

Sunday, January 3, 2021 Baptism of the Lord
Created Anew: God Created. Now What?
God's creativity is made manifest in the continual act of
creation that spans space and time.



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Adam Hamilton's book *Words of Life* will be the focus of the next online study. We will offer the study online during Lent. You are encouraged to read chapters 1 and 2 prior to the first session, but you are welcome to read the entire book prior to the study if you wish. The book is available from Cokesbury, Amazon and most book stores. It is available as a Kindle book as well. Watch future bulletins for additional information.

January 13 - Penns Valley Charge Staff Parish Relations Committee 1st Quarter organizational meeting will be held at 7pm at Sprucetown UMC. SPRC supports and works with the pastor and charge wide pulpit supply, oversees charge budget, ministry building and development. Reps: Julia Franklin and Tawnya Childs (also Secretary). Alternate: Claude Witmer

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CALL TO WORSHIP

L: All creation proclaims the greatness and love of God.

P: God's love permeates even the deepest darkness.

L: The light of God shines on us with new hope.

P: We are called to be people of compassion and justice.

L: Open our hearts, O Lord, to see your light and live in your peace.

P: Prepare us for service to all your people and to this world.

RELIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE

L: We light this candle as a symbol of the purity of heart only God can bring, the foundation of peace. (*Relight the second purple candle.*)

P: For he shall purify his people like gold and silver, until they shine forth his righteousness.

ALL: Come, again, Lord Jesus, come!

OPENING PRAYER

Lord of Peace and Light, in the midst of Darkness you offered light to people who lived in fear. Today that light comes to us as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Open our hearts this day and remind us that you have marked us as people of hope and light. Prepare us to serve you by serving your world. AMEN.

HYMN Joy to the World (v. 1-3) Hymns 171/UMH 246

BLESSING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS – DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE A New Life in Jesus

JOYS AND CONCERNS - PASTORAL PRAYER

(The Lord's Prayer "trespass")

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Genesis 1:1-5, Mark 1:4-11, Acts 19:1-7

MESSAGE God Created. Now What?

HYMN: Joy to the World (v. 4) Hymns 171/UMH 246

COMMISSION & BLESSING

Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
 2. Joy to the world, the Sav - ior reigns!
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow,
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace,

Let earth re - ceive her King; let
 Let all their songs em - ploy; while
 nor thorns in - fest the ground; he
 and makes the na - tions prove the

ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 comes to make his bless - ings flow
 glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness,

BIRTH AND BAPTISM

and heaven and na - ture sing, and
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
 far as the curse is found, far
 and won - ders of his love, and

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 and won - ders of his love, and

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 peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 as, far as the curse is found.
 won - ders, won - ders of his love.