

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## *The Baptism of the Lord*

January 8, 2012

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*\*All who are able may stand.*

***Bold type spoken by the congregation***

### GATHERING. . .

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit *“Baptized in Water”*

The Call To Worship

The Prayer of Praise

**You speak, O God, and the oceans tremble; their waters crest in waves that dash upon the shore. You speak the heavens open; thunder signals the rain that freshens the earth. You breathe and the leaves shudder; the trees of the forest bow to Your majesty. You speak and the Spirit descends on Your people; we ascribe to You all glory as we worship Your name. All praise and thanks to You O God – Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Amen.**

\*The Hymn 464 *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*

\*The Prayer of Confession

**We come as Your baptized believers, O God, confessing our sins. You send forth Your Spirit, yet we do not respond to Your presence. You set us apart as water is poured over us, yet our behavior in faith does not match our unique status. Christ calls us to follow; yet we disobey his commandment. Evidence of Your goodness surrounds us, yet we ignore Your gracious ways. Have mercy upon us, and in Your love uphold us. . .(time for silent confession). . .**

\*The Choral Response *“Lord Jesus Think on Me”*

\*The Assurance of Pardon

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.  
**The old life has gone; a new life has begun.**  
Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**  
**Alleluia! Amen.**

\*The Gloria Patri p. 579 in the Hymnal

\*The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**  
*(Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ and exchange this ancient greeting with worshippers seated near you.)*

### TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: *Genesis 1:1-5* p. 1 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 29* p. 621 in the pew Bible

The Anthem *“Down to the River to Pray”* arr. Sheldon Curry

The New Testament Lesson: *Acts 19:1-7* p. 169 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

\*The Hymn 130 *“Let Every Christian Pray”*

The Gospel Lesson: *Mark 1:4-11* p. 42 in the pew Bible

The Sermon *“Frontrunner or Forbearer?”*  
*Allen H. Fisher, Jr.*

### TO RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD. . .

\**The Nicene Creed* p. 15 in the Hymnal

The Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Dedication

The Service of Offering  
The Gathering of Our Gifts  
The Offertory

### TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT. . .

\*The Hymn of Preparation 70 *“Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized”*

The Invitation

The Call to Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

. . . Who forever sing to the glory of Your name:  
**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Power and Might,**  
**Heaven and Earth are full of Your glory.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the Highest.**  
. . . Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

The Lord's Prayer

p. 16 in the Hymnal

The Communion

(You are invited to partake of the elements as you receive them with reverent meditation.)

The Prayer After Communion

**God of Grace, Whose love is our light, we thank You that the world is in Your care and we are the creatures of Your hand. Let our praise resound the glory of Your saving power revealed in Jesus Christ confirmed at this table. We rejoice that You have made us partners in serving Christ through our baptism into Christ's body. Grant us peace that only Your Holy Spirit can give. Guide us in Your service, on account of Jesus Christ, Your Beloved One and our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE IN GOD'S NAME.

\*The Hymn 300

*"Down to Earth, as a Dove"*

\*The Charge & Benediction

\*The Postlude



The Rev. Allen H. Fisher, Jr., *Pastor*  
The Rev. Patrick Dennis, *Associate Pastor*  
E. Bruce Harvey, Jr., *Coordinator of Christian Education*  
Sarah Dennis, *Director of Youth Ministry*  
Mary Ann & Larry Casey, *Choirmasters*  
Amy L. Shirk, *Organist*  
The Rev. Terry N. Diebold, *Parish Associate*

## MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES 1/8-15

### Today (1/8)

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| Worship Services, <i>S</i>                      | 8:30 & 11am   |
| Church School Brunch, <i>FH</i>                 | 9:30am        |
| Sacred Dance, <i>U</i>                          | 4:30pm        |
| PW Neverending Cir., <i>Tina Christi's home</i> | 5pm           |
| Fusion (SH Youth Group)                         | 5pm           |
| Fellowship Committee, <i>MH</i>                 | 5:30pm        |
| Youth Dinner, <i>FH</i>                         | 6pm           |
| Velocity (MS Youth Group) Session, <i>MH</i>    | 6:30pm<br>7pm |

### Monday (1/9)

|                                     |      |
|-------------------------------------|------|
| Deadline: February Newsletter Items |      |
| PW Circle of Joy, <i>CP</i>         | 10am |
| PW Faith Cir., <i>CP</i>            | 12pm |
| Civil War Churches Cmte, <i>MH</i>  | 7pm  |

### Tuesday (1/10)

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| Men's Breakfast, <i>Bob Evans</i>          | 7:30am  |
| PW Friendship Cir, <i>Chancellors Vlge</i> | 11:30am |
| PW Cir. Of Prayer, <i>MH</i>               | 12pm    |
| Deacons, <i>CH</i>                         | 7pm     |
| Stewardship, <i>MH</i>                     | 7pm     |

### Wednesday (1/11)

|                                    |         |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| Bible Study Group, <i>MH</i>       | 9:30am  |
| Meditation Group, <i>CP</i>        | 6:30pm  |
| Prime Timers, <i>Bavarian Chef</i> | 11:30am |

