

January 11th, 2015

10:00 am



## First United Methodist Church of Trenton

A family of God, through the love of Jesus Christ:  
**Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Embracing Everyone!**

“While he was coming up out of the water, Jesus saw heaven splitting open and the Spirit, like a dove, coming down on him. “ - **Mark 1:10**



### Baptism of the Lord

**Welcome,** we are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. If this is your first time with us, know that:

- Children’s Sunday School begins after the Call to Worship & Nursery Services are available;
- An asterisk (\*) located before an event means that we invite you to rise in body or in spirit;
- We use two songbooks in our worship. The blue *United Methodist Hymnal* and the black *The Faith We Sing* books are both in the racks in front of your seat;
- During the Prayers of the People, if you wish to share, but not to speak, you may write your spiritual need on a note and place it in the plate during the Offering;
- You are welcome to join us for refreshments in the lounge after the service;
- We hope to see you again!

## Words of Centering

"Networking builds an empire, but thoughtful introductions build a community. Where will you lay your bricks?" - Cadence Turpin

## Gathering in God's Presence

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Chimes**

**\*Call to Worship:**

One: The voice of the Lord—Strong and Mighty, powerful and full of majesty.

**People: It calls to us, calling across the water.**

One: The voice of the Lord breaks forth.

**People: It gives us strength and blessing, causing us to shout "Glory to the name of the Lord!"**

**\*Opening Hymn**

"How Great Thou Art"

Hymn 77

**Opening Prayer:**

Holy God, source of all that is good, we gather before you seeking your grace and love. Be present in our lives. Fill us with your light. Be generous with your love. Count us among your children. Be compassionate toward our mistakes. Forgive our failings. Be gracious with your power. Strengthen us for your service. We ask these things through the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Proclamation of the Word

**Lesson from the Psalter**

Psalm 29

Pew Bible 478-9

**New Testament Lesson**

Acts 19:1-7

Pew Bible 966

**\*Hymn of Response**                      “Down to the River to Pray”                      W&S 3164

**Prayers of the People**

What Joys or Concerns do you have to share this week?

What celebrations of the life of God have you experienced?

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us./And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil./For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Gospel Lesson**                                              Mark 1:4-11                                              Pew Bible 867

**Sermon**                                              “By Waters of Baptism”                                              Rev. Benjamin Bower

**Remembering Your Baptism**                      “Water, River, Spirit, Grace”                                              FWS 2253

**Special Music**

**Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offering Prayer**

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology**                      *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,*                                              Hymn 95  
*Praise God, all creatures here below / Praise God, above ye heavenly hosts,*  
*Creator (Praise Father), Christ (Son) and Holy Ghost. Amen*

**Going Forth As God’s People**

**\*Closing Hymn:**                      “Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”                                              Hymn 605

**\*Benediction**

[After the benediction but before we return to the world as Disciples of Jesus Christ,  
Let us form a large circle around the perimeter of the sanctuary for our closing response]

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**\*Response**

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Hymn 431

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God our Creator, children all are we.  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.  
Let peace begin with me let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

**\*Passing the Peace**

**One:** Let us greet one another in the Joy, Love, and Peace of Christ.

**People:** Amen.

**Postlude**

**Greeters:** Betty and Stan Miller / **Nursery Caregiver:** Jo Kampschoer

**Sunday School Educator:** Terri Nowaczewski

**Liturgist:** Jan Wynn

**Liturgical Resources:**

**Call to Worship & Opening Prayer** by Bryan Schneider-Thomas

## Announcements

### Bible Study

Starting back this Tuesday at 1 p.m., we are taking a look at the book of Romans. Romans is Paul's deepest theological writing which connects to our understanding of grace and God's saving intention for all of us. This is an exciting opportunity to dig a little deeper into this text and discover what scripture has to say in a relaxed and informal atmosphere.

### Evening Bible Study Class

Join us at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays for a different kind of study that explores difficult topics in the Bible. See Pastor Ben with questions.

### Breakfast Club

The next Breakfast Club will be Monday, January 19 at 8 a.m. at Mom's Diner. Join us for a good breakfast, to enjoy each other's company, and *start the week right with prayer and devotionals*.

