

WITNESS

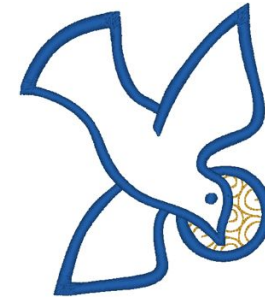
telling our stories, offering expressions of faith, being Christ-like
{Together}

A CHURCH SUPPER happens here at 1837 W Broad following our service on January 20. Do stay and enjoy some Chipotle and one another!

GIVING GROWS YOU and us.

	Ministry Costs	Your Gifts
January 1 - 5	\$3,418	\$142

Real talk: It's hard out there for a church in January.



For Christians, to share in the Eucharist means to live as people who know that they are always guests – that they have been welcomed and that they are wanted. It is, perhaps, the most simple thing that we can say about Holy Communion, yet it is still supremely worth saying. In Holy Communion, Jesus Christ tells us that he wants our company.

- Rowan Williams

January 20, 2019

Baptism of the Lord Sunday
4:00 pm at 1837 W Broad St.

Words of Welcome

Rev. Drew Willson

Hymn

The Unclouded Day 1-2,4

Greeting

Sisters and brothers in Christ:
through the sacrament of baptism
God's Spirit has been poured out upon water,
water poured over and immersing us,
water that flows freely for all who will receive it,
water from the streams of God's saving power,
water that brings hope to all who thirst for righteousness,
water that refreshes life, nurtures growth, and offers new birth.
Today we come to the waters.

Time with Children

Hymn

Down to the River to Pray

Call to Prayer

Today we come to the waters,
to renew our commitments
in each other's presence
to Christ who has raised us,
the Spirit who has birthed us,
and the Creator who is making all things new. Let us pray.

Prayer

Interlude

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Music

Come to the River

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 43:1-7

Sermon

Rev. Rachel G. May

And so I ask you, will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

**We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
Reject the evil powers of this world,
And repent of our sin!**

Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?

**We accept the freedom and power God gives us
To resist evil, injustice, and oppression
In whatever forms they present themselves!**

Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ, his body on earth?

**We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior, put our whole trust in his grace,
and promise to serve him as our Lord,
in union with the church which Christ has opened
to people of all ages, nations, and races!**

Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

**We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church
And serve as Christ's representatives in the world.**

Offering

Invitation

Remember your baptism and be thankful.
The Holy Spirit work within you,
that having been born through water and the Spirit,
you may live as disciples of Jesus,
keeping his company every chance that you get.

The Lord's Supper

Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

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Dismissal with Blessing

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

Holy God...

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory,

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus...

And so,

in remembrance of these, your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving

as a holy and living sacrifice,

in union with Christ's offering for us,

as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out your Spirit on us, and pour out your Spirit on these gifts...

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 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—
⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS has called a Special Session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church to be held February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri.



**2019 SPECIAL SESSION
OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE**

The purpose will be to receive and act on a report from the Commission on a Way Forward based on the recommendations of the Council of Bishops. The 32-member Commission was authorized by General Conference 2016 and appointed by the Council of Bishops to *examine paragraphs in The Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and exploring options to strengthen the unity of the church.*

If you want to read the report, it is available online at <http://www.umc.org/topics/general-conference-2019-special-session>.

If you would like to dive deeper into the waters of General Conference 2019, a handout -- offering an overview of what is at stake as well as some recommended resources -- is available. Ask Rachel for a copy!

NURTURE

caring for one another and for our growth as disciples

{Inward}

WE ARE PRAYING for Jim and his family, Nancy Tate, and Leslie. Wish to add or restore a name? Say so via the offering plate or the church's e-mail address.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH for infants - 5 year olds begins after the children's moment (approximately 4:15). They rejoin us for Communion. Ms. LaRonda is an experienced childcare provider currently employed by Grace Covenant Child Development Center.

THE WORD EPIPHANY suggests "a making known" of something or someone. Epiphany is both a day and a season on the church calendar. For many Christian communities, the First Sunday after Epiphany is a time to celebrate the Baptism of our Lord – a time when the voice from heaven "makes it known" that Jesus is "my son."