

Sunday Morning Liturgy

God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

Announcements

Piano Prelude and Silent Prayer

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free, the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy, the Dawn from on High who guides us into peace.

C: **AMEN.**

P: Let us come before God in confession..

(brief silence follows)

P: To you, O God,

C: **WE LIFT UP OUR SOULS. YOU KNOW US THROUGH AND THROUGH;
WE CONFESS OUR SINS TO YOU. REMEMBER NOT OUR SINS;
REMEMBER US WITH YOUR STEADFAST LOVE. SHOW US YOUR
WAYS; TEACH US YOUR PATHS; AND LEAD US IN JUSTICE AND
TRUTH, FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR GOODNESS IN JESUS CHRIST OUR
SAVIOR. AMEN.**

P: Sisters and brothers, come with joy and draw water from the well of salvation. Remember the gift of baptism: our sin is washed away in the name of Jesus; we belong to Christ; we are anointed to serve. Stand up and raise your heads! The reign of God is near.

C: **AMEN.**

Opening Hymn WOV #698 "We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus"

Greeting:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the refining fire of the Holy Spirit, and the peace of God, which surpasses understanding, be with you all.

C: **AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

Prayer of the Day

Recognition of the Newly-Baptized

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalms: 29

Second Reading: Acts 8:14-17

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

Response after the reading is announced: **GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

Response after the reading is concluded: **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

Sunny Sermon with Miss Laurie

Sermon

We Respond to All That God Gives Us

A New Creed:

**WE ARE NOT ALONE,
WE LIVE IN GOD'S WORLD.**

**WE BELIEVE IN GOD:
WHO HAS CREATED AND IS CREATING,
WHO HAS COME IN JESUS,
THE WORD MADE FLESH,
TO RECONCILE AND MAKE NEW,
WHO WORKS IN US AND OTHERS
BY THE SPIRIT.**

WE TRUST IN GOD.

**WE ARE CALLED TO BE THE CHURCH:
TO CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE,
TO LIVE WITH RESPECT IN CREATION,
TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS,
TO SEEK JUSTICE AND RESIST EVIL,
TO PROCLAIM JESUS, CRUCIFIED AND RISEN,
OUR JUDGE AND OUR HOPE.**

**IN LIFE, IN DEATH, IN LIFE BEYOND DEATH,
GOD IS WITH US.**

**WE ARE NOT ALONE.
THANKS BE TO GOD.**

-The United Church of Canada, 1968

Musical Anthem

Prayers

Our 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,
FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN.**

God Sends Us to Share the Good News

Blessing:

P: May God direct our ways in peace, make us abound in love for one another and for all, and strengthen our hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.

C: **AMEN**

Closing Hymn #732 "Borning Cry"

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Christ is with us.

C: **WE WILL! THANKS BE TO GOD!**

Piano Postlude and Silent Prayer

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Our Mission

St. John congregation, responding to the call of the Holy Spirit through the Gospel, unites together to preach and teach the Word, administer the sacraments, and carry out God's mission. With God's guidance and grace, we strive to boldly proclaim by word and action the reconciling Gospel of Jesus: Working together for justice and peace, and caring for those in need in our community and world. We invite everyone to join us wherever you are on your faith journey.

Adopted December 8, 2013

Serving Today

The Rev. Thomas G. Bruner, Jr.	Pastor
Laurie Little	Young Christians Minister
Judy Ferree	Organist
Reyann Cheatham	Lector
Roy Henry	Council President

For the month of January, our **Celebrate** lectionary bulletin inserts, our support of **Tree 4 Hope**, and our support of one pastor in the Konde Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania are all sponsored by Roy and Rachel Henry for our many blessings throughout the year.

Today, Sunday, January 9

Day of Prayer for Peace with Justice, Beginning in the Middle East

9am Adult Bible Study (On Zoom)

10:15am Worship, Including Recognition of Newly-Baptized (On Zoom)

Today, on the Sunday of Baptism of Our Lord, we follow a long-standing Hill Church tradition and honor the following young person baptized in our congregation during the past year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Baptism</u>
Layla Marie Miller	August 29, 2021

Layla will receive a hand-made engraved plaque, crafted by Randy Paul, incorporating a baptismal medallion provided by Thrivent Financial, as a keepsake reminder of her baptism. Congratulations!

