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Baptism of Our Lord	January 11, 2015

Please remember to turn off your cell phones during the Worship Service. Thank you.

Preparation Music

(Please be seated and prepare yourself for worship)

The Entrance of the Light

Welcome

Moments of Concerns and Announcements

Mission Moment-Deanna Ferry of the Blackburn Center

*Ringing of the Bell

Gathering Music-Please stand and join the choir in singing:

All: Christ is the light, Christ is the light.

Goodbye to darkness, goodbye to night.

In the Eastern sky the stars are shining bright,

Oh, glory hallelujah children, Christ is the light. (repeat)

*Call to Worship-Psalm 29

Pastor: Ascribe to our GOD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to our GOD glory and strength.

People: Ascribe to our GOD a glorious name; worship our GOD in holy splendor.

Pastor: The voice of our GOD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

People: The voice of our GOD is powerful; the voice of our GOD is full of majesty.

Pastor: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

People: God makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

Pastor: The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

People: The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

Pastor: The voice of our GOD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in God's temple all say, "Glory!"

People: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; Our GOD sits enthroned as ruler forever.

Pastor: May our GOD give strength to the people!

People: May the LORD bless the people with peace!

***Hymn #326 "Crashing Waters at Creation"**

*Call to Reconciliation (Remain Standing)

*Confession of Sin

All: O God, we hear your voice and we see the way of Jesus set before us. But it's hard, dear God, to try again and again to live up to our baptismal vows and maintain our resolve to be your people in the world. In repentance we ask you to forgive us. Set us once again on a holy path that leads to you. Amen.

Silent Confession

*Kyrie # 750

All: Lord have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

*Words of Assurance:

Pastor: *Sisters and Brothers, God hears our prayers and sets before us the way of Jesus. God calls us and gives us enough grace and mercy to follow the way. Thanks be to God.*

*Act of Praise..... #760

All: **Amen we praise your name, O God! (Sing Amen)**

Amen we praise your name, O God! (Sing Amen)

Amen, Amen! Amen, Amen!

Amen we praise your name, O God!

*The Passing of the Peace

Pastor: *The peace of Christ be with you.*

All: **And also with you.**

Please share a greeting of Christian love with those sitting around you.

Children's Time: "Your Baptism"

(Children in Kindergarten and younger may go to the nursery)

Anthem: "At the Riverside"

Scripture Lesson: Mark 1:4-11

Reader-Joyfa Kelly

Sermon: "God's Beloved"

Our Morning Prayers

The Candle of Remembrance is lit in honor of USAF Senior Airman Recruiter Jared Bender, and as a prayer for all military personnel and first responders, especially those in harm's way.

Call to Prayer "Pray"

Pray___, pray___, pray___ for peace within our world_____.

Pray___, pray___, pray___ for peace within our souls_____.

Pray___, pray___, pray___ for love and unity_____;

Quiet our busy hearts

Pray___, pray___, pray___ .

Pray___, pray___, pray___

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer,

Prayer of Our Savior (spoken)

All: **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

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Pastor: *Do you renew and affirm the promises made at your baptism?*

People: **I do.**

Pastor: *Do you recognize the call of God to be God's people always?*

People: **I do.**

Pastor: *Do you embrace the way of Jesus in faith and ministry?*

People: **I do**

Pastor: *Do you accept the nurture of the Holy Spirit who renews your spirit each day?*

People: **I do.**

Pastor: *Do you accept and embrace others who seek a liberating faith in God?*

People: **I do.**

Pastor: *In renewing your baptismal vows, remember your baptism as a mark of acceptance and welcome into the care of Christ's church where you may begin again your Christian faith and life.*

All: **O God, we rejoice in your grace, given and received. We thank you that you claim us, that you wash us, strengthen us, and guide us, that you empower us to live a life worthy of our calling. In the way of Jesus, make us as water in a dry and thirsty world.**

- **Establish us to be places of refreshment.**
- **Root us and nurture us in love, that with all your people, that we may rightly and justly serve you.**
- **Fill us with your fullness that our lives may overflow in service and love. Amen.**

Our Time of Sharing
Invitation to the Offering, The Sharing of Gifts

Offering Music

*Offertory Response “We Are Giving in the Light of God” (526)

All: We are giving in the light of God,

We are giving in the light of God (Repeat previous 2 lines)

We are giving, giving, we are giving, Oo,

We are giving in the light of God (Repeat previous 2 lines)

Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn: #115 “The Baptist Shouts on Jordan’s Shore”
verses 1, 3, 4** (*sung to Tune #7 “Old Hundredth”*)

*The Benediction

***Benediction Response #136**

All: “Jesus, Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child”

*Postlude

Did you know that during the month of January we are having a kitchen shower for the residents of the Blackburn Center as they are established in new homes. Items needed are:

9x13” Baking pans	Hot dish pads	Flatware
Dish drainers	Dishpans	Toasters
Dishwasher detergent	Soap dispensers	Kitchen knives
Paper towels	Towel holders	Skillets, all sizes
Electric mixers	Knife sharpeners	Dish liquid
Coffee makers	Dishrags	Dish towels
Plastic wrap	Aluminum foil	Colanders

Kitchen tools: large spatulas, reg. & slotted spoons, etc.

Extensions cords & multi-plugs for outlets Laundry detergent

Can openers, manual & electric Tall kitchen trash bags

1 & 2-gal. Ziploc bags Small & large pots & pans

Large lidded kitchen trash cans *(continued next page)*

Sandwich & quart-size Ziploc bags Plastic food containers, all sizes

GetGo & Sheetz Gas Cards WalMart & Giant Eagle Gift Cards

Canned soups, meats & tuna, condiments & spices, cake mixes, juices, packaged snacks for lunches, cereals, jelly, peanut butter.

This week:

Monday-Christian Education Committee 7:30PM

Thursday-Choir 7:00PM

Saturday-Bible Study at Murrysville Panera 9:00AM

Looking ahead: The annual meeting of the congregation is January 25.

Attendance for January 4: 63

Offering for January 4: \$2,119.25

Christmas Fund: \$131.00



Thank you to all my Church Friends and Family for your cards, phone calls and visits while I was in the hospital and nursing home, I love you, Ethel Hill

From the Stillspeaking Devotional of the United Church of Christ

“When the steward tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from, the steward called the bridegroom.” - John 2:9

Imagine you're the headwaiter at Cana's wedding reception. You realize that the wine is about to run dry before the fun has really started, while behind the scenes Jesus asks a few bus-boys to fill six ceramic jars with water. “Take some to your boss,” he says. When you taste the abundance you're relieved. Then you get back to work.

You don't know Jesus has just worked a miracle. You just know the day is saved. Jesus is always working wonders, saving days, rescuing relationships. And more often than not, he does so silently, anonymously, from a quiet table in the back of the room.

Prayer - Dear God, thank you for wonders we are unaware of. Amen.

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