### Thursday (1/12)

|                                |        |
|--------------------------------|--------|
| Women's Bible Study, <i>MH</i> | 9:30am |
| Handbells, <i>S</i>            | 6pm    |
| Adult Choir, <i>CR</i>         | 7:30pm |

### Next Sunday (1/15)

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Worship Services, <i>S</i>               | 8:30&11am |
| Church School                            | 9:30am    |
| Cantate, <i>CR</i>                       | 12:05pm   |
| Service of Healing & Wholeness, <i>S</i> | 4pm       |
| Sacred Dance, <i>U</i>                   | 4:30pm    |
| Youth Choir, <i>CR</i>                   | 5pm       |
| Adult Mission Trip Mtg, <i>MH</i>        | 5pm       |
| Fusion (SH Youth Group)                  | 5pm       |
| Youth Dinner, <i>FH</i>                  | 6pm       |
| Velocity (MS Youth Group)                | 6:30pm    |
| Confirmation Orientation, <i>CP</i>      | 6:30pm    |

### Location Key:

*FH*: Fellowship Hall  
*CP*: Church Parlor  
*S*: Sanctuary  
*CH*: Church House

*U*: Undercroft  
*MH*: Middle House  
*CR*: Choir Room  
*K*: Kitchen

## Birthdays this Week

### January

8. Haley Dameron
9. Bud Baker, Sarah Gormley, Mike Gillenwater, Anne Thompson
10. Harry Farley, Bridget Harvey, Thomas Digges, Fidelia Boshears
11. Eric Dowling, Lillian Remsen, Ruth Moreau, Laura Digges
12. Mike Foreman, Ginger Oplinger
13. Pete Kolakowski, Claudia Emerson
14. Gary Scheibel, Allison Worthington, Ashley Kave
15. Lou Cralle, Duane Hansen, Neil Sullivan, Anne Betz, Amy Maclean, Kristina Brough, Eleanor Bailey

### Hospital Visitor -1/8-14

Suzie Kuliahsa - 628-0791

### Stewardship

2012 pledge envelopes are outside the Sanctuary—pick yours up today.

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## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

8:30 and 11:00 am

### We are delighted to have visitors worship with us!

To aid you in our liturgy, we want to acquaint you with our following custom: In the *Lord's Prayer*, we use the words, "*Forgive us our debts... our debtors.*" We encourage you to stand for singing, if you are able, as the organ sounds the first note of introduction. When appropriate to the hymn, the organist and choir will lead the congregation in singing, "*Amen.*"

**Assistive listening devices** (amplified earphones and telecoilneckloops), **large-print bulletins and hymnals** are available from the ushers.

**Child Care** is provided in the Education Building for infants through kindergarten.

**All worshippers** are encouraged to sign the Attendance/Friendship pad, greet your friends, and welcome visitors.

**The flowers today** are given by Barry and Della Hall in honor of our loving and caring church staff.

**Capsule of Concern:** Bob Furr, Flora Jones

### Lectionary Readings for Next Sunday, January 15, 2012

*1 Sam. 3:1-10 (11-20); Ps. 139:1-6, 13-18;*  
*1 Cor. 6:12-20; John 1:43-51*

### Worship

Those in need of a **gluten-free bread for communion** will find this option on the bookcase in the rear of the Sanctuary. Please pick up this Communion bread prior to the Prelude this morning.

The **Service of Healing and Wholeness** is Sunday, January 15, at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary. This service of worship will include an extended time for individual prayers of intercession offered by the ministers, with the laying on of hands by elders and deacons. All are encouraged to come to offer up needs for oneself, loved ones and friends. If you have experienced loss, disrupted relationships, or significant illness recently, you may wish to participate.

### Service Attendants

*Liturgist*  
Courtney Nix

**8:30 AM**  
*Sanctuary Guild*  
Trudy McNatt

*Greeters*  
Tom & Karla Lewis; Mike, Elizabeth, Jacob, Noah & Olivia Adams

*Ushers*  
Mary Raye Cox, Bob Hornbuckle, David & Karen Johnson

*Chair Lift Operator*  
Wayne Hibbeler

**11:00 AM**  
*Sanctuary Guild*  
Gina Whitticar

*Greeters*  
Wayne Wray, Gary & Fidelia Boshears

*Ushers*  
Dave & Susan Farley, Jim & Linda Ford

*Chair Lift Operator*  
Jim Carelock

*Nursery Attendants*  
Zach & Stacy Whalen, Scott Fischer, Kierstin Schneider

## Missions

**The Stop Hunger Now project** will return on Sunday, February 5, after the 11:00 a.m. worship service in the Fellowship Hall. We will put together 15,000, at the cost of 25-cents per meal. The dehydrated meals include vegetables, vitamins, soybeans and more. To help defray the cost we will need to raise \$3,750. Please consider making a donation toward the meals. The Souper Bowl offering for hunger on February 5, conducted by Velocity (Middle School Youth group), will help offset the costs. You may sign up to help with the project today. We will need 50 to 60 volunteers.

