and reject those we deem different. You claim us as beloved, but we turn against each other in anger and hate. You liberate us and lead us in Christ's path of peace, but we build walls and invest in guns and dismiss peace as impractical and unrealistic. Redeeming God, forgive our worldly ways. Call us and claim us once again for the work of building your beloved community. Amen.**

\* SILENT CONFESSION

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* GLORIA PATRI #579 PH

\* Passing of the Peace.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also, with you.**

GOSPEL READING Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

CHILDREN'S SERMON "*The Claim of Baptism*"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Acts of the Apostles 8: 14-24

SERMON "*The Gift of Baptism*"

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostle's Creed Traditional) Pg. 14 PH

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

STATEMENT ON INSTALLATION

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER pg. 16 PH

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

\* THE DOXOLOGY #592 PH

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Bless and multiply these gifts, God, that they may be a blessing to others. May whoever benefits from these offerings know of your love for them and our desire to serve. Amen.**

\* Closing Hymn #450 CLH "Give of Your Best to the Master":

\* BENEDECTION

\* Response #277 CLH "Oh How He Loves You and Me" *Verse 1*

***O how He loves you and me. O how he loves you and me; He gave His life, what more could He give? O how He loves you; O how He loves me; O how He loves you and me!***

\* POSTLUDE

\* Congregation please stand if you are able.

PH - Presbyterian Hymnal (Blue), CLH - Christian Life Hymnal (Red)

We welcome all visitors worshiping with us today! Please sign our guest book located in the vestibule.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Dennis Molnar can be reached by calling/texting 412-389-6844 or by e-mail at [molnarzoo@verizon.net](mailto:molnarzoo@verizon.net) if you have a pastoral concern or question.

**Children's Sunday School** – Today following the Children's Sermon.

**Adult Sunday School** – Sundays from 9:45-10:30am.

**Session Meeting** – Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**Coffee & Donut Fellowship** – Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 - 11:00am. Skip your breakfast and come to enjoy some delicious donuts and a time of fellowship before the worship service.

**Worship Committee Meeting** – Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> following worship.

**Deacon's Souper Bowl Soup Sale** – Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> following worship. There is sign-up sheet for anyone wishing to participate in making soup. See any Deacon to provide you with the quart containers. Soup Sales are by donation only.

**Christmas Eve Offering** – A total of \$411.00 was collected and will be distributed to Connections of Armstrong County, a nonprofit organization which forges connections between people, agencies, churches and resources.

**Welcome New Church Officers** – In baptism each Christian is called to ministry in Christ's name. God calls some persons from the midst of the congregation to fulfill particular functions, so that the ministry of the whole people of God may flourish. Today, we install the following to serve as Deacons and Elders: Deacons - Doug Cannon, Kathy Harris, and Curt Reep; Elders – Dan Harris and Rob Kapp.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to outgoing Elders - Sandi Kapp, Deborah Snyder (who will continue to serve as Clerk of Session) and Debbie Whittaker and Deacon - Russell Claypoole who gave of their time and talents in service to God and the community of faith.

**Offering envelopes** – If you are in need of a new box of offering envelopes, please let Pat Boltz or Jan Cannon know.

**Food Cupboard** - We are promoting a monthly collection item for our Food Cupboard. This month we are appealing for boxed goods. Donations can be placed in the box at the back of the sanctuary, and they will be added to the Food Cupboard during the month of January.

**New Members Class** - Anyone interested in joining the church see Deb Snyder.

**Eyeglass Collection** -The Worship Committee will be collecting old eyeglasses and non-prescription sunglasses to send to Uganda. If you have any to donate, please leave them in the basket located in the back of the church.

**Bulletin Announcements** – Please notify Jan Cannon by calling or texting at 724-494-9382 or by email at [djicannon@yahoo.com](mailto:djicannon@yahoo.com).

The offering plate is located on the table in the back of the church, you may leave your offering there.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan. 12 – Russell Claypool

Jan. 17 – Sandi Kapp

- Benjamin Plansinis

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