**Pick up your 2015 Giving Envelopes  
in the Lounge.**

**January-February Upper Rooms are  
available in the literature racks.**

### Upcoming Events

#### January:

- 1/11:** 4pm MLK Celebration
- 1/13:** 1 p.m. Adult Study
- 1/14:** 7 p.m. Bible Study
- 1/18:** Human Relations Day
- 1/19:** 8 a.m. Breakfast Club  
7 p.m. Church Council Meeting
- 1/20:** 1 p.m. Adult Study
- 1/21:** 7 p.m. Taize Service
- 1/25:** Birthday Sunday
- 1/27:** 1 p.m. Adult Study
- 1/28:** 7 p.m. Bible Study

#### February:

- 2/1:** Holy Communion
- 2/2:** 8 a.m. Breakfast Club  
7 p.m. Idea Team Meeting
- 2/3:** 1 p.m. Adult Study
- 2/4:** 7 p.m. Bible Study
- 2/10:** 1 p.m. Adult Study
- 2/11:** 7 p.m. Bible Study
- 2/16:** 8 a.m. Breakfast Club  
7 p.m. Church Council
- 2/17:** 1 p.m. Adult Study
- 2/18:** Ash Wednesday
- 2/21:** Soup Kitchen
- 2/22:** 1st Sunday in Lent, Birthday  
Sunday
- 2/24:** 1 p.m. Adult Study

## **Listening for God: Psalm 29 / Acts 19:1-7**

What is the Scripture passage saying to me today?

Can I accept and apply this message to myself? To my world?

How will this message change my life?

## **Listening for God: Mark 1:4-11**

What messages does the reading call forth from my own story?

What direction, guidance, or wisdom am I hearing and sensing?

What actions are being suggested as my response?

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers...

### Those who are hospitalized:

- Shirley Gravelle (America House)
- Luke-Virginia Donaldson's 1 year old great-grandson
- Fred Mann-Ruth Ann Brewer's brother-in-law

### Those who are home:

- John Baker—Mallory Bower's Great-Uncle
- Norman Barnsdale
- Sandi Brewer
- Rhonda Buehrer-Cheryl Byrd's friend
- Connie - Friend of Bonnie Mazzola
- Emily Cooke - Sally Okerstrom's mom
- Marty Cooper
- Gail Davis
- Julie and Bob DeMuelenare - Shirley Moore's Friends
- Billie Echols—Cheryl Pettitt's friend
- Ella's Family - Betty Miller's cousins
- Nancy Murphy Fisher and Family - Friend of Ruth Ann Brewer
- Janice and Mandy Gonzalez - Nola Ward's Niece and Great Niece
- Dan Gordon - Dorothy Gordon's brother
- Judy Lassig Graham - Ray & Marge Lassig's Daughter
- Loraine Huddleston & Ella Thacker - Betty Miller's friends
- Mardell Hull
- Judy - Jamie Hunter's Sister
- Jessica - Josh Nichols' sister
- Kelly-Judy Howell's cousin

- Mardie Kugler - Shirley Moore's Friend
- Kuhn Family
- Alan and Donnie Love
- Mary Alice Mann - Ruth Ann Brewer's Sister
- Patty Menatac
- Morris Prater—Tom Prater's father
- Dorothy & Sarah Potter, & Kayla Salonen - Maureen Burr's Friends
- Kathy Ray - Norman & Nina Barnsdale's Sister-in-law
- Don Rehner
- Tom Roberts' co-worker
- Tony-Tom Brown's friend
- Howard Townsend - Shirley Moore's Brother
- Nola Ward
- Wayne - Judy Howells' friend
- Carolyn Whalen-Tim & Rena Whalen's sister-in-law
- Walter White III-Joe Wilson's former co-worker
- Lee Wynn's Mom
- Matt Zourimba - Cheryl Pettitt's friend

### Those serving our country:

- 1LT Theresa Burt (Navy, S. Carolina)
- Bradley Cookson (Army) - Faith Cookson's Grandson
- MAJ Nathaniel Davis (Army, Kansas)
- CPT Charles Dvorak (Army) - Emily Neubauer's Brother
- PVT Vincent West (Army, Afghanistan) - Tracy Leake's Cousin

### **In Our Thoughts and Prayers...**

- Jesse L. Warren (Marines) - Sally Okerstrom's grandson

<b>Announcements Continued</b>
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### **Volunteers Are Needed!**

Are you interested in learning more about the new technology we are using I worship and online? Would you want to be a part of this exciting new movement?

We need folks who are willing to:

- Run the projector
- Turn mics on and off
- Be active in social media
- Edit and update the website

See the signup booth in the lounge for more information.

