

Baptism of the Lord

January 8, 2017

*We are cleansed and claimed
through Baptism.*

Prelude

*Congregation please stand if able

* **The Call to Worship** *Psalm 36: 5-10* **Pg. 771**

* **Hymn** *Fairest, Lord Jesus* **No. 189**

* Entrance of the Light of Christ

Joys and Prayer Concerns of the Congregation
(Please sign attendance pads located at the end of pew)

Unison Prayer

*O wondrous God, on this holy day, we have gathered together
once again to celebrate your presence among us, to praise you,
and to thank you for all you have given us. May this time of
worship strengthen and refresh us. Though we are very different
people, with many different talents and gifts, make us one in your
Spirit, that we may be your body in the world. Amen*

Silent Prayer Morning Prayer Lords Prayer

Choral Prayer Response *We Three Kings* **No. 254 (Refrain)**
*O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright.
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

Children's Message

The Offering of Our Gifts

Offertory

* Doxology (No. 95), Blessing

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

* **Hymn** *Loving Spirit* **No. 2123 (TFWS)**

11:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Anthem *O God Our Help in Ages Past*
Penny Rodriguez

Scripture *Matthew 3: 13-17*

Message *Tattooed for Life* Rev. Evans C. Bentley

* **Hymn** *Spirit Song* **No. 347**

The Light of Christ Leads Us In To the World

Benediction

* **Congregational Response** *Let There Be Peace on Earth*
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.

St. Paul's Staff

Pastor: Evans C. Bentley

Office Manager: Susan Paterson

Director of Music: John C. Tyner

Organist: Inger Oswald

Director of Children's Choirs: John Fedosky

Christian Education Director: Alisha Cooley

Youth Leader: Willie Lass & Kelly Vergowven

Liturgists:

9: 00 a.m. – Paula Vergowven

11:00 a.m. – Kelly Vergowven

Ushers:

9:00 a.m. – John Salisbury, Obie Green, Jim Jacobs,
Mike McCain, Tom Myers, Jack Rayce

11:00 a.m. – Karen Zeestraten, Gordon Doster

Acolytes:

9:00 a.m. – Anya Jacobs & Kyle Leask

11:00 a.m. – Orion Tyner & Noah Ivey

Worship attendance last Sunday – 170

Budget Information:

Expenditures: \$ 325,867

Income 305,526

Endowment Income and

2015 Carryover used: 20,341

Announcements

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers: Rick Reicherd recovering from surgery; **Ed Fairchild** who has health issues.

The Chancel flowers are given in celebration of the 94th birthday, on January 3rd, of **Dorothy Hile**. Happy birthday from the Balk Family!

Christ's Kids and children's choirs will resume Wednesday, January 11, 2017.

UMYF meeting TONIGHT 6 P.M. Come and hear about our upcoming activities, mission trip and general information.

Worship Committee Meeting: Tuesday, January 10th 6:00 P.M. New Time and Date. Come and help shape worship.

Christ's Kids has a Mitten Tree in fellowship hall. We ask the congregation to donate mittens, hats, and scarves for children. Items may be placed on the Mitten Tree. They will be distributed to local schools and the Salvation Army Shelter. Thank you for supporting missions!

Childcare is provided for children, 4 years old and younger in the nursery on Sundays during worship service.

Thanks for the support from St. Paul's for our salad luncheons and auction during 2016. The United Methodist Women were able to support the following organizations: Club, Ann Arbor District UMW mission projects, the NOAH Project in Detroit, Toledo Friendly Center, Grand Rapids Community House, Monroe Anti-Human Trafficking organization, First Presbyterian Bed Ministry, Mother and child Health Care and Water for Life. Our theme for 2017 is Learning and Caring About Monroe. Please keep our organization in your prayers during the coming year as we work to spread the word of God around the world and here in Monroe.

Calling all college students, (and trade schools too). St. Paul's Scholarship applications are now available at the church office, on the table outside the office or online. Applicants should have finished at least one semester at a college, university or trade school, in good standing, and be a member or closely associated with St. Paul's. Applications, along with a copy of the students last term grades, must be returned to the church office by **January 22, 2017**. Awards will be distributed in February.

2017 Calendars, compliments of Bacarella Funeral Home, are available on the table near the office.

This Week at St. Paul's

Sunday, January 8, 2017

9:00 a.m. -Worship

10:00 a.m. – Sunday school classes

11:00 a.m. – Worship

6:00 p.m. - UMYF

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

Noon – Kiwanis Executive Board

6:00 p.m. – Community Dinner

6:00 p.m. – Worship Committee

7:00 p.m. – Outreach Committee

7:00 p.m. – Christian Ed meeting

Wednesday, January 11, 2017

Noon – Kiwanis Club

5:30 p.m. Christ's Kids Club and Children's Choirs

6:15 p.m. – Praise Ringers

6:15 p.m. – Youth Band

7:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 12, 2017

7:00 p.m. – Memorial Committee

Friday, January 13, 2017

6:00 p.m. – U Care

Sunday, January 15, 2017

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. – Worship

10:00 a.m. – Sunday school classes

6:00 p.m. - UMYF