



Welcome & Announcements
Bringing in the Light of Christ

Rev. Tonya Arnesen

Prelude

"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"
(arr. Martha Mier)

Audie Heydenburg, Piano

***Call To Worship**

adapted from Touch Holiness, Duck & Tirabassi, editors

Becky Hirschman;
Worship Assistant

One: This morning, we gather as Christians to express our unity with God and with each other.

All: We are a community, which spans the centuries, bound together by a covenant whose signature is baptism.

One: We have inherited this covenant of baptism from those in ages past, who bequeathed to us their faith and their faithfulness.

All: In our worship today we renew our commitment to live out this covenant.

One: We draw together a wider community of believers, including those who bore witness at our baptism.

All: As faithful Christians have done for years, let us worship God.

***Opening Hymn**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Hymnal No. 89

***Unison Opening Prayer**

Gracious and all loving God - you call to us across deep waters and dark places. Yours is the light which guides us and the voice which we follow. We pray that you would reveal yourself to us as we worship you. May those without hope be encouraged; those who are sad, cheered; those who are seeking, find you; and may all things be according to your will. In the name of your beloved Son we pray. Amen.

First Lesson

Matthew 3:14-17

Becky Hirschman

Children's Welcome Song

"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"

Hymnal No. 277

As the children come forward, let us join in singing verses 1 and 2:

***Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.***

***First let me hear how the children stood round his knee,
and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me;
words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,
all in the love-light of Jesus' face.***

Sermon on the Steps

Deacon Greg Lawton

Anthem

"Wonderful Child"
(arr. Jay Rouse)

Bell Canto &
Journeyman

Please see The MUSIC BOX

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 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, Amen.

Thank You and Sending of Deacon Greg Lawton

Molly Kaser and Rev. Tonya Arnesen

Offertory Invitation

Rev. Tonya Arnesen

Prayer of Dedication

Second Lesson

I Peter 2:9-10

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Sermon

Remember Who You Are

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Anthem

"Come Be Baptized"
(arr. Jack Schrader)

Chancel Choir

Sacrament of Holy Baptism - Sadie Fisher

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith
Baptism and Laying on of Hands
Reception into the United Methodist Church
Prayer of Thanksgiving

We thank you, O God, that you have called us by name and pledged to each of us your faithful love. We remember our baptism, when you set us apart for service in Christ's name and welcomed us into the Family of Christ. Watch over and guide us as we continue our journey of faith. Remind us, again and again, of the promises we have made. Make us strong to obey your will and serve you with joy, through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Hymn of Dedication** "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"

Hymnal No. 605

During the Hymn, congregation is invited to come forward to mark remembrance and thanksgiving for their baptism and to reaffirm their faith.

***Benediction**

Rev. Tonya Arnesen

Postlude

"Here I Am Lord/Take My Life"
(arr. Donald Hustad)

Audie Heydenburg,
Piano

**Please stand as you are comfortable*

**You are invited and encouraged to join us in Friendship Hall after worship for a reception in honor of Deacon Greg Lawton with cards and love donations, the chili cook-off, and taking down church Christmas decorations!*

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of the one who called you out of the darkness into his marvelous light.

Accessibility & Welcome: We are happy to provide listening devices for the hearing impaired, and a play space in Crush Hall for toddlers during worship. The nursery is currently unstaffed but the room is open and available for you and your little one. Please ask an usher if you need help finding any of these.



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Zoom
Special Location
275 W Michigan Ave

Monday, January 9
10:00AM **Worship @ Trellis**
1:30PM FFI
7:30PM Evening Prayer

Tuesday, January 10
10:00AM Bible Study
11:00AM Staff Meeting
3:00PM **B2SB Meeting**
5:30PM Leadership Board

Wednesday, January 11
9:00AM **Faith Walk**
9:30AM Quilters
10:00AM **Bible study**
5:00PM Grace Notes
6:00PM Carillon Ringers
7:00PM Chancel Choir

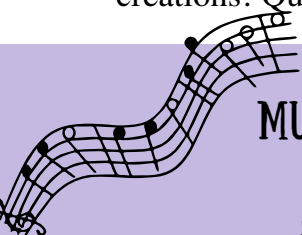
Thursday, January 12
Newsletter articles due
4:00PM **Mission and Outreach**
4:30PM Small Ensemble

Friday, January 13
9:45AM After School Pack
Program

Sunday, January 15
9:15AM Adult Sunday School
10:30AM Worship
10:45AM Children's Sunday
School
2:00PM **Worship @ Countryside**
5:30PM Youth Group

Next Sunday's Worship Topic:
January 15 - Gold: The Gift of Ultimate Value

Sunday, January 29th will be our next 5th Sunday Potluck of Soup, Salad and Dessert. Are soups your specialty? We'd love to try them out. A member of our congregation has offered to supply all the paper products so just come with your food and enjoy lunch with your church family. There will be a Soup sign up sheet on the table in Friendship Hall starting today. Can't wait to try your wonderful creations! Questions - please call Sue Brownlow at 517-262-0051



MUSIC BOX

“Wonderful Child” has become a favorite Christmas spiritual in the United States. Originating on Southern plantations, the song was fashioned in the oral tradition and cannot be attributed to a single writer. However, we should be indebted to the resourcefulness of John Wesley Work, an African-American composer from Nashville, Tennessee. John Work and his family collected “Wonderful Child” and numerous other spirituals of the oral tradition to ensure the preservation of the art form. Although the origin is unknown, gospel and pop legends have performed stirring renditions of this song for many decades.

Flowers in the church are given:

In loving memory of
daughter, Karen,
by her parents,
Joyce and Bob Hirschman



January 1

Worship Attendance

In-Person: 104

YouTube: 88

Vista Grande Villa: 9

Countryside: 10

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