

Baptism of Our Lord



January 12, 2025
10:00 a.m.

Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...
an adventure for life!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

In Preparation for Worship

- Within the sanctuary please remember that some people use this time of silence to prepare for worship.
- Whenever the cross is carried in procession through the congregation, we turn to face the cross to signify our way of life as followers of Jesus.
- Large-print bulletins and copies of the worship order are available; ask an usher for assistance.
- Please silence your cell phone.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Please be respectful of people who use this time to prepare for worship.

Prelude **When Morning Gilds the Skies** arr. Lloyd Larson

Welcome

Please stand in body or spirit

Hymn

I Will Change Your Name

[sing twice]

I will change your name,
I will change your name,
you shall no longer be called
your new name shall be
wound - ed, out - cast,
con - fi - dence, joy - ful - ness,

lone - ly or a - fraid.
o - ver - com - ing one,

faith - ful - ness, friend of God,

one who seeks my face.

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the friendship of
the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

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 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called your children, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated



WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7 (The Message)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Now, God's Message,

the God who made you in the first place, Jacob,
the One who got you started, Israel:

"Don't be afraid, I've redeemed you.

I've called your name. You're mine.

When you're in over your head, I'll be there with you.

When you're in rough waters, you will not go down.

When you're between a rock and a hard place,
it won't be a dead end—

Because I am God, your personal God,

The Holy of Israel, your Savior.

I paid a huge price for you:

all of Egypt, with rich Cush and Seba thrown in!

That's how much you mean to me!

That's how much I love you!

I'd sell off the whole world to get you back,

trade the creation just for you.

"So don't be afraid: I'm with you.

I'll round up all your scattered children,

pull them in from east and west.

I'll send orders north and south:

'Send them back.

Return my sons from distant lands,

my daughters from faraway places.

I want them back, every last one who bears my name,

every man, woman, and child

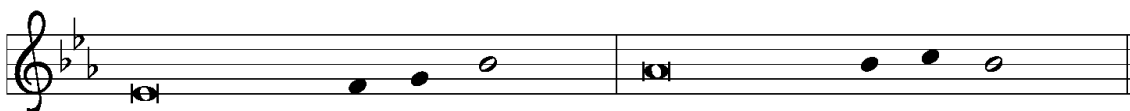
Whom I created for my glory,

yes, personally formed and made each one."

May we open ourselves to what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Amen.

Psalm 29



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Ascribe to the [|] LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo- [|] ry and strength.

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory [|] due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beau- [|] ty of holiness.**

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of [|] glory thunders;
The LORD is upon the [|] mighty waters.

**The voice of the LORD is a pow- [|] erful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a [|] voice of splendor.**

The voice of the LORD breaks the [|] cedar trees;
The LORD breaks the ce- [|] dars of Lebanon;

**the LORD makes Lebanon skip [|] like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a [|] young wild ox.**

The voice [|] of the LORD
bursts forth in [|] lightning flashes.

**The voice of the LORD [|] shakes the wilderness;
The LORD shakes the wilder- [|] ness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the [|] forests
bare.

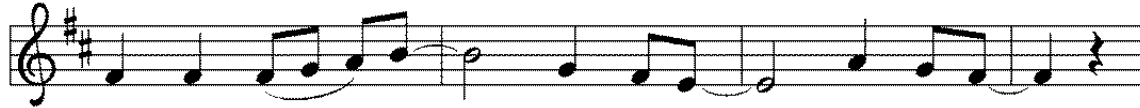
And in the temple of the LORD all are [|] crying, "Glory!"

**The LORD sits enthroned a- [|] bove the flood;
The LORD sits enthroned as king for- [|] evermore.**

O LORD, give strength [|] to your people;
give them, O LORD, the bless- [|] ings of peace.

Please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (The Message, adapted)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Because of what John the Baptizer was saying and doing,] the interest of the people by now was building. They were all beginning to wonder, “Could this John be the Messiah?”

But John intervened: “I’m baptizing you here in the river. The one coming after me, whose sandal I am not worthy to untie, will ignite the kingdom life, a fire, the Holy Spirit within you, changing you from the inside out. He’s going to clean house—make a clean sweep of your lives. He’ll place everything true in its proper place before God; everything false he’ll put out with the trash to be burned.”

After all the people were baptized, Jesus was baptized. As he was praying, the sky opened up and the Holy Spirit, like a dove descending, came down on him. And along with the Spirit, a voice: “You are my Son, chosen and marked by my love, pride of my life.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Spoken Reflection

BELIEVING IN YOUR OWN BEAUTY

*Part of an Epiphany series of messages on the theme
DISCOVERING HOW TO BE HUMAN.*

Musical Reflection

Be Not Afraid

Craig Courtney
Senior Choir

Be not afraid: for I have redeemed you;
Be not afraid: I have called you by name.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er you;
When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed;
You are mine, you are precious in my sight. *REPEAT*

My love for you is everlasting, my love for you shall have no end.
When you pass through the waters I will be with you;
When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er you;
When you walk through the fire you will not be consumed.
You are mine, you are precious in my sight. You are precious in my sight.

