

**January 13, 2019**

**First Sunday after Epiphany / Baptism of the Lord**

*Please, as a courtesy to God and others, silence your cell phones.*

*Everyone, please check in at the attendance notebook that is in the hallway outside of the west sanctuary door. Visitors, please place your name and address in the section marked, "Visitors".*

*\*Asterisk indicates to please stand, only if you feel able.*

**GREETING**

*Announcements, testimonials, church news, birthdays & anniversaries*

**PRELUDE**

*Please be in an attitude of worship as the acolytes bring forth the light.*

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**\*SONGS OF PRAISE**

*Please see the screen at the altar or the next page.*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**PSALM 29**

**#761 IN HYMNAL**

**ACTS 8:14-17**

**p. 120 IN PEW BIBLE**

**WORSHIP IN SONG #500**

**"Spirit of God Descend  
Upon My Heart"**

**Please sing vv. 1, 4, 5**

*Please remain seated. Those that wish may write their concerns / praises on the prayer cards that you will find in the rack on the pew in front of you. They will be picked up on the last verse of this hymn.*

**SHARING JOYS / CONCERNS**

*The altar is open—come and pray*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**#895 IN HYMNAL**

**AMEN**

**#898 IN HYMNAL**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*Thank you for placing your offering  
in the offering chest*

**ISAIAH 43:1-7**

**p. 637 IN PEW BIBLE**

**TODAY'S MESSAGE**

**"Life On Wings"**

**Pastor Judi Early**

**The APOSTLES' CREED**

**#881 IN HYMNAL**

**\*WORSHIP IN SONG #529**

**"How Firm a Foundation"**

**Please sing vv. 1, 2, 5**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*GO FORTH w/the LIGHT #393**

**"Spirit of the Living God"**

**SONGS of PRAISE**

**(or see the screen at the altar)**

**HONOR AND PRAISE**

Righteous and holy in all of your ways, we come before you with honor and praise.

Here to adore you for all of our days, we come before you with honor and praise.

Lord of the heavens, how faithful you are, shine down upon us, O bright Morning Star.

Righteous and holy in all of your ways;  
We come before you with honor and praise.

**LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH**

Lord, I lift Your name on high,  
Lord, I love to sing Your praises.

I'm so glad You're in my life,  
I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,  
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay;

From the cross to the grave,  
From the grave to the sky;

Lord, I lift Your name on high.

**STAND UP, STAND UP FOR JESUS**

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross;  
Lift high his royal banner, it must not suffer loss.

From victory unto victory his army shall he lead,  
Till every foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long;  
This day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song.

To those who vanquish evil a crown of life shall be;  
They with the King of Glory shall reign eternally.

# THOUGHT for the DAY

*Isaiah 43:1-7; Luke 3:15-22*

For those of us who believe in Christ Isaiah 43:1-7 ought to be a profound encouragement. God says, *"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine"* (Isa. 43:1). I'm sure I'm the only one in this predicament but there are days when I ask myself, "What am I doing with my life?!" God responds, *"I have called you by name, you are mine"* (v. 1). There are other days when I ask, *"Why is this happening to me?"* God responds, *"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you"* (v. 2). There are yet other days when I wonder whether I am having any impact on anyone around me. God responds, *"I will gather my offspring from the east and from the west"*.

Some reading this might object: "Well, those are nice words, but do they really mean anything?" History tells us that they do. God did work to deliver Israel from Egypt. He did work to give them a land of their own. He did work to bring them out of Babylonian exile. And most significantly, he did work by sending them, and us, a Messiah and Savior in Jesus. In another of this week's passages, Luke 3:15-22, the heavens opened, the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus in the bodily form of a dove, and God said audibly, *"You are my Son ... with you I am well pleased"* (Luke 3:22). This actually happened. For those of us who believe, just as God was well pleased with his Son, so is he well pleased with all whom His Son calls friends.

How would I live differently today if I knew that God was well pleased with me? He *is*. God is well pleased ... with *us*.

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JANUARY CALENDAR and DAILY LESSONS	
<u>Each Sunday Schedule</u> 9 a.m. Choir rehearsal 10 a.m. Sunday school 10:45 a.m. Coffee fellowship 11 a.m. Worship	<u>First Sunday of ea. Month</u> Communion Recognize birthdays and anniversaries 10 a.m. Upstairs Ladies Meeting
NOTE Pastor Judi's Schedule: Mon. & Tues. @Trinity UMC, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Wed. & Thurs. @Christ's UMC, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	
SUN 13	First Sunday after Epiphany / Baptism of the Lord Donation Sunday (See "Perpetual Donations" on back cover) 2:23-2:26 p.m. Pray for a Way Forward <i>Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Isaiah 43:1-7; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22</i>
MON 14	2:23-2:26 p.m. Pray for a Way Forward <i>Psalm 106:1-12; Judges 4:1-16; Ephesians 6:10-17</i>
TUE S 15	2:23-2:26 p.m. Pray for a Way Forward 7 p.m. Church Council Meeting <i>Psalm 106:1-12; Judges 5:12-21; 1 John 5:13-21</i>
WED 16	10 a.m. Bible Study / 2 Samuel chapters 13 & 14 2:23-2:26 p.m. Pray for a Way Forward <i>Psalm 106:1-12; Numbers 27:1-11; Luke 11:33-36</i>
THU 17	2:23-2:26 p.m. Pray for a Way Forward 7 p.m. Thirty on Thursday (Prayer Time) <i>Psalm 36:5-10; Jeremiah 3:1-5; Acts 8:18-24</i>
FRI 18	2:23-2:26 p.m. Pray for a Way Forward <i>Psalm 36:5-10; Jeremiah 3:19-25; 1 Corinthians 7:1-7</i>
SAT 19	2:23-2:26 p.m. Pray for a Way Forward <i>Psalm 36:5-10; Jeremiah 4:1-4; Luke 11:14-23</i>
SUN 20	Second Sunday after Epiphany February Ink Link Items Due by End of Day 2:23-2:26 p.m. Pray for a Way Forward <i>Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11; Isaiah 62:1-5</i>
ATTENDANCE / OFFERING Average Monthly Offering Needed - \$7,206 JAN. 6 - 38 / \$1,578.36 JAN. 13 JAN. 20 Jan. 27 FOR THE MONTH TOTALS - 38 / \$1,578.36	
<b>Thank you!</b>	