

Denmark Manor United Church of Christ

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Baptism of the Lord 1/12/2025

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Words:

The waters of God’s blessing flow through our lives, quenching our thirst, bringing forth new hope.
(Brief moment of silence)

*Ringing of the Bell

*Introit: “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

All: Infant holy, Infant lowly, for His bed a cattle stall;

Oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the Babe is Lord of all.

Swift are winging, Angels singing, Noels ringing, Tidings bringing;

Christ the Babe is Lord of all. Christ the Babe was born for you!

Denmark Manor seeks the inspiration of the Holy Spirit as we work together through.....

The Congregation.....Disciples of Christ
Rev. Donald C. Watkins.....Pastor
Cathy Higgins..... Administrative Assistant
Joni Mattei..... Music Director
Dan Bozym..... Organist
Thad Balsley, Allen Latherow.....Acolytes
Ruth Bausher.....Worship Leader

Attendance for January 5, 2025: 45
Offering for January 5, 2025: \$1,889.00

There will be a Consistory meeting on Monday, January 13, at 7 p.m.

On January 19, 2025, we will hold our Annual Meeting immediately following the service. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

“God is still speaking . . .”

A Moment of Silent Reflection

Kyrie #750

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Words of Assurance:

God says, "Don't be afraid." God calls and names us as God's own.

***Act of Praise Gloria Patri**

**All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without
end. Amen.**

***Passing the Peace of Christ:**

Leader: Peace is a gift of God's love. Let the Lord bless us and give us strength, as we share signs of this peace! May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you all!

People: And also, with you!

(Let us lovingly pass our greetings and wish peace on each other!)

Anthem: "Lord, You Are Holy"

New Testament Lesson: Acts 8:14-17

***Gospel Lesson: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

Devotion: "God's Hug!"

Response to the Word: (Unison)

In the silence, God, we listen for your voice. We hear you say, "Don't be afraid", and we dare to resist evil, injustice, and oppression. We hear you say, "You are my child", and we find courage to serve as Christ's representatives in the world. We hear you say, "You are my beloved," and we live in joy, sharing your peace. We hear you and we thank you for your gift of love. Amen.

**Congregational Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant
(projected)**

Our Morning Prayers

The Candle of Remembrance is lit in hope that the Holy Spirit would bring peace to the world. In lighting it we remember all past and present military personnel, medical workers and first responders, especially those in harm's way.

Call to Prayer: "Hear our prayer, O God"

All: Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer, O God. Incline your ear to us and grant us your peace.

**Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer
Prayer of Our Savior:**

**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.**

Invitation to the Offering:

We live in security, trusting God's abundant care. Let us give with joy, serving Jesus Christ, God's beloved child.

Recognition of Our Time of Sharing:

Offering Music *Offertory Response: "Doxology"

**All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, you heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Offering Prayer: (Unison)**

Loving God, you bless us with your love. You know each one of us. We live in confidence and trust, knowing your care for us. We bring these gifts to you, our source of life. Use them, we pray, that others may experience your grace and live free from fear. Amen.

***Hymn: "Good Christian Friends Rejoice"
#129 NCH (vs.2&3)**

***The Benediction:**

God knows your names. As God's beloved children, you belong to God. Secure in this love, go forth to live without fear, trusting God's abundant care, resting in God's peace. Let all of God's children join and say together,

All: Amen.

***Benediction Response:**

"Jesus, Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child" #136 NCH (x2)

***Postlude**

***Call to Worship: (Responsive)**

L: We hear God's voice.

P: It thunders through creation.

L: God's voice is strong.

P: It shatters the cedars of Lebanon.

L: God is still speaking.

P: Calling out our names.

L: Listen for God.

P: God calls us beloved.

***Opening Prayer: (Unison)**

God of strength, God of love, surround us with your love. Gather us in as your beloved children. Open our ears to hear your voice. Open our hearts to the power of your transforming love. May your waters of grace pour over us, renewing us for your work in the world. Bless us in this holy time. Amen.

***Opening Hymn: "As with Gladness Those of Old"
#159 NCH (vs. 1&4)**

Prayer of Yearning:

Loving God, sometimes life seems overwhelming. There is so much happening that we can't control. We feel like we are drowning. Then we hear your voice saying, "Don't fear," and we remember that your love supports and sustains us. You are there when we feel overwhelmed. You are there when we struggle. You give us what we need. Help us place our trust in you, as we step away from fear, secure in your love. Amen.