The ChristNet Homeless shelter moves into our church Sunday, March 1 and moves on Sunday, March 8. If you would like to help this important ministry, please see Joe Wilson.

<b>Avg. Weekly Attendance December: 61</b>					
As of:	1/4	1/11	1/18	1/25	
Giving Received	\$2110.00				
Last Month Expenses	3724.00	3724.00	3724.00	3724.00	
Difference	-1614.00				

## Announcements Continued

### **Conversations on Religion and Race**

Starting this February, join in on a conversation that is very relevant for our nation and world today. Come learn how the Gospel connects to issues of race and how we can respond in faith and love as Christian people. See Pastor Ben for more information.

### **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration**

The Detroit Renaissance District will be hosting the 21st Celebration commemorating Dr. King at Hope Southfield UMC, 26275 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, on **January 11th**. The program begins at 4 p.m. with refreshments and opportunities for service and mission, with the worship service beginning at 6 p.m.

The theme this year is “Singing and Serving the Beloved Community” featuring youth choirs from around the Metro Detroit area.

### **Idea Team**

Got a new idea for new ministries or how to improve what we already do at the church? Add a sticky to the board by the sanctuary entrance. Then join us on **Monday, February 2 at 7 p.m.** as we explore how we might do ministry in new and exciting ways.

### **Book Club News**

The Book Club is taking a break until later next spring. Watch the bulletin for more information.

### **Taize Service**

Taize is a form of worship that comes from a brotherhood of monks in Taize, France. The service consists of scripture, meditative prayer and simple hymns. Services usually last 30 minutes but provide flexibility for whatever needs the community has. This service is your service, it is an outpouring of prayer and healing. These services will be once a month on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. The next service will be on January 21st. Join us midweek for rest.

## **Announcements Continued**

### **Human Relations Day**

**Sunday, Jan. 18, 2014**

Human Relations Day supports Community Developers, United Methodist Voluntary Service and Youth Offender Rehabilitation programs. Better Community development, Inc., a community developers' project in Little Rock AK, recently opened a new empowerment center. It will house BCD's substance abuse treatment and affordable-housing ministries and provide housing, support services, life skills and jobs training to homeless individuals.

### **Adult Sunday School**

Join us for Adult Sunday School in the lounge following our regular Sunday worship and coffee hour. We gather for an informal look into scripture and the pressing concerns of being a faithful disciple in the modern world. Through Advent, we will be exploring deeper conversations on the scriptures used in each Sunday's service.

Come join in the conversation and take time to reflect on how the teachings of Jesus are meant to impact your own life. All are welcome.

### **Roast Beef Dinners**

Serving 4-7 p.m.

Third Wednesday of the month

**First United Methodist Church**

**28400 Evergreen, Flat Rock**

**734-782-2565**

\$8- Dine In; \$4.50 Children 10 and Under  
\$8.50-Carry out

**January 16 & 17, 2015**

### **Picture Days for the New Directory**

You, your family and friends can sign up for a photo session by going to our website and clicking on the "directory photo" link on the homepage

### **Paper Products**

needed at the Trenton Food Pantry. Bring them to the collection spot in the lounge. Those in need say *'thank you'*.

God has laid claim to your life. By your baptism you have been marked as God's own forever. In grace may God watch over you. In strength may you go forth in service. Amen.

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**District Superintendent:**

Rev. Melanie Carey

**Ministers:** All The People

**Pastor:** Rev. Benjamin Bower

**Church Admin:** Joan Cock

**Organist:** Jeff Burke

**Custodian:** Karen Roberts

### This Week at First Church (1/11-1/18)

**Sunday:**

- 10 a.m. Worship
- 11 a.m. Refreshments in the Lounge
- 11:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 4 p.m. Dr. King Celebration, Hope Southfield UMC

**Monday:**

- Office Open (9 a.m.-3 p.m.)

**Tuesday:**

- Office Open (9 a.m.-3 p.m.)
- 1 p.m. Adult Study

**Wednesday:**

- Office Open (9 am - 3 pm)
- 7 p.m. Bible Study

**Thursday:**

- Office Open (9 am - 3 pm)

**Friday:**

- Office Closed

**Sunday:**

- 10 a.m. Worship; Human Relations Day
- 11 a.m. Refreshments in the Lounge
- 11:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

**Next Sunday: January 18th, 2014**

**Communion**

**Sermon:** Disciples Series: Good Nazarene?

**Scripture:** 1 Samuel 3:1-10; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; John 1:43-51



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

**The people of The United Methodist Church™**