The Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2021

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent' Gordon Young

Invocation

*Hymn: "God of Love, We Have Known Division" Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

(see download)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Response: In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; In the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God: do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. (#654)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "Let Us Break Bread Together' Gordon Young

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: #164 "Down Galilee's Slow Roadways" to the tune of #724

- 1. Down Galilee's slow roadways a stranger traveled on from Nazareth to Jordan to be baptized by John. He went down to the waters like soldier, scribe, and slave, but there within the river the sign was birth and grave.
- 2. Arising from the river he saw the heavens torn; it seemed the sky so open revealed the Spirit's form.

The holy dove descended amid a glorious voice: "You are my beloved, my child, my heart, my choice."

3. We too have found a roadway; it led us to this place.
We all have had to travel in search of hope and grace.
But now beside this water again a voice is heard.
"You are my own, my chosen, beloved of your Lord."

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:4-11

4John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 6Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 7He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. 8I 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. 10And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. 11And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Sermon: Rising from the Waters

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Affirmation of Faith - Apostles Creed

The Peace of Christ Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Hymn: #23 "God, You Spin the Whirling Planets" (see download)

*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude:

"Praise Him! Praise Him!"

Mary McDonald

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The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

Rev. Robert W. Birch, Minister

Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

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PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

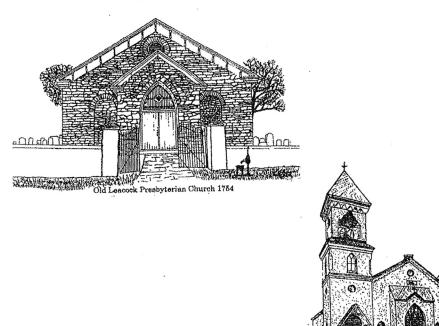
PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Douglas & Lois Snader

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to purchase flowers for the **Sanctuary** in honor of or in memory of someone or a special occasion, the following dates are available: **January 24** and **January 31**.

Leacock Presbyterían Church

First met in Leacock Township in 1724, recognized by the Synod in 1740, moved to Paradise in 1840.



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