

**Morning Worship  
Baptism of Our Lord**

10:30 A.M. January 8, 2012

Prelude (Titles of our organ Prelude, Offertory, & Postlude are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer this morning.)

*Choral music today is featuring  
Robert Lowry 1826-1899*

Greetings and Announcements  
Call to Worship Evan Wilson  
Introit "Shall We Gather at the River" Lowry  
Invocation (Unison)

**Dear God, as Jesus knew the rhythms and seasons of our lives, we have come to commemorate an event in his life. Quicken our imaginations, warm our hearts, and inspire our reflections as we remember Jesus' baptism. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.**

\*Hymn "Lift High the Cross" 371

**Service of Confession**

Silent Prayers  
Prayer of Confession (Unison)  
**Forgive, O Lord, our preoccupation with ourselves. We too often use the little wisdom and power which are ours to serve our purposes rather than Yours. We are busy concerning ourselves with things we cannot keep, rather than gratefully accepting from You things which we cannot lose. Overcome our weakness and our lack of wisdom with Your love, we pray, in the Name of Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon  
The Lord's Prayer (Debts)  
**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.**  
Choral Response

**Responsive Reading** Genesis 1: 1-5

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

**The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep;**

and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters.

**And God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.**

And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.

**God called the light Day, and the darkness God called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.**

**Service of Giving**

\*Hymn "Take My Life" 391  
\*Sentences  
Tithes and Offerings  
Offertory  
\*Doxology 592  
\*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

**Service of Reflection**

Children's Message  
Scripture Acts 19: 1-7  
\*Hymn "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song" 314  
Gospel Mark 1: 4-11  
Anthem "Marching to Zion" Lowry  
Sermon "Baptized in the Spirit"  
Pastoral Prayer

\*Hymn "Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized" 70  
\*Benediction  
\*Congregational Response  
**Christian, rise and act thy creed,  
Let thy prayer be in thy deed;  
Seek the right, perform the true,  
Raise thy work and life anew. Amen.**

\*Postlude Dismissed to our service in the world  
\*Standing

**Serving Today**

Acolyte Matthew Smith  
Ushers Mike Wilson - Capt., Barb Loyd,  
Frank Siler, Carol Vargas  
Greeter The Smith Family  
Reader Evan Wilson  
Nursery Sabrina Rojo  
Junior Church Lisa Scott  
Flower Delivery Sallie Pyper  
Coffee Hour The Smith Family

**This Week**

Today	9:30 a.m.	Senior Choir
	9:30 a.m.	Church School
	10:10 a.m.	Children's Choir
	10:30 a.m.	Service of Worship
		Nursery provided
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	11:30 a.m.	Youth Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Discussion Group, Library
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Property Committee
Tuesday	Noon	Women's Luncheon, Ridgecrest

**Notices**

Please remember to check the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the back hallway, to see if we need help on Sunday mornings in coming weeks.

**Copies of the Annual Report**

There are copies of the Annual Report for you to take home and study this week. Please bring them back with you next Sunday and stay for the Annual Meeting of the Church.

### **Property Committee**

The Property Committee will meet Monday, January 9 at 7:00 p.m.

### **Annual Meeting of the Church**

Following worship next Sunday, January 15, will be the annual congregational meeting following Worship. Acceptance of reports, election of Church Officers and Deacons and adoption of a budget will be the business of the day.

### **Discussion Group**

Mac will lead the Discussion Group this Sunday evening at 7:00 in the Library. Copies of the article "Still Dying Badly" are in the Library

### **Women's Luncheon**

Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at Ridgecrest Restaurant at RiverWoods. Sign-up on back bulletin board or call the office. All women are invited to attend. Your Love Gift Offering will be accepted there.

### **Women's Bible Study**

Will resume Tuesday, January 17, at 10 a.m. All women are welcome, plan on starting the new year by joining the women for bible study.

### **Wesley Forest Ecumenical Winter Retreat**

The 40th annual Ecumenical Winter Retreat will be held January 20-22, 2012 at Wesley Forest in western Union County. A brochure giving full details is available at the office.

### **Buffalo Valley Singers**

Buffalo Valley Singers invites choral singers to join for our Spring concert season. Weekly Monday rehearsals begin January 23 @ 7 p.m. at St. John's United Church of Christ, 1050 Buffalo Rd. (Rt 192), Lewisburg. No auditions necessary.

Director is Tom Ruhl and piano accompanist is Connie Pawling-Young.

See [www.buffalovalleysingers.blogspot.com](http://www.buffalovalleysingers.blogspot.com) or call Joe Keller no later than January 9th at 524-0717 to join. We hope to see you there!

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### **For Your Prayers**

Frank Dietrich hasn't been well. Please keep Frank and his family in your prayers. Ben Austin, Lynda Blankenship Barrett, Peg Budd, Frank Dietrich, Tamara Gerasimova, Russ Mayberry, and Steve Rotolo are at home.

The Rev. Gordon Kurtz is at Maitland Manor Nursing Home. Bill Bobb at Riverview Manor. Chet & Margaret Jump at RidgeCrest. Beverly Fisher at RiverWoods. Harriet Littell at Elmcroft. Gloria Miller at Rockwell. Cookie Goodall at Buffalo Valley.

### **Prayer Chain**

If you have a prayer request or are interested in being notified when prayer requests are submitted, please contact Jan Rolecki at 523-6074 or Kathryn Morris at [kmorris1@dejazzd.com](mailto:kmorris1@dejazzd.com).

### **Men's Breakfast January 26**

All men from the congregation are welcome to join in the Men's Breakfast which has been being held monthly. We meet at Ard's Farm Market and restaurant at 7:30 a.m. The next gathering will be on January 26. We hope to see you there.

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