11:15am Mutual Ministry Committee Meeting (On Zoom)

Monday January 10

8-9:30am Pastor Tom's Office Hours

10:30am Audit Committee Meeting

6:30pm **Please join us for Book Discussion Group** (on Zoom)! The topic will be **The Invention of Wings** by Sue Monk Kidd. Pick up a copy of the book on the bench under the bulletin board in the foyer. If those copies are gone, or with any questions, please call or email Ann at 717-362-7895 or rahbruner@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

Tuesday, January 11

8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Pastor Tom's Office Hours

Wednesday, January 12

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

6:30pm Midweek Bible Study (on Zoom)

6pm Weekly Congregational Family Time of Prayer 1. for All Educators/Students/Families and 2. for Our Health Professionals (**Please make use of the list of health care professionals at the end of this bulletin information, taking a few minutes to lift each person up to God by name. To add names to the list, please contact Pastor Tom with their information.**)

Thursday, January 13

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

Friday, January 14

8-9:30am Pastor Tom's Office Hours

Saturday, January 15

Deadline to Submit Items for February "St. John's Epistle"

Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

Next Sunday, January 16

Second Sunday after Epiphany

9am Adult Bible Study (On Zoom)

9am SONDay Celebration (In-Person) – Masking and safe distancing are required for everyone present – both adults and young persons – to do our best to protect our (unvaccinated per current guidelines) younger congregational family members!

9am Confirmation Class (In-Person)

9am Youth Group Bible Time (In-Person)

10:15am Worship, Including Recognition and Blessing of Our Lectors and Celebration Time with Miss Laurie for Young Persons In-Person (In-Person and On Zoom) – Masking is required for everyone who is not yet fully vaccinated, as our area continues to remain at the highest level of virus transmission.

11:15am Part Two of our Annual Congregational Meeting (In-Person and on Zoom) – We will review reports of our ministry during 2021 and conduct such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Voting members of the congregation – those confirmed members who have communed and contributed during 2020 or 2021 – are especially needed to attend this brief, but important, meeting. **For everyone from whom Annual Reports are due, please remember to turn them in to Rachel in digital form only please as soon as possible.**

Looking Ahead

St. John will host the gathering of the Upper Dauphin Conference Cabinet on Monday, January 17, beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Worship & Music Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 18, beginning at 6:15 P.M.

Congregational Council will meet two weeks later than typically, on Sunday, January 23, at 4:00 P.M. ***New Congregational Council members elected in December will be installed during 10:15 A.M. worship on January 23.***

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2022 offering envelopes are available in the foyer. Please stop by the table and take along those of family members and neighbors!

Attention Musicians!! In the remaining time until our Senior Choir is once again “up and singing” it would be great to share in the musical gifts of the members of our talented congregational family at least one Sunday each month, if not more often. Persons of any age or level of experience, who might be interested in playing any kind of instrument or singing, alone or with a partner, are asked to please speak with Carol Hubler or Judy Ferree.

To make sure that our blessed prayer shawls get to as many folks in need of God's healing touch as possible, it is now possible for anyone from the St. John congregational family to deliver a prayer shawl to a person who is known to them to be hurting in body, mind, and/or spirit, and who would be blessed by receiving one of our shawls. To obtain a shawl, please first contact Pastor Tom, who will help you with the process. ***(Please bear in mind that it is the intention of the prayer shawl ministry that each person receive just one shawl “for life”, to be used in whatever time(s) of brokenness they may face.)***

If you are an Amazon.com shopper, our congregation is registered with the “Amazon Smiles” program, whereby Amazon donates one half of one percent of your purchase amount to a charitable organization that you select. Please note that, to qualify, your purchase has to be made through the “smile” side of things, to which you will find a very easily identifiable link from the main part of the Amazon.com website. (Once there, it can be a bit tricky to pick out our congregational name from all of the “St. John’s” – look for **St John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Berrysburg, PA**. Once you have selected us the first time, we will automatically be designated each time you shop and you won't need to re-do the search.) All monies received in this way will be automatically deposited for use in the Current Fund.

If you are not currently comfortable taking part in in-person worship, there are **three** very simple options for giving your tithes and offerings. You are welcome to 1. mail your offering to the church (PO Box 270, Berrysburg, 17005-0270) or 2. drop it by the church and place it in the red plastic tub that is prominently visible in the Sunday School Room, on the table just outside Pastor Tom's office door. In addition, 3. if neither of those is easily done, you may wish to contact your bank about setting up an automatic payment, as some of our congregational family members also have done, whereby the

offering you direct is sent by your bank as a check mailed directly to the church. In all cases, Pastor Tom will then see that all offerings received get securely passed along to our counters.

