

GOD

said,

"Let there be light."

AND SO LIGHT APPEARED.

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ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

January 8, 2012

Baptism of the Lord

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God speaks!

People: God's voice is a timpani, thundering across the heavens.

Leader: God's voice is a whisper, caressing the earth as a breath.

People: God's voice is majestic as mountains.

Leader: God's voice is powerful, causing the earth to quake.

People: God speaks and new life springs forth.

Leader: God speaks and wounds are healed.

People: God's speaks and fears subside.

Leader: The Lord God Almighty speaks to us.

People: We know the voice of our creator and shepherd.

Leader: Let us respond to God's voice with faith.

People: God speaks! Thanks be to God!

OPENING PRAYER

***OPENING HYMN** (red hymnal)

No. 59

All Creatures of Our God and King

A PRAYER FOR MERCY (in unison)

Dear Lord, we know about being entitled and then growing careless. We know about self-indulgence, even amid work to be done. We know about being – for a moment – beyond Scripture requirement and outside of your world of command. We know about seasons of life not

given over to us and grief at being failed selves. We also know that you circle back among us in harshness and in mercy, in rigor and in generosity. Now our world has gone careless and self-indulgent and beyond Scripture.

So circle back, we pray – one more time, among us with your mercy, our only source of comfort, for we belong to you in your faithfulness. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI** (red hymnal) *Glory Be to the Father* No. 576

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 29

Pew Bible, Pg. 487

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR MORNING OFFERING

Offertory Music

Receiving the Offering

***THE DOXOLOGY** (red hymnal) *Praise God* No. 572

***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

Genesis 1:1-5; Mark 1:4-15

Pew Bible, Pgs. 1 & 33

SERMON

“First Words”

***CLOSING HYMN** (red hymnal) No. 331

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

***(Indicates that those who are able will please stand)**

Cheryl Mefford, Organist

Prayer List

Our Continuing Care Concerns

January 8, 2012

Deb Goodwin

Floyd Liston

Madeleine Wallman

In Nursing Homes

Ridgeview Care Center

Esther York

United Methodist Village

Mary Leggitt

Eleanor Goodwin

Cotillion Ridge Nursing Home

Dorothy Edgington

Marlene Russell

In Our Military - Serving Our Country

Matthew Akers
★ Judie Beauchamp
★ Marcus Crawford
Nathan Devonshire
David Michael Duggan
Jim Ferguson
Bradley P. Fulling
Jason Green
Joshua Green
★ Cody Herrington
Allen Hodge
Ed Hodge
Michael Kennedy II

Andrew Kincaide
★ Kristen Klein
Jesse Martin
Brent Nehls
Chelsea Otey
★ Dustin Pankonien
Justin Potter
Michael Ramsey
Levi Richardson
Shane Robinson
★ Ryan Rumler
Dan Salee

★ Emma Selby
★ Travis Selby
Anthony Shanes
Daylon Siverly
Tim Tanner
Travis Titsworth
Lance Vennard
★ Andy Weaver
Nathan Wesley
Tyler Williamson
Rachel York
Zeb York
★ *Overseas*

*Names that appear in **BOLD** are newly added this week.*

Prayer List Request

Requesting Prayers For: _____

Reason for request: _____
(not required)

Date: _____

This request should be removed in: (please check one)

30 days

2 weeks

Longer – please specify: _____

1 week

3 weeks

Place in the offering plate or give to Sandy Ellis
There are extra forms on the table at the back of the sanctuary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- TODAY**
- Carolyn Ripley is the greeter before worship.
 - Members of The Class are serving as ushers for January.
 - J.D. Trimble is the West Door greeter after church.
 - 2011 Annual Reports are ready and on the back table for your perusal.
- Monday**
- 5:30 p.m. – Investment Committee meeting in Pastor Paul's office.
- Tuesday**
- 2:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Pioneer Hang Out (After School Program)
 - 6:00 p.m. – Trustee Meeting; Nominated members are encouraged to come to the meeting.
 - 6:00 p.m. – Session Meeting; Nominated members are encouraged to come to the meeting.
- Wednesday**
- 6:45 p.m. - Choir practice
- Next Sunday**
- The Annual Congregational Meeting will be immediately following the worship service. Please plan to attend.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting date has been set for Sunday, January 15, 2012 immediately following worship service. Please plan to attend. The 2011 Annual Report will be available for your perusal on Sunday, January 8th.

FOOD DRIVE

January is our month to collect food items for the Palestine Community Food Bank. We will have boxes at each entrance for you to place your items in. Items needed are: Flour, Sugar, Salt, Oatmeal, Rice, Cereal, Dry Milk, Canned Meats, Boxed Dinners (Hamburger, Tuna, and Chicken Helper), Canned Fruits and Vegetables. There is a great need for Toilet Paper and Laundry Detergent as well as Deodorant for Men and Women.

SOLO EXHIBIT – PALESTINE ART CENTER

Grant Goodwine has a solo exhibit during the month of January at the Palestine Art Center located at 110 S. Main Street. The exhibit is free and the hours are 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Monday – Friday and 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Thursday evenings.

January 8, 2012
Baptism of the Lord
Seasonal Color: White

Lectionary Readings for the day:
Genesis 1:1-5
Psalm 29
Acts 19:1-7
Mark 1:4-11

Genesis 1:1-5

When God began to create the heavens and the earth—the earth was without shape or form, it was dark over the deep sea, and God’s wind swept over the waters—God said, “Let there be light.” And so light appeared. God saw how good the light was. God separated the light from the darkness. God named the light Day and the darkness Night. There was evening and there was morning: the first day.