

Baptism of the Lord

January 7, 2018

10:30 AM Worship

*At the ringing of the carillon, please silence your cell phones and conversations and prepare your hearts and minds for an encounter with the Living God.* ***Bolded text******is read or sung by all.***

*\*Please rise in body or spirit.*

**COME**

Voluntary Of the Father’s Love Begotten  Wilbur Held

David Foerster, *guest organist*

\*Call to Worship          Brad Hall

 By the heavenly voice and descent of the dove

 **Jesus was revealed as the promised servant of the Lord.**

 As Jesus humbled himself to receive a baptism of repentance

 **we are called each day to die to sin and rise to new life.**

 Let us rejoice that in our baptism we too are called to serve God and neighbor.

 **Come, let us worship our God!**

\*Hymn 492   Baptized in Water BUNESSAN

**ENCOUNTER**

Prayer of Confession

 **Lord, often we don’t take seriously any need to confess our sins and ask your forgiveness. But when we hear that God’s own son was willing to be counted among sinners, we realize that we have to be honest about our thoughts and desires and actions. We have failed to love you with our whole hearts, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We have sinned in what we have done and what we have failed to do. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, forgive our sins and strengthen us for your service.**

*Silence is observed.*

Response 574 Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*

 **Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us.**

 **Lord have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Response 567 Glory Be to the Father *Gloria Patri*

 **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

\*Passing the Peace

Greet both friends and strangers saying, **The peace of Christ be with you.**

Time for Church Life and Call for the Offering

*Please sign the friendship pad and pass to those seated near you. If you are the last person to sign on that page, please tear it out and leave it on the pew for the ushers to pick up after the service.*

Offertory In dulci jubilo Johann Sebastian Bach

\*Response 592 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow *Doxology*

 **Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all**

 **creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;**

 **praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Time with Young Disciples First Sunday Food Collection/Sheila Svoboda

*After the Time with Young Disciples, 3-year-olds through 3rd grade are invited to the Nursery and Room 104 for age-appropriate activities.*

*Grades 4-8 will stay in worship with their families.*

**GROW**

Prayer for Illumination

The First Lesson          Isaiah 42:1-7             Pew Bible, Old Testament  Pg. 670

\*Hymn 421 The Church of Christ in Every Age                 WAREHAM

The Second Lesson   Mark 1:4-11             Pew Bible, New Testament Pg. 34

 This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon         Baptized for Service       The Reverend George Murphy

**SERVE**

\*Affirmation of Faith     Apostles’ Creed

 **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come 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.**

Prayers of the People

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

 God our creator, at this beginning of a new year we thank you for the gift of time.

 **Guide us to use this gift wisely in service to you and our neighbor.**

 We pray for all members of your church to serve you faithfully;

 **that your name may be glorified throughout the world.**

 We pray for all who proclaim your word;

 **that your good news may spread and be believed.**

 We pray for those in authority in this and other nations;

 **that peace and justice may abound for all.**

 We pray for those who are ill, injured, or in any kind of trouble;

 **that they may be consoled and healed.**

 We remember those who have died

 **and ask that you would receive them into your gracious care.**

 Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,

 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

 **Amen.**

 Silent Reflection and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; 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 326   Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart             MORECAMBE

\*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary       How Lovely Shines the Morning Star            Jan Bender

***Welcome to our worship this morning!***

*Join us for coffee, fellowship and birthday cake*

*in Wright-Herberich Hall after worship today.*

USHERS this morning are Bob Leonard (head usher), Raphael Peoples, Earl Pierson, Don Rearick and Phil Fry.

TWEEN USHERS are assisting in worship today.

THE JANUARY BIRTHDAY cake is given by Shirley Werner in honor of all those who have January birthdays.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available. Please ask an usher.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES are available. Please ask an usher.

CHILDREN’S BIBLES AND ACTIVITY BOXES are available in the Narthex. Please ask an usher.

PRAYER LIST Please continue to update Pastor Jon and the staff about prayer needs for our weekly prayer list that is usually emailed out on Monday.

REVEREND GEORGE MURPHY is serving as *guest preacher* this week. Reverend Murphy is a retired Lutheran pastor who served St. Mark Lutheran Church in Tallmadge (1984-1998), was a pastoral associate at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Akron (1999-2008), and continues to provide supply ministry. George’s first career was in physics, and he is active in work to help churches deal theologically with issues raised by developments in science and technology. George presented Westminster’s Ebert’s Lecture Series in 2016.

