Welcome

Baptism of Our Lord
January 10, 2021
10:30 a.m. Parking Lot Worship

Please turn your radio to Station 103.9 FM

Offering will be received as Pastor Heidi Punt hands out bulletins.

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The minister leads the congregation in the invocation. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P  In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C  Amen

P  Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C  Amen

P  If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P  Most merciful God,
C  we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

The minister stands and addresses the congregation.

P  Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C  Amen
1 Praise and thanksgiving be to God our maker, Source of all
2 Not our own holiness, nor that we have striven Brings us the
3 Come, Holy Spirit, come in visitation; You are the
4 Eternal Word, still by the Father spoken, Speak to us

blessing, prodigal creator. Baptize and make your own
peace which you, O Christ, have given. Baptize and set a part;
truth, our hope, and our salvation. Baptize with joy and pow'r;
now in this baptismal token; Proclaim a new to us

those who come before you, While we adore you.
come, O risen Savior, With grace and favor.
give, O Dove descending, Life never ending.
love divine, unceasing. In us increasing.
GREETING

*The minister greets the congregation.*

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE (Angels from the Realms of Glory)

C Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth; once you sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

THE SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Heavenly Father, in Jesus’ baptism you declared him to be your beloved Son and set him apart as your agent of grace for your creation. May we who are baptized into his life also be sent as agents of grace in your world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.

C Amen
FIRST LESSON: Genesis 1:1-5
1In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. 2The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. 3And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. 4And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. 5God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Lay Reader Here ends the reading.

PSALM 29 (spoken in unison)
1Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
2Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
3The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
4The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
5The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
6He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
7The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
8The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
9And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, “Glory!”
10The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as King forevermore.
11The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace

SECOND LESSON: Romans 6:1-11
1What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? 2By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? 3Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. 5For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a
resurrection like his. 6 We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. 7 For one who has died has been set free from sin. 8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10 For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. 11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Lay Reader Here ends the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 1st chapter.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 1st chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11

4 John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 6 Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. 7 And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. 8 I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” 9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. 11 And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Heidi Punt

“Baptizo” “Tvilah”

The Load Down on Baptism
1 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the
2 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the
3 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the

blood of Christ our king; heirs of salvation, trusting his
tomb with Christ our king; one with his rising, freed and for-
sign of Christ our king; born of the Spirit, we are God's

promise, faithfully now God's praise we sing.
given, thankfully now God's praise we sing.
children; joyfully now God's praise we sing.
C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen
THE PRAYERS

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:

P Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

THE LORD’S PRAYER

C 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 and ever. Amen

BLESSING

The minister blesses the congregation, using this or another appropriate blessing.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
    The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
    The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen
Shine, Jesus, Shine

Refrain

A E/A D A Bm B7 E

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;

A E/A D A Bm G E

blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

A E/A D A Bm B7 E

Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with love and mercy;

A E/A D A Bm E7 A D E/A D E/A

send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!
1 Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fa - ces dis -

dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,
set us free, by the truth you now bring us. Shine on
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry. Shine on
me, shine on me:
THE SENDING
The minister may dismiss the congregation.

P  Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C  Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Next Week’s Readings (January 17):
1 Samuel 3:1-20; Psalm 139:1-10; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

Those Serving in January
Announcements and Lay Readers: Jennifer Curlee
Church Council Counter: Larry Barringer

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**Union News…**

**Sunday’s Activities (January 10):**

Baptism of Our Lord

9:30 a.m. Sunday School (please remember to practice social distancing)

10:30 a.m. Parking Lot Worship (see page 2)

2:00 p.m. Youth Council (Old Pine Center)

3:00 p.m. Church Council (Dutch Meeting Hal)

5:00 p.m. Long Range/Stewardship (Old Pine Center)

5:00 p.m. Quest Youth Zoom Meeting

Deadline to sign up for Bible Course 101 Acts

2021 Offering Envelopes are available to pick up in the front pews in the Sanctuary. Please pick up offering envelopes of family members or friends that you plan to visit with.

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<td>3:00 p.m. Lay Ministers (see page 3) (Old Pine Center)</td>
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Pastor Heidi will be in Haiti from Saturday, January 16-Saturday, January 23.

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10:30 a.m. Parking Lot Worship (see page 2)

3:00 p.m. Church Council

5:00 p.m. Quest Youth Zoom Meeting

Deadline for Annual Reports for the 2021 Church Yearbook.
Deadline for February Newsletter articles to the church office.
Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School is a wonderful time to be with your friends and to make new ones in a smaller setting where you can connect the Word of God to your daily life, learn of God's love and forgiveness through Jesus Christ, and grow in faith together. Sunday School meets at 9:30 AM, and there are age appropriate classes for children, teens, and adults alike.

During COVID-19 the Sunday School Teachers will take turns teaching classrooms for all ages.

Please remember to practice social distancing.