January 29 will be a special collection day for **School Dressing Days 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Collection Day**. We are collecting deodorant, soap, toothpaste and/or toothbrush. Please bring your items on or before January 29, leaving them in bins provided outside the Sanctuary on Sunday morning, or outside the Fellowship Hall during the week.

The **Civil War Remembrance Committee** for our church will meet on Monday, January 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle House.

The **2012 Adult Mission trip to Birmingham, Alabama** will be April 9-14. There will be an organizational meeting next Sunday at 5:00 p.m. in the Middle House.

## Christian Education

Parents and children (1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade) are invited to the **Worship Workshop** on Sunday, January 22, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. We will meet for lunch in the Fellowship Hall followed by learning centers on finding hymns, singing the Doxology & Gloria Patri, Lord's Prayer, Apostles' Creed, making a hymnbook marker, finding scripture and orientation to the sanctuary. Please make a reservation by Sunday, January 15.

## Fellowship and Small Groups

The **Fellowship Committee** meets today at 5:30 p.m. in the Middle House.

The **Prime Timers** will go to the Bavarian Chef (200 Lafayette Blvd) on Wednesday, January 11, at 11:30 a.m. You will be able to order from the menu and pay by individual check. Please call Neil or Marcia Corry (548-4625) today, for a reservation.

Our sixteen **Suppers for Seven groups** will be getting together for their first gathering this month.

The **Wednesday Fellowship dinners and activities** will resume on Wednesday, January 25, in the Fellowship Hall.

**Empty Nesters** please join us on Saturday, January 28, 6:30 p.m., for an evening of fun, food, fellowship, and games at Jim and Linda Ford's house, (11508 Henegan Place, Spotsylvania, 22551). Bring an hors d'oeuvre, your favorite drink, and a board or group game. RSVP to the Fords at 972-0883, (jlford1006@comcast.net), or Karen Johnson, 371-2719, (ksjohnson422@msn.com).

The **Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study/January Book Club** will read *The Shack* by William P. Young. Join us for three discussion sessions beginning Thursday, January 12, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Middle House. All women are invited and babysitting in the church nursery is provided. Contact Chris Repp, 842-5039, ([abc\\_repp@yahoo.com](mailto:abc_repp@yahoo.com)) or Jen Rowe, 373-6633, ([jenrowe@cox.net](mailto:jenrowe@cox.net)) for more information.

**Church School** resumes today and you are invited to brunch beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Christian Education committee will provide all the food and beverages. At 10:00 a.m., children, youth and adults will go to their respective classes. Adults will be able to choose between four different classes:

**Training of the Twelve** What lessons and teaching methods did Jesus use to train the Twelve Apostles and His other disciples? We know He invested about three years of time and effort to equip the Apostles to lead when He would no longer be with them. His use of word pictures, parables, questions, and answers, object lessons, and Scripture were all important in preparing the Apostles and other Disciples at that time, and they are just as important for instructing Disciples like us in this time and place. Come join us in studying Christ's training of the Twelve – together we can learn more about being Christ's Disciples today. Led by Bill Nix ~ Undercroft

**Feasting on the Word** How does my faith formation and my worship integrate with my knowledge and experience of the world? *Feasting on the Word* materials will engage adults in a deeper exploration of Biblical texts. Christian faith will be enhanced when the Scriptures, read and proclaimed in worship, are reinforced and expanded on what participants have been considering in their educational time. Education and worship can be mutually supportive in helping God's word in Scripture come alive in the Sunday morning experience. Come join us for this exciting journey. **For parents of 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders - you will go over the same scripture passages as your children each Sunday.** Led by Michelle Porter, Tom Lewis, Rick Brehm, Bruce Harvey ~ Middle House, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, back room

**Parenting 101 & Beyond** How do parents raise children in the faith? *Sacred Parenting* series – book, DVD and participant's guide – will be the jumping-off point for parents. “This is not a ‘how to’ book of discussing how parents can change their kids, rather *Sacred Parenting* turns the tables and demonstrates how God uses our kids to change us.” Come join this exciting study. Through class discussions parents will be able to explore many issues, ask questions and seek answers with other parents who are not experts, but who have raised children to adulthood. Led by Carol Houchin, Roberta Karch, Donna Hudgins, John & Barbara Howe ~ Middle House, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, front room.

**Searching for God** If you have ever found yourself exactly where you felt God wanted you to be, this is the class for you. If you've ever found yourself searching for where God wanted you to be, this is the class for you, too! We will use Barbara Brown Taylor's book, *Leaving Church: A Memoir of Faith*, as our text for our class during the Winter/Spring semester. We will need the help of class members to lead the discussions. This is not mandatory, but it's a great opportunity to share what God does in awesome and unexpected ways. Please join us! Led by Amy Talmadge, Karen Johnson, Nancy Stubbs ~ Church House, 1<sup>st</sup> floor

## Youth

**Today** We are back to our regular schedule:

**Fusion (Sr. High)** Games at 5:00 p.m., be ready to play.

**Velocity (Middle School)** Games at 6:30 p.m., Can you handle it?!

### **Next Week**

**Fusion (Sr. High)** Youth Sunday Planning and preparation. Can't wait to hear all your ideas.

**Velocity (Middle School)** It's Back to Basics for us...see you then.