
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 13, 2019 | 10:15 AM



CONNECTING FAITH,
FRIENDSHIP, FAMILY

Welcome to Central

We are glad you are worshipping with us this morning!

Please sign the Fellowship Register and pass it along to the person seated next to you.

Have a prayer request? Interested in getting involved in the church? Want to serve on a committee? Like to update your contact information? Please use a Community Connection card in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate.

Worshipping with young children? Worship is for all ages, but should your child become restless, there is childcare for children up to age 5 provided in our nursery, from 9:00 to 11:30 AM. The nursery is located in the education wing on the first floor. Children's worship books with Bible stories, crayons, and pencils are available in the Narthex.

Large print bulletins, hymnals, and personal hearing units are available. Please speak to one of the hosts if you have special needs.

Assisting in worship today:

Liturgist: David Boyd

Audio: Val Smith

Hosts: Ray Getting, Jean Hamilton, Karen Henderson, Kevin Klimowski

Driver: Marvin Minor

Deacons Flower Delivery:
Carl Voss

Please enter the Sanctuary in a spirit of reverence, as we prepare for worship. Be sure to silence all cell phones.

The flowers beautifying the Sanctuary are given by David and Nancy Boyd in memory of the life and ministry of David's father, the Reverend Kenneth R. Boyd.

Please join us for Fellowship Time: 11:15 AM, in the East Parlor. Host: Carissa Bacich, Christian Education Committee.

◆ = All who are able, please stand.

The Worship of God

GATHERING

PRELUDE

*Shall We Gather at the River
Baptized in Water*

Alice Jordan
David Schack

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 29

In the beginning, darkness covered the deep.
The voice of God resounds upon the water.
God said, "When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you."
The voice of God resounds upon the water.
At the Jordan River, the heavens were opened.
The voice of God resounds upon the water.
God said, "You are my beloved Son."
The voice of God resounds upon the water.

♦ HYMN 484

RUSTINGTON

Out of Deep, Unordered Water

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Creator Spirit, Wellspring of our lives,
as the refreshing rain falls upon the earth,
refresh us here with your mercy.
As a stream flows steadily on,
defying all the odds of stone and water,
flow over every boundary and border
that separates us from each other.
As the waters of our baptism washed us and welcomed us,
renew us now in newness of life and unity of love.
As we were once held in the waters of our mother's womb,
hold us in the power and peace of your abiding presence.
Amen.

CANTICLE 175

LAFFERTY

Seek Ye First (verse 1)

GREETING

The boundless grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the wisdom of God,
and the light of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Greg Halterman

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

Shall We Gather at the River?

arr. John Carter

Shall we gather at the river, Where bright angel feet have trod;
With its crystal tide forever, Flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain

Yes, we'll gather at the river, The beautiful, beautiful river,
Gather with the saints at the river,
That flows by the throne of God.

Ere we reach the shining river, Lay we ev'ry burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver, And provide a robe and crown.

Refrain

Deep river, My home is over Jordan,
Deep river, I want to cross over into campground.

Refrain

GOSPEL READING

Luke 3:15–17, 21-22

The Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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SERMON

Wallace W. Bubar

A River Runs Through It

◆ **HYMN 482**

BUNESSAN

Baptized in Water

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

◆ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO THE FONT

At the pastor's invitation, you are invited to come forward to the font and touch the water, as a reminder of your baptism.

HYMN 291

SPIRIT

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

RESPONSE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God:
Your mercy is great.

LORD'S PRAYER

debts/debtors

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY

Baptized in Water

G. Winston Cassler

◆ **DOXOLOGY 606**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

◆ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SENDING

◆ **HYMN 490**

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

BEACH SPRING

◆ **BENEDICTION**

◆ **CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

We Know That Christ Is Raised

David Cherwien

Worship Next Week: The Second Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 20, 10:15 AM

Scripture readings: Ezekiel 34:11–16, Luke 15:1–12

Guest preacher: The Rev. Lee Roorda Schott

Upcoming Events

High School – Winter 2019

There will be another page turned in our high school programming as we put THEM in charge of what they would like to do over the next five months. We will meet offsite for a planning retreat and then put our plan into action. We will continue our monthly Sunday gathering to cook, learn and laugh together. It will be a time of new experiences as we all grow closer in God's fellowship.

January 13 6:00–7:30 PM High School Sunday at Central

January 23 6:30–8:30 PM Mission Trip Planning at Central

Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesdays, 10:00 AM, Room 112

The group is using the *Horizons* Bible study, *God's Promise: I Am with You*.

LOGOS Programs for Children & Youth

Wednesdays

The heart of the new LOGOS year is how much God loves children. Through the Old Testament stories of Abraham and Sarah, Miriam and Moses and a few others, the children will learn how God loves and cares for children from all different walks of life. Our new year will also include continued visits to the Calvin Community and other service projects. Kinship is still the cornerstone of our Wednesday nights and to get involved or learn more about it, please consult Greg Halterman, Christian Education Director at ghalterman@dmcpc.org or 515-279-3658.

Grades K–4: 5:00–7:00 PM

Grades 5–7: 6:00–8:00 PM

Grades 8–12: 6:30–8:00 PM

January 16 Favorite Color Night

January 23 Guest Night

January 30 Pajama Night

Youth Ski Trip

Saturday-Sunday, January 19–20, Afton Alps, Minn.

Middle school, senior high and parents are invited. Cost (\$180) includes two meals, lodging, transportation, lift tickets and ski rentals. Make reservations by contacting Christian Education Director Greg Halterman at ghalterman@dmcpc.org or 515-279-3658.