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Worship Services Opportunities during the month of January

Parking Lot Worship at 10:30 a.m., with radio broadcast 103.9 FM. This worship service is structured specifically to prevent the spread of COVID-19 but still celebrate the communal aspect of worship.

During COVID-19 we are offering the following if you do not feel comfortable worshipping in person you can: 1. Worship online by visiting our webpage (https://ulcsalisbury.org/worship/) 2. Connect with us on Facebook Live (https://facebook.com/ulcsalisbury) 3. Request a worship DVD

Bible Course 101 (Acts)

beginning January 12 and January 13

An opportunity to participate in the next series of Bible Studies will begin on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

For more information please ask an Usher for a copy of the brochure.
Deadline to register is today!
Also available to join via Zoom.

All organizations, committees, groups, and individuals who are to turn in reports for the ANNUAL YEARBOOK REPORT, please do so by Sunday, January 17. This is a very important document in reflecting the life of Union’s for the past year and for planning activities for the coming year. We want to get it out to the members of the congregation as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.
Good Timers

Taking extreme caution into account, we will not meet in January. However, we are going to aim for February and the January program will be rescheduled for then. So you have an extra MONTH to find those items you wish to bring with you to “Stump your Neighbor” and “Show and Tell”.

Let’s all hope February will bring brighter days for all.

The Gift of Time

Time is one of the most precious gifts that you can give to anyone, yet one of the most challenging.

When my aunt was in a nursing home, she seemed to feel guilty when she received visits and attention because in her words, “I didn’t do it for others when I could have.”

Her words became a challenge for me to do things for others while I am able. What about you, while you can?

If you have gifts of compassion, comforting, listening, and confidentiality, might you be willing to share those gifts with ones who can no longer worship with us?

In an effort to assure that all of our members receive the care and attention that they should have and that we are called to give the Lay Ministry Team invites you to our next meeting on Thursday, January 14, at 3:00 p.m. to discuss how you might be a part of this ministry.

Please prayerfully consider whether God is calling you to bless our members with special needs.

There are a variety of ways to serve, some post-COVID and some presently. Examples are: visiting in homes; visiting nursing facilities; hospital visits; surgical waiting; sharing communion; phone calls; sending cards; and delivering Sunday bulletins and Dvd’s.

Being a part of this ministry is a blessing and a privilege. The rewards you receive far outweigh the time that you give.

Love and Prayers, Deena Lanning, UELC Lay Minister

Good Timers

During the month of January, the congregation has the opportunity to still turn in their 2021 Time & Talent Forms and Experiencing the Joy of Generosity Commitment Form to fill out. Extra copies are located in the box outside the church office door and in the Narthex.

This is an opportunity to take inventory of the gifts God has given you and volunteering to participate where those gifts best serve. This will allow those preparing and scheduling activities for 2021 to plug you in.

Presently we have received 41 Time & Talent forms turned in. We have received 26 Experiencing the Joy of Generosity commitment forms out of 119 giving households.

Give them the gift of Time.
PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

Nursing Home Residents - Brenda Mahaley, Pat & Wayne Miller, Ruth Monroe, and Jane Peeler, (Autumn Care), Jean Ray (Brookdale), Grace Morgan (The Laurels, Room 307B – cards are appreciated), and Betty Denker (Trinity Oaks, Apt. 123B)

Homebound Members - Rachel Earnhardt, Jean Kluttz, Frances Norris, Zarah Plyler, Billy Waller, and Michael Walton


Continual Prayer - Nancy Ballew (mother of Kat Clifton), Evonne Batten (mother of Lisa Morgan), Yvette Bates (coworker of Karen Barringer), Martha Boger and Family (friends of Jennifer and Scott Curlee), Vanna Calloway (friend of Kat Clifton), Arnold Cauble, Ophelia Curlee (sister-in-law of Grace Morgan), Karen DeMunbrun (niece of Grace Morgan), June Fraley, Sally Honeycutt (sister of Janie Lesley), Teresa Kesler, Edna McCollough (friend of Jennifer & Scott Curlee), David Mitchell (friend of Pete Nguyen), Della Morgan (mother of Pam Vellines), dusty Morgan Family (Dusty, Sr., Lisa, Felisaty, and Dusty, Jr.), Hong Nguyen (mother of Pete Nguyen), John Oddie, Jr. (brother of Ruby Leazer and Ruth Myers), Steven and Malynda Peeler, Steve Pless (friend of Pete Nguyen), Larry Shepherd, Jamie Troutman (nephew of Lynn Coughenour), and Union Fire Department #76

Prayers of Sympathy and Comfort - Our love and sympathy is extended to the Family of Sylvia Fraley in their time of grief. “Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me” (John 14:1).

Remember in Prayer List Note: We strive to list the prayer requests and names correctly. Please let us know if a correction is needed or you would like a name added/or returned to the list. If there is a name that can be removed, please contact the church office with that information as well. In an effort to keep the list current, we will update/remove prayer requests on a monthly basis, with the exception of known prolonged/ongoing issues. Thank you!