Apostles' Creed

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Community Prayers

Let us pray....

After each petition: "Your mercy is great, O God." **Receive our prayer.**

Amen.

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Bonnie Hegreness, Mary Kennedy, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and her sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Mary Bowling's sister Val, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Becky Trover's sister Maddie Sutphin, son-in-law Brandon James, and her niece Olivia Theissen, Skye Andree, Kris Kauffman, Ruth Murray's daughter Ellen Rose, Kathie Ehrich, Dottie and Larry Bird, Karen Kent, Ruth Boys, Eileene Welker, Kevin Bailey's sister Karla Weaver

For the people of Grace of God Lutheran Church in Columbus

For Redeemer community members Haretta and Marshall Edgington

Time with the Young People

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Members are encouraged to move around the sanctuary to greet each with a hearty handshake or a hug. For those who have special concerns or who do not wish close contact, please offer a sign of blessing to let others know you are more comfortable greeting them from a distance.

We will continue to take a moment to greet those who are worshiping via livestream before greeting those in the sanctuary.

WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus invited all who were hungry for food, healing, justice, and joy to share this communion meal.

Since this is his meal, and he is present to us in it, all are welcome.

During the Rite of Communion, Prayers and Prayer Assistants will assemble on the steps of the sanctuary to offer a gentle touch and blessing. Those who wish to receive this healing in their pews may let an usher know and the healing team will come to you. Jesus often touched others—blessing children, washing feet, and healing injuries or disease. Such an act is a tangible expression of the presence of the healing Christ, working in and through those who minister in His name.

In body or spirit, please stand

Offertory

You Are Holy

1*

You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2

You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

* *May be sung in canon.*

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Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

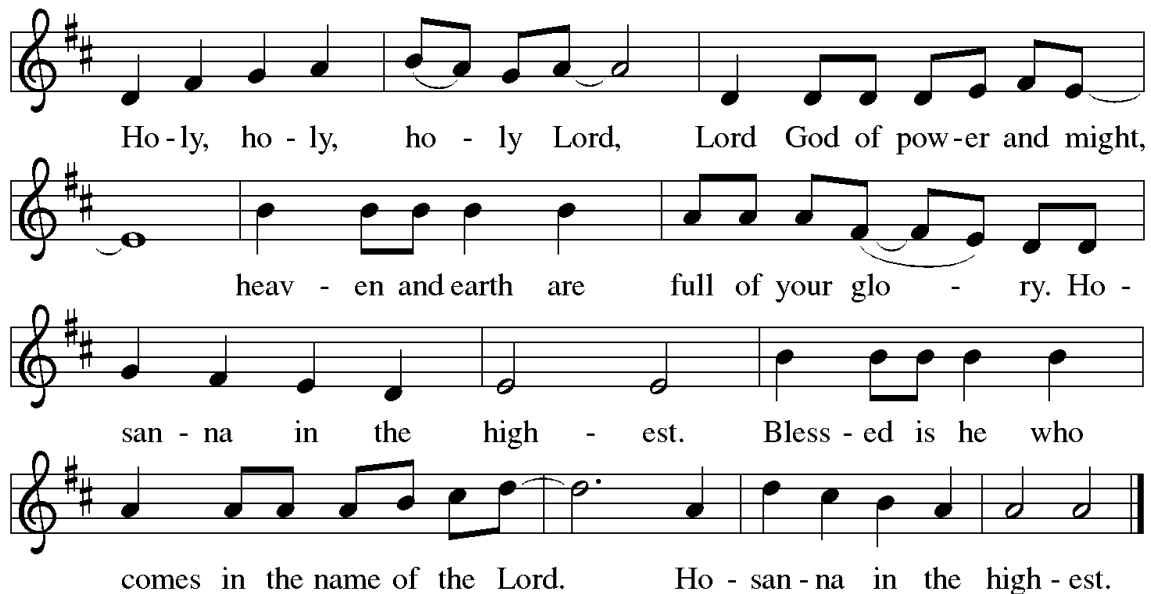
It is indeed right and good to remember that, in a refugee child playing under a star, in an unknown young man requesting baptism, in a wandering preacher refreshed by water from a woman's hand, God was waiting to be recognized and known, to transform seeing and change the world.

In the routine smallness of everyday life, in the painful uncertainty of struggle and transition, in the timeless grace of hospitality, and the gifts of bread and wine, God is waiting to be recognized and known, to transform our seeing and change our world.