Sunday School

Sundays, 9:00 AM

The children begin the year with a message from the prophet Jeremiah that God will always take care of them. From there they will witness Jesus' baptism in the Jordan which marks the beginning of his ministry of service. They will see Jesus turn water into wine then hear from the apostle Paul as he explains the many different gifts we all bring to make the church work. The outcome will be that we are all called in some way to serve the church and others.

Adult Education in January:

A Christian Response to Incarceration and Reentry

Sundays, 9:00 AM, Room 201

The current statistics are astounding. The crime rate is now lower than it's been in 30 years, but our prisons are more overcrowded than ever. At mid-year 2005 more than half of all jail and prison inmates had a mental health problem, 70% are functionally illiterate, and roughly 35% were under the influence of drugs or alcohol when they committed their crimes. Many were also victims of homelessness, sexual assault or poverty. But when they complete their prison or jail time, what are their chances of success outside the walls? The January adult education series will reflect critically on this country's practice of incarceration and ask whether there are better ways to seek justice for offenders and offer support for their reentry.

January 20 Women at the Well – one Christian response

10:15 AM Rev. Lee Roorda Schott, preaching

11:30 AM Gathering in Fellowship Hall & refreshments

1:00-4:30 PM Join Women at the Well for an afternoon of additional learning around issues of justice and incarceration:

1. *Reentry Team Training*, led by Rev. Paul Witmer, Minister of Reentry and Congregational Care. This training will

prepare participants to work as part of a team with women coming out of prison, accompanying them during that first year.

2. *Welcoming Home: How the Church Makes Room for Those Affected by Incarceration*, led by Rev. Lee Roorda Schott. We'll consider how the church can become supportive community for those who themselves or in their families are dealing with incarceration. Will we make room for this kind of diversity? What will that call from us? How will it enrich us?

January 27 Restorative Justice: A second Christian Response

Fourth Fridays

Fourth Fridays is a terrific way to stay connected, re-connect or just have a fun night of good food and good discussion. Anyone can sign up to host a fourth Friday at your home or at the Halterman/Vargas home. Christian Education Director Greg Halterman will provide the pizza and salad and the host provides the beverages and dessert. Fourth Fridays takes place year-round and is available for anyone who wishes to participate. Sign up online at www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0848a9aa22a2fc1-fourth.

Chili Chow Down & Potluck

Sunday, January 27, 11:30 AM, Fellowship Hall

Dust off the crock pot, prepare the family's secret chili recipe or bring your favorite dish! Hawaiian or Texan, chicken or traditional – all chilis are welcome at Central's Chili Chow Down. If you are bringing chili, please contact Ted Brown, chili lineup coordinator at 515-577-3623. If you're not sharing chili, please bring corn bread, crackers, relish, salad or dessert for the potluck lunch.

Drake University Basketball Game Outing

Sunday, February 24, 2:00 PM, at the Knapp Center

Come enjoy a fun afternoon with your friends from Central and cheer on the Drake Bulldogs Women's basketball team against the Indiana State Sycamores. We've reserved a block of tickets at \$10/ticket. Reserve your ticket by calling the church office at 515-279-3658 or segge@dmcp.org.

Drake University/Community Chorus

The Drake University/Community Chorus is open to all interested singers without audition. The ensemble rehearses weekly on Tuesdays, 6:30–8:00 PM, in Sheslow Auditorium on Drake’s campus, beginning on January 29. The ensemble will be rehearsing for a May 5 concert, featuring works by a variety of composers and including a commissioned work that the ensemble will premiere. For information, contact Dr. Aimee Beckmann-Collier at 515-271-2841 or aimee.beckmann-collier@drake.edu or check our website: www.drake.edu/music/



170 YEARS
*Honoring the Past,
Serving the Present*

Pledged income

Goal: \$550,000

Received: \$500,323

Participation (households)

Goal: 170

Received: 147

New pledges

Goal: 14

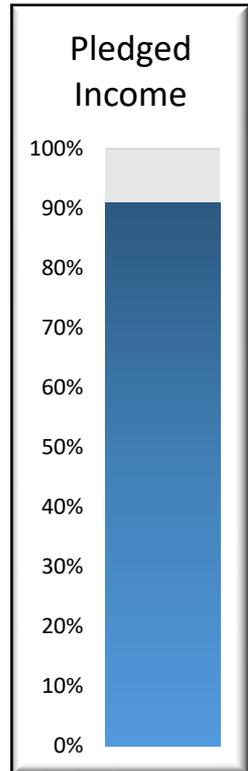
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\$170 giving increase challenge

Goal: 156

Received: 62

Totals as of Thursday, January 10, 2019



This Week at Central

Sunday, January 13

- 9:00 AM Education Hour
- 9:30 AM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 AM Fellowship (East Parlor)
- 6:00 PM Senior High Sunday (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, January 14

- 6:00 PM Board of Deacons

Tuesday, January 15

- 5:00 PM Power Read

Wednesday, January 16

- 10:00 AM Bible Study (Room 112)
- Wednesday LOGOS
 - Grades K–4: 5:00–7:00 PM
 - Grades 5–7: 6:00–8:00 PM
 - Grades 8–12: 6:30–8:00 PM
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir (Room 208)

Thursday, January 17

- 8:45 AM Morgen Bells (Sanctuary)

Friday, January 18

- 12 Noon Church Office Closes

Saturday, January 19

- 7:00 AM Youth Ski Trip Departs

Sunday, January 20

- 9:00 AM Education Hour
- 9:30 AM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 AM Fellowship (East Parlor)
- 1:00 PM *Women at the Well* Workshops (Fellowship Hall)
- 8:00 PM Youth Ski Trip Returns

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Mission Statement

We strive to be a Christian congregation dedicated to a strong tradition of worship, committed to spiritual inquiry and growth, caring for one another and bearing witness to God's love in the world.



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