

Linway United Presbyterian Church  
The Baptism of the Lord  
January 9, 2022 Bulletin for Worship

Prelude

George Hawkins, Organist

Words of Welcome

Gathering Prayer: (unison) **Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Call to Worship

Lila Sedlak, Liturgist

L: Jesus said: *I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life* (John 8:12).

**P: The grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all humankind.**

L: Come, let us worship God.

\*Opening Hymn #241 - *(please stand)*

*When Jesus Came to Jordan*

\*Invitation to Confession

\*Unison Prayer of Confession: **Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. In truth, we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving kindness have mercy upon us, O God, and forgive us our sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism that we are claimed by your love in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*Declaration of Pardon

L: John the Baptist said: *I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming... who will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.* (Matthew 3:11)

**P: May the everlasting justice and righteousness of our heavenly Father cleanse us and prepare us for the kingdom of God.**

L: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:

**P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

\*Gloria Patri

Time with the Children

Special Music

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 43:1-4 and Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Prayer Hymn # 244 verses 1, 2, & 3

*O Love, How Deep*

Morning Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, and Response

Sermon:

**"Claimed: Never Alone"**

Rev. Eric E. Dennis

\*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed - *(please stand)*

\*Closing Hymn # 243 - *(please stand)*

*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Congregational Response

*Go with God*

\*Postlude

***\*Indicates those who are able, to please stand***

Contemporary Service: Sundays at 9:15 a.m. Traditional Service: Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

**When Attending Worship Services in the Sanctuary**

**Masks may be removed once you are seated.** Please complete an attendance card & place it in the basket when exiting the Sanctuary. Please place any offering in the box when exiting the Sanctuary. Please use the restrooms located in the Preschool Hallway. Children's Sunday School is held every other Sunday & announced after the Time with Children. Please have children wear masks to the Time with Children & to Sunday School. The Nursery is open if needed.

**Please Remember In Our Prayers:** Bob Black, Betty Brinker, Margaret, Gwen DeSarno, Janet Doherty, Richard Eboli, Bobby Fazio, Mike Feigh, Wally Fox, Betty Frommell, George G. & Family, Richard Hickox, Bob J., Jill, Ken M., Kim, Bill & Carmella Knight, Jean Lawton, Rita Marrow, Michelle, Carol Pascarella, Bill + Libby(Wetzler) + Willie Patterson, Barbara Shoop, Michelle Smith, David Swauger, Leslie T., Cindy Taylor, Peg Torbich, Arnetta W., Ed Waszkiewicz



**Suggested Scripture Readings:**

Isaiah 43:1-7                      Psalm 29  
Acts 8:14-17                      Luke 3:15-22

**Happy New Year! Looking Ahead to 2022:**

Today Jan.9 Deacon Meeting at 9:00 a.m. in Friendly Fellowship Room

+ Deacons undecorate after 10:30 service.

Sun. Jan. 16 Ordination/Installation of Officers

Tu. Jan 18 Session Zoom Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Sun. Jan 30 Annual Congregational Meeting

**Gift Cards** are available for purchase after the service as a church fundraiser:

Giant Eagle, Eat'N Park, and Dunkin Donuts. To purchase, stop by the table in the Narthex before exiting the church or call the office.

**2022 Giving Boxes Now Available:** Please help us save postage by picking-up your Giving Box which is listed in alphabetical order on the table in the Narthex. The Giving Boxes contain weekly offering envelopes for 2022.

**Time to Undecorate** Please consider staying after today's 10:30 service to help the Deacons take down our Christmas decorations.



**Deacons on Duty:** Sandi S. & Glenn M.

**Technology:** 9:15-D. Augustin 10:30-J. Stewart  
1/16/22: 9:15-D. Augustin 10:30-R. Cornell

**Church Security-** This Week: Jamie Stewart  
Week of 1/17/22: Glenn Marrow

*The Baptism of our Lord*

*When all the people were baptized,  
Jesus also was baptized. As He was  
praying, heaven opened, and the  
Holy Spirit descended on Him in a  
physical appearance like a dove.  
And a voice came from heaven:  
You are My beloved Son.  
I take delight in You!*

*Luke 3: 21-22*



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