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Come, Worship the Lord, Our God

January 13, 2019

11:00am

Baptism of the Lord

DRAWN INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Welcome and Greeting

(Please complete Prayer Concerns)

Gathering Prayer:

Loving God, we begin this new day in the sure knowledge that you have claimed us as your children. In all that we do, keep us mindful of actions that are pleasing in your sight. In all that we say, make us attentive to the witness we give to your love. Let our lives be an example to all whom we encounter, living as daughters and sons of God who follow in the path of Jesus, our Lord and our brother. Amen.

Prelude:

Call to Worship:

The voice of God resounds upon the water.

The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.

The Son of God is named, "Beloved."

And all who worship shout out, "Glory!"

Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.

Let us worship God in holy splendor.

***Opening Song of Praise:** "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"
(Prayer Concerns Collected)

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AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

*Call to Confession

God loves us and calls us each by name. Knowing we are eternally forgiven and infinitely loved, let us boldly confess our sins before God.

*Prayer of Confession

Unison

O God, the waters of baptism cleanse us. This is how we know we belong to you. Forgive us when we ignore you and go our own way. Help us remember our baptism, and to live a Christian life, understanding that you claim us, you love us, and you forgive us. Help us go into the world with clean hearts, just like Jesus. Amen.

*Time of Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness*Unison**

Beloved, God forgives our sins; know that we are pardoned! Be at peace to love the Lord and serve the world.

Gloria Patri: "Glory Be to the Father"

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Our Faithful Response: "When Peace Like a River"

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Time With Young Disciples**LISTENING IN GOD'S PRESENCE****Prayer for Illumination****Scripture Lessons:****Isaiah 43:1-7**

But 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.
 2 When 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. 3 For 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.
 4 Because 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. 5 Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; 6 I 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— 7 everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Luke 3:15-22

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."

¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife,

and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added to them all by shutting up John in prison. 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."

Sermon: "Remember Your Baptism and Keep It Holy" **The Rev. Leslie Latham**

RESPONDING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

***Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed**

Unison

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

As people who have passed through the waters of baptism, let us make our grateful offering to God our Redeemer.

Offertory:

***Praising God's Goodness - Doxology**

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***Prayer of Dedication:**

Unison

O God, at his baptism, you acknowledged Jesus as your beloved Son, and through him you opened to us a way to become your children by grace. May these gifts we return to you be a sign of our dedication to live as your faithful daughters and sons, born in the waters of baptism by the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Hymn Before Communion: "Come to the Table"

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Communion for Baptism of the Lord (insert attached)

Prayers of the People and 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.

Sharing the Bread and Cup (The congregation will walk down the center aisle, take the bread, dip it into the cup and eat.)

Prayer After Communion

ABIDING IN GOD'S PRESENCE IN THE WORLD

***Hymn of Sending:** "I Will Come to You/You Are Mine"

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***Benediction:**

***Postlude:**

* Those who are able, please stand

WORSHIP AIDS:

Large Print Bulletins, Hymnals & Hearing Devices – available from ushers.

Children's Sanctuary - at the rear of the church

Baby Changing Tables - in both rest rooms of Church School Building.

Deacon's Prayer Chain - To activate Prayer Chain call Judy in the church office @ 692-1319.

New Prayer Concerns or Joys

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Prayer Concerns or Joys Last Week: Dick Beach (knee surgery), and our elected officials.

Continuing Prayers: Scott Greenawalt, Tim, Pat & Bob Erisman, Alvin Marohn, and Kris Yettra. Ruth Gebera, Paul Card, refugees at the Mexican Border, Nadia, and Joey.

Prayers and caring for our homebound: Marge Klinger; Georgia Anson; Fay Tag; Doris Carlson; J. Robert Weber; Ruth Weber; Richard Weber; Alice Weber; Bob Palfi; Lillian Simon; Joy Welch; Wilma Bender; Margaret McBride; and Sue Strasser

*Because God's love is for all - everyone is always welcome.
We pray that God may bless you with peace, inspiration, and strength. We are a community, seeking to learn what it means to follow Jesus. No matter what you may be going through, no matter where you may be on your faith journey – you are most welcome here! If you would like more information, please call Judy in the church office @ 692-1319*

LITURGIST: Billy Welch

GREETERS: Bob and Diane Eshelman

USHERS: Team 1

STEPHEN MINISTERS: are always available to provide confidential support in times of need. Simply call Janet Haacker @ 694-4290.

REMINDER: Please call Pastor Leslie @ 490-0420 or Judy in the office @ 692-1319 if you or a loved one are ill, hospitalized or in need of a visit.

Distinguished Speaker Series: Wednesday, January 23 at 7pm in the parlor. Mission and Outreach Committee has invited Amy Betros from St. Luke's Mission. She will talk about her faith journey and how she came to start her mission at St. Luke's Church in Buffalo. She is a woman of great faith and has dedicated her life to helping people in need. This is a free event and open to the public, so tell your family and friends.

Memory Lane: The next Memory Lane will meet on January 15. There are many opportunities for you to help in volunteering and no monthly commitment. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated. If you know someone that may benefit from this program, please contact one of the Respite Committee members.

Service of Blessing and Healing: Wednesday, January 16 @ 6:30pm at First Presbyterian Church 149 Broad Street, Tonawanda, will hold an evening service devoted to healing and wholeness, which will include communion. This is a "come as you are" service, open and welcoming to all who seek wholeness for their lives, Presbyterian or otherwise. Please join us in the sanctuary.

Basket Raffle and Chili Sale: Saturday, February 23 from 12pm-3pm. Mission and Outreach Committee is asking for donations of baskets that can be raffled that day with proceeds to benefit the mission trip to Puerto Rico. In order to make this event a success, it is important that we receive a number of baskets to raffle. Won't you consider donating a basket or two? There's a sign-up sheet in the Narthex to indicate if you would like to donate a basket. Please sign-up by January 31 so we have an idea how many baskets to expect. Tell your family and friends about this event, it is open to the public. Betsy Crocker can be contacted for further information. Please help make this event a success.

Memorial Flowers: Starting on January 1, 2019, the cost of the memorial flower arrangements has increased to \$35.00. This is due to the rising cost of materials. Contact Laura Marohn for details or to schedule a date for your memorial flower arrangement.

Presbyterian Women's Winter Gathering: February 2 from 10:30am-1pm
The topic is "When We are Powerless" – A Look at Gun Violence and Schools. This will be held at Orchard Park Presbyterian Church. The cost is \$7.00 for lunch. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. See Jane Crossan for more information.

Reminder: All church groups, ministry teams and deacons need to complete a Year-end Report and submit it to the church office no later than Sunday, February 3, 2019.

January 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6 Sunday School 9:30a New Beginnings Worship in Parlor Worship 11a Epiphany Concert 6p at St. Francis Church	7 AA 9a TOPS 6:30p	8 Deacons 1p	9	10 AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness 6:30p Worship 6p H4W 6:30p Choir 7:30p	11 UFO 7P	12
13 Sunday School 9:30a Worship/Communion 11a	14 AA 9a TOPS 6:30p	15 Memory Lane 10:30a	16 Healing Service 6:30p	17 AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness 6:30p H4W 6:30p Choir 7:30p	18 UFO 7P	19
20 Sunday School 9:30a Worship 11a	21 AA 9a TOPS 6:30p Office Closed	22	23 Distinguished Speakers Series 7p Amy Betros from St. Luke's Mission	24 AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness 6:30p H4W 6:30p Choir 7:30p	25 UFO 7P	26
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