



St. Paul's United Church of Christ

Amityville, Pennsylvania

January 10, 2021

9:30 A.M.

Baptism of Christ Sunday

* = Those who are able may stand

Prelude *Come, O Savior of the World* -Medlock
Fantasia on 'Forest Green' -Traditional English carol/Smith

* Processional Hymn *O Harken Ye*

1. **O harken ye who would believe, The gracious tidings now receive. Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo. The mighty Lord of heaven and earth Today is come to human birth. Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo.**
2. **O harken ye who long for love And turn your hearts to God above. Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo. The angel's song the wonder tells: Now Love Incarnate with us dwells! Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

* Greeting The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Introit *Jesus, Your Name*

**Jesus, Your name is holy;
Jesus, Your name brings light.
Jesus, Your name above every other;
Jesus, Your name is life.**



* The Solemn Declaration (from Psalm 29:3 & 11)) sung response: **Amen!**

* Call to Worship —based on Genesis 1:1-2; Mark 1:1, 9-11

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.
The Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters.
Then God said: Let there be light, and God saw that it was good.
At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus was baptized by John.
The heavens opened, and the Spirit descended like a dove.
Then God said: This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

* Call to Confession —based on Acts 19:4; Mark 1:2-5

Silent Prayer

* Prayer of Confession (in unison)

—based on Psalm 29:1; Mark 1:7

**God of all glory, you look from heaven
and see us as we are—
not worthy to kneel at your feet,
not ready to welcome your way.
Forgive us, gracious God.
In Christ, stoop down to save us;
loosen the ties that bind us to sin
and set us free to love and serve you;
in Jesus' name. Amen.**



* Declaration of Forgiveness

—based on Mark 1:11

Hear the good news of the Gospel:
As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so God says to each of us:
You are my beloved child, and with you I am well pleased.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

* Affirmation *The Apostle's Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was
conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the
virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
died, and was buried. He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come
again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of the Day —based on Genesis 1:1, Psalm 29:9, Acts 19:5-7; Mark 1:8

Special Music *Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head* -Appalachian Folk Song/Innes

Prayer of Illumination —based on Mark 1:10-11

Scripture Readings *Mark 1:4-11, Acts 19:1-7*

While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." So Paul asked, "Then what baptism did you receive?" "John's baptism," they replied. Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus."

On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve men in all.

Sermon *More than Repentance*

* Responsive Hymn *When Jesus Came to Jordan*

1. **When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,
He did not come for pardon but as the sinless one.
He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins,
To speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.**
2. **He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss,
For us and our salvation to die upon the cross.
So when the dove descended on him, the Son of Man,
The hidden years had ended, the age of grace began.**
3. **Come, Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make,
This very day invade us, and every bondage break.
Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most:
To share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.**

Prayers of the People
response: *Give strength, O Lord, and bless us with peace.*

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Invitation to the Offering —based on Genesis 1:1, Psalm 29:2

* Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication —based on Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

* Recessional Hymn *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

**Praise the One who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners
turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel,
healing every dread disease.
Calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.**



* Benediction —based on Genesis 1:3, Psalm 29:2, & Mark 1:10-11

* Threefold Amen

Postlude *Good King Wenceslas* -English carol/Otis

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Virtual Worship January 10, 2021

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St. Paul's United Church of Christ Mission Statement

In its life and mission, St. Paul's UCC seeks to worship the triune God; proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ; practice loving service toward the needy; embody God's reign of peace and justice; establish a Christian community of faith; and be a faithful member of the church universal.

Welcome! Whether you are worshipping with us in-person or virtually, we pray that you and your family are safe and healthy.

Next Sunday: *Second Sunday after Epiphany*
Messages: *Speak Lord, Your Servant is Listening*
Texts: *Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18,*
1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20),
1 Corinthians 6:12-20, John 1:43-51

BIRTHDAYS ~ this week

January 10: Keith Berry, Patti Bentley, Jeffrey Kline, Jr., Justin DeMild
January 11: Todd Breitenstein, Tyler Kellar
January 13: Charlotte Kirchner, Levi Maskeri, Michelle Kehoe
January 14: Rick Henry, Ayden Kammerdeiner, Hunter Bonis
January 15: Ashton Hildebrand
January 16: Dave Hickey

ANNIVERSARIES ~ this week

January 13: Curt & Gail Clifford