DAVE FOERSTER is serving as *guest organist* this week. David Foerster graduated from Concordia University, Seward, NE with a B.S.  After serving a Lutheran parish in Milwaukee, he completed his Masters at Wittenberg and came to Akron.  He served Zion Lutheran, Trinity Lutheran and Fairlawn West UCC before his marketing career's travel requirements forced a stop to regular organist duties.  In retirement, he enjoys serving in a substitute capacity, most recently completing a six month interim at Akron's First Congregational Church.  He especially likes to sub at Westminster.

**COME - ENCOUNTER - GROW - SERVE**

HANGING/REMOVAL OF THE GREENS Please stay after worship TODAY to help the Worship committee take down the beautiful decorations.

FAMILY ICE SKATING Join us TODAY at Lock 3, downtown Akron, for family skating. We will meet at 3:00 p.m. and skate till about 5:00 p.m. Rental/skating is $4 or bring your own, skating is $2. Cookies will be available for WPC members. Sign-up in WHH, please!

CONFIRMATION CLASS begins on January 21. For more information or to sign-up, please contact Pastor Hauerwas at jhauerwas.wpc@gmail.com.

BEFRIENDERS are planning to deliver carnations on Valentine’s Day to all the residents of the Ledges and Assisted Living at Rockynol. *You can help by baking and buying baked goods on Sunday, January 21 in Wright- Herberich Hall after the worship service.*Please bring your baked goods to WHH  before classes or worship and stop by after worship to purchase some of your favorite sweets! Questions please call Margie Brideweser at 330-645-0813 or Anna Marie Wilton at 330-835-3949.

WPC YOUTH SUPER–SUB SALE on Sunday, February 4 to raise funds for mission trips! *Every Sunday from January 7 - 28*, you can *place an order* for super-sub sandwiches in Wright Herberich Hall following worship. Sandwiches come in three sizes: 6 inches for $6.00, 12 inches for $12.00, and 24 inches for $20.00. Each sandwich will have three different premium meats, provolone cheese, lettuce and onions. Church members and friends may pick your subs up on Sunday, February 4, between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. ALL SALES MUST BE PREPAID (cash or check).

YOUTH SUB MAKING AND SNOW TUBING on Saturday, February 3. Youth are invited to make subs for the mission trip fundraiser and then head to Brandywine for snow tubing. Drop-off and pick-up will be at the church and the event will last from 10 – 4 p.m. Everyone should pack a lunch and bring $20 for snow tubing. RSVP to wpcyouth1250@gmail.com by Jan. 31.

DISCIPLESHIP INVITES WPC FOR A GAME NIGHT Looking for warm fellowship on a chilly winter afternoon? Bring your favorite board, card, or other game -- and a friend, if you want – on Saturday, Jnauary 27 to Wright-Herberich Hall from 4:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m. All ages welcome. Drinks and snacks provided. Contact Lisa Bansen-Harp with questions at lbansenharp@hotmail.com

 ***Calendar of Church Building Events***

***for January 7 - 14, 2018***

**Sunday, 1/7/18:**

9:00 am Child Care Center opens

9:30 am Education for all ages

10:30 am Worship/First Sunday Food Collection (Sanctuary)

11:30 am Coffee, fellowship and birthday cake (WHH/Kitchen)

11:30 am Hanging/Removal of the Greens

12:00 pm Deacon’s Meeting and Lunch (off-site) *rescheduled date*

3:00 pm Family Ice Skating (Lock 3, off-site)

**Monday, 1/8/18:**

11:30 am Men’s Group Lunch (off-site)

**Tuesday, 1/9/18:**

7:00 pm Discipleship Meeting (Room 106)

7:00 pm Properties Meeting (Library)

**Wednesday, 1/10/18:**

4:00 pm Bridges Out of Poverty/Circles (WHH/Kitchen/Library)

4:15 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

7:00 pm Music Director/Organist Search Committee Meeting (Room 106)

**Thursday, 1/11/18:**

 8:00 am Eye-Opener Bible Study (Room 106)

 9:30 am Staff meeting (Library)

**Friday, 1/12/18:** No activities planned

**Saturday, 1/13/18:** No activities planned

**Sunday, 1/14/18:**

9:00 am Child Care Center opens

9:30 am Education for all ages

10:30 am Worship/Communion (Sanctuary)

11:30 am Coffee and fellowship (WHH/Kitchen)

**Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

* We do our best to answer your phone calls weekday mornings.
* You may be directed to our automated answering service at other times.
* We strive to provide access to the church building during office hours through our callbox in the rear of the church building.
* Please call ahead and inquire about building access if you are coming after 2:00 p.m.

WEEKLY DEADLINE for information to be included in the Sunday Update and Sunday bulletin is Wednesday at noon.

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2018 SCRIPT will be distributed on Sunday, January 28, 2018. The Script will cover activities between January 29 – March 24, 2018. Please have all articles turned into the office by noon on Wednesday, January 17 by email to gwilson1250@gmail.com.

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