Our Faith Active in Worship - December 24 and 26, 2021

<i>Current – Budget Goal</i>	<i>\$2,545</i>
Current – Offerings Received	\$4,585
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$525
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$80
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$200
Total Attendance December 24:	4:00 P.M.: Zoom – 20, In Person – 71
	8:00 P.M.: Zoom – 52, In Person – 55
Total Attendance December 26:	Zoom – 38, In Person – 45

Our Faith Active in Worship - January 2, 2022

<i>Current – Budget Goal</i>	<i>\$TBD</i>
Current – Offerings Received	\$12,352
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$428
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$55
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$2,978
Total Attendance	Zoom – 30, In Person – 59

Hospitalized/Residing in Senior Living/Dealing with Acute Illness

- **Louise Baumgardner** – Continuing Her Recovery at Home
- **Judy Cheatham** – Rm. #47B, Cadia Healthcare, 900 Van Buren Street, Annapolis, MD 21403
- **Timothy Enders** – Harrisburg, Med Surg ICU
- **Jane Grosser** – Rm. #705, Northern Dauphin Nursing and Rehab. Center, Millersburg, 17061
- **Warren Hassinger** – Rm. #103 – Connections Unit, Providence Place of Pottsville, 2200 First Avenue, Pottsville, 17901
- **Richard Heninger** – At Home on Hospice Care
- **Marzette Hoffman** – Rm. #805, Northern Dauphin Nursing & Rehab. Center
- **Cora Mace** – Rm. #3647, Roosevelt 3, Masonic Health Care Center, 600 Freemason Drive, Elizabethtown, 17022
- **Joyce Matter** – Rm. #128, Commonwealth Senior Living at Harrisburg, 150 Kempton Avenue, Harrisburg, 17111 (717.909.0417)
- **Donna Rabenold** – At Home, Undergoing Weekly Chemotherapy for Breast Cancer
- **Lois Watson** – Continuing Her Recovery at Home

Medical Professionals in Our Prayers in this Time of COVID-19 (updated 8/23/21)

- Paulette Warner, Non-Emergency Medical Transportation
- Jenna Troutman, RN
- Jodi Thompson, CCMA
- Gwen Switzer, RTR
- Payton Stutzman, Hospital Clinical Assistant
- Kristen Spicher, RN
- Sara Shaffer, RN
- Steven Schlegel, Paramedic
- Michelle Scheff*, MS, CCC/SLP (Speech Therapist in Seattle, WA)
- Joanne Rheem*, Healthcare Administrator
- David Rheem*, Healthcare Administrator
- Dr. Todd Peters* (Chief Medical Officer in Baltimore, MD)
- Joshua Peters, PA-C (Serving in Colorado)
- Dr. Alayna Peters (Doctor of Pharmacy in Hagerstown, MD)
- Courtney Peifer*, Psych Technician
- Sara Paul, Family Practice Center Medical Receptionist
- Bobby Paul, BS
- Angela Paul, PTA
- Cindy Nicholson*, RN
- Whitney Ney, RN
- Haley Nestor*, BSN, RN
- Shannon Motter, RN
- Courtney Miller, B.S. R.T(R)(CT)
- Roni Mace, RN
- Heidi Lehman, RT (R)
- Shawnita Latsha, RT (RDMS, RVT)
- Rose Kell, MS (Occupational Therapist in California)
- Nichole Holman*, RN
- Dr. Tonya Henninger & Dr. Sarah Bork* (Hospitalists in Seattle, WA)
- Abigail Francisco*, RN
- Robert Foreman, Paramedic
- Courtney Foreman, RN
- Glenn Fontaine*, RN (Serving in Michigan)
- Ann Fontaine*, PA-C (Serving in Michigan)
- Olivia Enders, CNA
- Dr. Seth Eisenberg* (Anesthesiologist in Atlanta, GA)
- Rachel Denlinger*, RN (Serving in Charleston, SC)
- Gary Daniels, EMT
- Dr. Timothy Bruner & Dr. Gabrielle Fregeau* (Doctors of Physical Therapy in Ocean County, NJ)
- Dr. Daniel Bruner & Dr. Richelle Demers* (Doctors of Chiropractic)
- Dr. Jerrel Boyer* (Neurosurgeon in Chicago, IL)
- Dr. Brett Bellis* (Doctor of Chiropractic)
- Chelsea Beard, EFDA

*denotes someone who is a part of our extended congregational family