

**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

January 11, 2009

10:50 AM

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available in the Educational Wing.

WELCOME/MEDITATION

All are asked to complete the attendance register in the pew and pass it along to each person. Please indicate any prayer concerns also to be given to the ushers during the offering.

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

God, of the whirlwind and fire, sweeps into our presence in this hour.

Glory be to God, who strengthens us and blesses all people with peace.

God, who called all worlds into being, calls forth new life in us today.

Glory be to God, in whose creative purpose we are claimed and empowered.

God, whose Spirit unites all people in a common language of love, confirms God's gifts in us as we gather here.

Glory be to God who created light in which we can walk in confident expectation.

***Processional Hymn**

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

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***Invocation**

*** Hymn of Praise**

Grace Alone

Led by Youth Choir

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PROCLAMATION

Genesis 1:1-5

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Darkness, chaos, waters, and then the Word that brings order to them all; the emergence of light from the midst of darkness. The Hebrew reads "Day 1".

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Jeannie Wermuth

Children's Church (Children age 4 through 1st grade may go to the Children's Church Room)

Prayers of the People

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.

***Hymn**

Baptized in Water

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(Tune for "Morning Has Broken")

***Gospel Lesson**

Mark 1:4-11

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While John's baptismal ministry seems to unite folks from Judea and all Jerusalem in confession and repentance, his baptism of Jesus "splits the heavens"(think lightning). The announcement of the voice from the heavens (think thunder) answers the hope for the arrival of one chosen by God to pour out the Holy Spirit.

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Message *How much water and soap do we need to be really clean?* **Rev. Charles Swadley**

RESPONSE

Offertory Prayer

Unison

Let us pray: **O God, from whom comes all the good things we enjoy, we offer our gifts in the spirit of those long ago who opened costly treasures before Jesus. We give in response to your generosity, identifying with your pity and compassion for victims of violence, poverty, and oppression. May all who are in need experience the unsearchable riches of Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit, even as their physical needs are met. May we be co-workers with Christ, whose sacrifice bought our redemption. Amen.**

Offertory Anthem

***Doxology**

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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.

Service of Reaffirmation

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(Congregation may come forward and kneel, as you are able, at the communion rail for the blessing.)

SENDING FORTH

***Hymn**

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

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***Commission and Blessing**

The peace of God, known in this sanctuary, go with you, empowering you to meet adversity.

We carry God's peace into a troubled world, seeking to be peacemakers wherever we go.

The blessing of God, who touched believers' lips and set them free to sing praises, lift you up each day to use your gifts.

We carry God's blessing into our daily lives and dare to share the riches entrusted to us.

The strength of God, seen in wind and fire, set you ablaze with vitality and purpose.

We commit ourselves anew to live by God's will as it is revealed to us day by day. Amen.

***Benediction/Benediction Response**

***Postlude**

***Please stand as you are able. Hearing devices are available (special loops for hearing aids).**

Large print bulletins are now available. Please see an usher for assistance

Welcome! We are so pleased that you have chosen to worship with us on this day. Your presence is an encouragement and inspiration to us. Let us celebrate our faith and offer our thanks and praise to God for the blessings He has bestowed upon us. If you desire to join our church, please speak to Rev. Charles Swadley or Rev. Bruce Lake. Membership occurs with Profession of Faith or a Letter of Transfer from another United Methodist Church or other Christian Church.

The **Flowers** on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of our loved ones by Dave and Charlotte Poole. The **Pink Carnation** on the altar is in celebration of the birth of Autumn Carey Leigers, born on December 22, 2008. Autumn is the daughter of Troy and Kelly Leigers, granddaughter of Mildred Leigers and great-granddaughter of Eleanor Leigers. The **Lay Reader** The **Acolytes** are Jay Wade and Emory Magner. The **Crucifer** is Jess Wade. **First Response Team:** Mark and Debbie Gillis. The **Greeter** is Glenda Adams. The **Lay Speaker** is Hal Costley.

The **Upper Room** devotional for January and February is now available for you to pick up. This devotional guide is available on the table in the hall across from the church office. A suggested donation of \$0.75 for small print and \$1.00 for large print is requested.

The **Flower Chart for 2009** is located on the bulletin board outside the Unity Room. Please take a few moments and sign up to put flowers on the altar.

On this Sunday in celebration of the baptism of Jesus, we are all invited to a reaffirmation of our vows of baptism. We do not re-baptize, but we do recognize the need to renew, recommit, and reaffirm our baptism from time to time.

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We envision churches where all God's people are welcomed at table, nurtured and transformed to be Christ to others in the world

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