Here, at this table, under the welcoming light of a morning star, the God of epiphanies waits to be encountered. So – though you may be weary and worn by your journey or stained and sore with travel – look up and see the star, lay aside your packs, and enter with joy for God waits here – to refresh and renew, to comfort and restore, to challenge and transform, to know, and be known.

Now, gathered around this table, we recall and recount how the Epiphany God appeared in the actions and words of Jesus as he shared a last supper with his friends in which Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take this and eat. This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me." And after supper, Jesus took the cup and gave it to them, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. As often as you drink this, do so to remember me."

Recalling and treasuring these things, we join our voices with those of all creation to recognize and celebrate the grace and goodness of God present and at work in the world.



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-
 san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Epiphany God, send down your Holy Spirit now on us, and on these gifts of bread and wine – that we might recognize and know you present with us here, and in receiving the gifts of your love find ourselves renewed. By this meal, renew our commitment to make real the prayer Jesus teaches:

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
 Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.**

Sharing the Meal

The gifts of God, for the people of God. Jesus welcomed all to this meal.
 So do we.

Please be seated

You may come forward to receive the elements, remain seated and use the pre-filled communion cups available at the door, or let an usher know you'd like to be served in your seat. Wine is in the outer rings of the tray, grape-apple juice in the inner ring. Gluten-free wafers are available on request, ask Pastor.

Hymn

O Living Breath of God



- 1 O liv-ing Breath of God, wind at the be-gin - ning up-on the wa - ters;
- 2 O liv-ing Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth a - mong us;
- 3 O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing us to life through bap-tis-mal wa - ters;



- O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing the cre - a - tion to won-drous birth:
- O liv-ing Breath of God, who to the cre - a - tion gives life a - new:
- O liv-ing Breath of God, sigh-ing with cre - a - tion for free-dom's birth:

Refrain



Come now, and fill our spir - its; pour out your gifts a - bun - dant.



O liv-ing Breath of God, Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe in us as we pray.

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Hymn

I Received the Living God



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



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- 1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
- 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
- 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
- 4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,



you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.
so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.
You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.
but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

Text: Anonymous
Music: LIVING GOD, Anonymous

Please stand in body or spirit

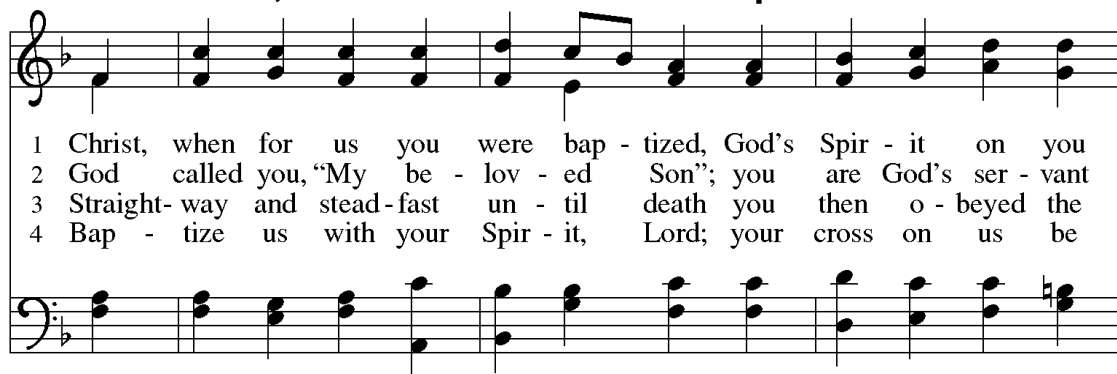
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Emmanuel – bright Morning Star: Gift us with the grace and generosity to respond freely and fully, whatever you might ask of us. So may our loving and living become places of epiphany where you can be recognized and known, and the transforming life of your Kingdom unleashed.

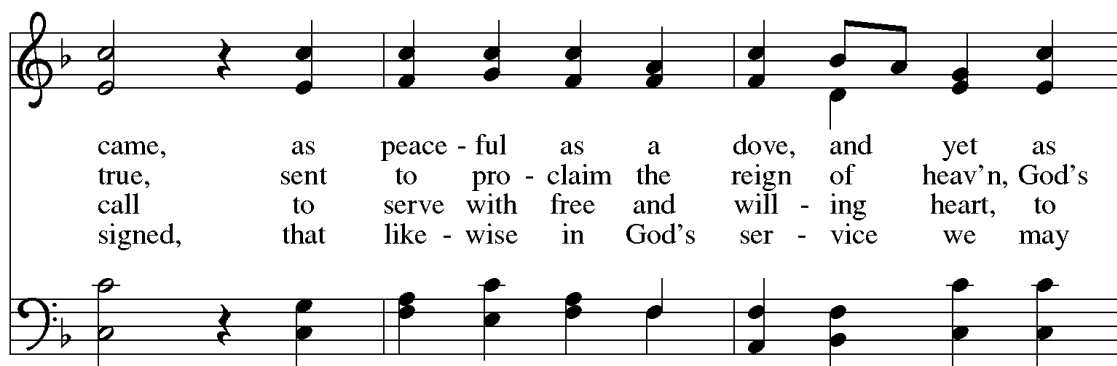
Amen.

