

January 8, 2023 ~ 2nd Sunday of Christmas ~ Baptism of the Lord

Gathering Music ~ Leigh Emmett

Welcome and Announcements ~ Pam Phillips, liturgist

Prelude ~ *"When Love Crossed Over"* (M. Hamby) ~ Celebration Choir

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord our God!

People: God welcomes all, strangers and friends.

Leader: God's love is from everlasting to everlasting.

People: Lord, pour your Spirit upon us so that we show your love to the world.

Amen.

**you are invited to stand in body or in spirit*

**Hymn #740 ~ "Lead Me, Guide Me"*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ *in unison*

Lord, you have poured your Spirit onto your people. You have called us Beloved just as you called your own Son. And you have called us to join you in the work of the Kingdom of God. For the times when we have fallen prey to fear and apathy rather than following where you call, forgive us Lord. Amen.

(A time of silent, personal prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Responsive Chorus #35 ~ *"Glad Adoration"*

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Responsive Chorus #753 ~ *"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"* (v. 1)

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.

Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Offering Prayer

**Doxology ~ "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* (Avery & Marsh)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture ~ Isaiah 42:1-9

Special Music ~ *"Come, Be Baptized"* (G. A. Smith)

Christian Scripture ~ Matthew 3:13-17

Message ~ "Beloved"

Ordination and Installation of St. Paul's Leaders

***Affirmation of our Common Faith ~ The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Hymn #69 ~ "Here I Am, Lord"**

A time for sharing the joys and concerns of our community.

Prayer Preparation ~ *"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"*
Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord;
Incline Thine ear to us, And grant us Thy peace.

The Lord's Prayer ~ *in unison*

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.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper ~ *responsive*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

*“All Belong Here”~ (L. Rand/H. Rand) as recorded by The Many
Come and remember who you are here. Do this to remember who I am.
Come and remember you belong here. All belong here.
At this table come as you are, broken and bleeding’s ok.
At this table eat and be filled, come and drink in this grace.
Come and remember who you are here. Do this to remember who I am.
Come and remember you belong here. All belong here.*

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn #39 ~ *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*

*Benediction

*Choral Response #136 ~ *“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”* (refrain x 2)
*Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

Postlude

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From Andy and Marellyn Foy... “Thank you, St. Paul’s, for all of the well wishes for Andy as he recovers from recent health issues and for all of the congratulations we received for the celebration of our marriage on December 17! We are truly blessed by our beloved church family.”

Moving with the Spirit, led by Karen Barsy, will begin a 6 week session on Tuesday, January 10 and continue through February 14, 2023. The theme is “God’s Light.” The fee is \$30.00 per session and the meeting time is 10:30-11:30AM online or in Room 11. There is an option to do floor/ball work from 11:30AM - Noon. Please see Karen to register. The succeeding 6 week session will begin on February 21 and continue through March 28.

Mark your calendar! Doris Knecht will celebrate her 100th birthday on January 30. A celebration is planned for Sunday, January 29 from 1:00PM – 6:00PM at Anthology of Farmington, 30637 W. Fourteen Mile Road, Farmington Hills 48334. Cards may be sent to Doris at this address, Room #415.

Stewardship update: General Fund pledges: 41 units @ \$128,693.00; Building Fund pledges: 22 units @ \$25,470.00. The budget goal for 2023 is \$225,000.00. If you have not yet made a pledge, please prayerfully consider doing so.

As we begin this New Year, you are once again invited to consider a donation of **\$35.00** for **each member on the rolls** to St. Paul’s **Per Capita** obligation for 2023. The assessment is \$4,278.05, and a donation from each member will lessen the financial impact on the General Fund. An envelope was provided in your January packet, with an option to also donate to Shared Mission.

Please hold those listed in prayer... and REVIEW and REPORT updates, PLEASE



Andy Foy, Bill Garvey, Mike Graham, Janet Frank, Grace Erwin, August Kornowicz, Karen Bright
Sheldon Davis, Doris Knecht, Pam Phillips, Suzanne Tabaka, Jim & Joanna Roye, Jerry Stone
Beverly Dearth, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Grace Campbell, Susan Grant, Bruce Phillips
Sister-in law and nephew of Pat Garvey, Linda Thompson & her sister, Shirley Kircoff
Joan Velis and family; Westin ~ infant grandson of Jeanne Sinclair
John Branch ~ father of Christie Piastowski
Dave Schulz ~ nephew of Carol & Mike Graham
Sharon and George and Rita Czanko ~ cousins of Terry Earnley
John Candiloro ~ friend of August Kornowicz
Ray & Mary Clark ~ neighbors of Don & Meta Tulley
Sarah & Mason Young ~ family of Judy McGregor
Chris O'Neill, Tracey Ford, Phil Decker & Vickie McVeigh ~ friends of Judy McGregor
Ben Abela ~ son-in-law of August & Faith Kornowicz
Macaylah Whitlock ~ daughter of the Rev. Kellie Whitlock
Rosemary Iaquina ~ sister of Cathy DeSautel; Pamela Serene ~ daughter of the late Marilyn Allen
Glenn Ellan Rubright ~ sister of Mike Graham; Nicole Snead ~ daughter of Bill VanEck
Nancy Kreipke ~ mother of Christian; Rich McKenzie ~ son of Jean; Erin Lewis ~ daughter of Pattie Benoit
Phyllis Badman ~ niece of Georgia Hunt; Christie Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright
Janet Kusuhara ~ cousin of Meta Tulley; Joe Ducsay ~ friend of Mike & Carol Graham
Mark Osborne ~ son of the late Janet
Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of Doris; Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda & Bob Seymour
David Bonandrini ~ son of Ben; Gideon Janku ~ great nephew of Bob Westbrook
Judy Siegfried ~ sister-in-law of Pam Phillips; Randy Tillman ~ son of Gloria Rubbo
Mary Rayes ~ friend of Pat Hutchison; Adam Schilling & Eric Shilling ~ grandsons of Ron & Janet Frank
Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta; Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon & Marion Davis

