

Baptism of the Lord

10:00 AM

January 8th, 2023

³⁶ You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

Acts 10:36

PRELUDE

Debbe Picerno

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We are called to serve in the name of Jesus, God's beloved Son,

P: God calls us by name because we are His.

L: The Lord calls us to be a light to the nations.

P: Arise, shine, for our light has come!

L: We are witnesses to God's goodness and grace who claims and loves us.

P: God's name be praised!

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMN**

"To God Be the Glory"

No. 56

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We are incredibly stubborn, O Lord. We have entered the season in which Your Light has been given to the world, your blessings have been poured out on the world, and yet all we can think about is our own problems, our own needs, our own desires. Help us to desire you, Lord. Remind us of our baptism, that we have been raised to new life in you. We've been washed by the blood and engrafted into your body. May we live as children of the light. By your grace, may we stand forgiven. Amen.
(Silent Confession)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: Believe the good news of the Gospel

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***CONFESSION RESPONSE: "Behold the Lamb"**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"With Joy Unspeakable"

Choir

***OFFERING RESPONSE: "Doxology"**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 34:19-22

ANTHEM

"I Saw the Light"

Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 1:1-14

SERMON

"The Kingdom of Light"

Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

***HYMN**

"Jesus Paid It All"

No. 305

COMMUNION

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***HYMN**

"Christ Our Hope In Life and Death"

POSTLUDE

Debbe Picerno

***Those who are able please stand.**

Ushers: Trustees

Welcome Desk: Cathy Woller

Liturgist: Autumn Moore

Greeters: Sue Boettner

Fellowship Hour: Nancy Rettig

Child Care: Sarah Murtha

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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| Sunday: | 10 AM | Worship |
| | 11 AM | Sunday School |
| | 6:30 PM | Youth Group |
| Monday: | 6:30 PM | Men's Bible Study |
| Tuesday: | 1 PM | Quilting |
| | 6:30 PM | Trustees Meeting |
| Wednesday: | 9 AM | Coffee & Conversation |
| Saturday: | 9 AM | Men's Breakfast @ Mac's Cafe |
| January 15th: | 10 AM | Worship |
| | 11 AM | Sunday School |
| | 6:30 PM | Youth Group |

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL- Starting this morning there will be two new Bible study options after worship. Pastor Steve will be leading a class on the Theology of Mission in Parker Hall. Elder Dave Freund will be teaching a class on the book of Hebrews in Room 15. Both classes are open to anyone who would like to participate, and we hope you will join us.

AGAPE FEAST VOLUNTEERS- We will be resuming our monthly Agape Feast starting Wednesday, January 25th at 5:00 and are looking for volunteers to help with this month's dinner. There is a signup sheet in the Library.

COFFEE & CONVERSATION- Will resume this Wednesday, January 11th at 9 AM.

SKI TRIP- Our annual church ski trip will be February 25th at Peek N' Peak. We have reserved a private room. Rentals and group rate tickets are available. A signup sheet is in the Library. See Pastor Mike for more details.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE- Thank you to all who participated in our blood drive!

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST- Saturday, January 14th at 9 AM. All men are invited to a breakfast at Mac's Route 8 Café for a time of good food and good conversation. A sign-up sheet is located in the Library if you plan on attending.

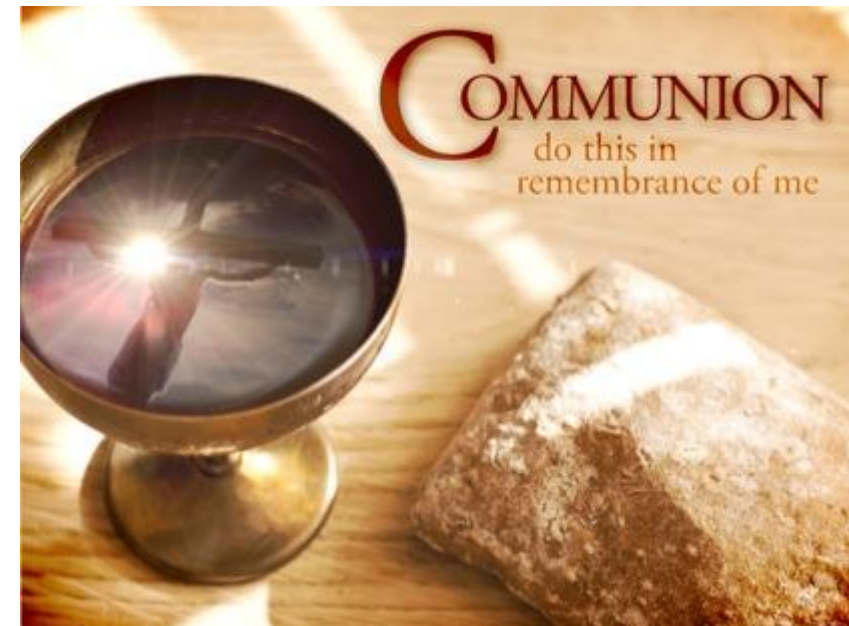
CLUB 35- Our next Club 35 Outing will be on Sunday, January 22nd at Skate Castle from 1-3 PM. Please see Pastor Mike to signup or for more details.

CONFIRMATION CLASS- We will be having a confirmation class this spring for fifth grade and up. Please see Pastor Mike for more details and to enroll your child.

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