WE ARE SENT

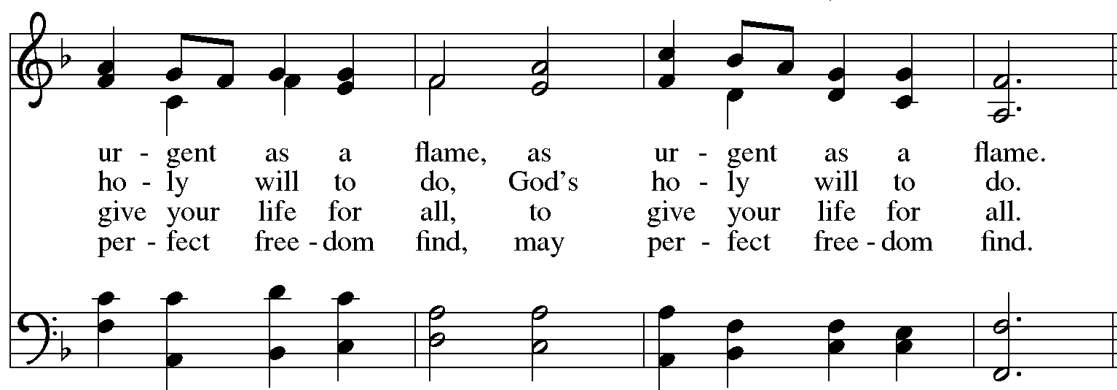
Hymn Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you
2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant
3 Straight - way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the
4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as
true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's
call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to
signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.
ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.
give your life for all, to give your life for all.
per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

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Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee


arr. John Carter

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Communion liturgy adapted from one written by the Rev. Bill Loader of the Uniting Church in Australia.

Adult Ed
Sundays - 11:15 a.m.
Getting to Know You
January 12 - Donna Voelkel
As a way to deepen our relationships with each other by getting to know each other better, Pastor Dave will interview a variety of folks about their lives. And you'll have a chance to ask questions as well.

In-Person and Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83475541581?pwd=PEyYLFqECnuQBzf9bSbagxGY44GXcU.1>
Meeting ID: 834 7554 1581 = Passcode: 752230
Phone only: 1-312-626-6799

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Monthly Sunday School for all ages!
Sunday, January 12 == 11:15 am



Tuesday Bible Study
Beginning 7 January
The stories of
Elijah and Elisha
Tuesdays + 1:00pm

In-Person and Zoom
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A Brewing Faith

Tuesday, January 14, 6:30 pm

Conversation and fellowship

Via ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82987929387?pwd=k5ZkUNjGuGbVGKjJLTVMv5HYoKUubX.1>

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Phone only: 1 646 931 3860



Coffee and Conversation

Wednesday, January 15

10:00 AM-11:30 AM – Narthex

Honest exploration of questions about faith and life



Sister Act

REJOICE IN READING

BOOK DISCUSSION ON

THE WOMEN

Wednesday, Jan 15 – 6:30 pm

For more information see *Reflections* or
contact Michele Disbro or
Julianne Johnson.

Please join us for fellowship and service



Sunday, January 19

10:00 am Worship and Potluck

Join us as we host a combined worship service
with our neighbors at
Christ United Methodist Church.

Pastor Willis Johnson and Pastor Dave will
offer a dialogue message.

Following worship, there will be a potluck
where folks will be encouraged to talk about



ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

January 26

11:15 am

IN-PERSON only

Meal following

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Julianne Johnson
Cantor	Mary Benis
ASL Interpreter	Marilyn Floyd
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Jon Disbro
Verger	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
Communion Prep	Kay Ernsthausen, Cathy Oldham
Producers	Michele Disbro, Sue Yehling
Hospitality	Katie and Ruby Jacobs

*Flowers are given by **Julianne Johnson** in honor of **all women**.
Noisy Offering will go to B.R.E.A.D.*

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER JANUARY 12 – 19

Today	8:45 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	Sunday School for all ages
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
	Tuesday	1:00 pm
6:30 pm		ZOOM A Brewing Faith
Wednesday	10:00 am	Coffee and Conversation
	6:30 pm	Sister Act
Saturday	12:00 noon	Hymn Pickin' Team
Next Sunday	8:45 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion, shared with Christ United Methodist Church
	11:15 am	Potluck Meal



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