

*Today's flowers are designed by Jackie Paterniti
and given by Diane and Ken Thurlow in honor
of grandson Andrew Kopra's 18th birthday!*

Prelude: "The Old Year Now Has Passed Way" J.S. Bach

Greeting

+ Call to Worship: Feasting on the Word Worship Companion
The voice of God resounds upon the water.

The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.

The Son of God is named, "Beloved."

And all who worship shout out, "Glory!"

Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.

Let us worship God in holy splendor.

+Opening Hymn: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Hymnal #139

Call to Confession: Feasting on the Word Worship Companion
God loves us and calls us each by name.

Knowing we are eternally forgiven and infinitely loved,

Let us boldly confess our sins before God.

Prayer of Confession (Unison): Feasting on the Word Worship

**We are precious in your sight,
yet we often forget that we are your beloved.**

We confess that our love is fickle and inconstant.

**We follow selfish goals
and deny that our way of life harms others and
hurts your world.**

We are sorry and we want to change.

Create in us a clean heart,

strengthen our resolve,

reconcile us to one another,

and bless us with your peace. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness: Feasting on the Word Worship Companion
*Beloved, God forgives your sins;
know that you are pardoned
and be at peace to love the Lord and serve the world.*

Choral Anthem: "The New Year" Johannes Pache

A Time for Children Jackie Paterniti

*Listen with love to God's instruction revealed in the scriptures
we're about to hear...*

The Psalm: Psalm 29 with musical response Hymnal pg. #761

The Hebrew Bible: Isaiah 43:1-7 pew Bible pg. #672

+The Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 pew Bible pg. #60

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God!

The Sermon Rev. Mary A. Kelly

Offertory Anthem: Sarah & Robert Sterling
"The Gift of God's Love"

Tithes and Offerings

Blessing Our Gifts

Holy Communion Setting E Hymnal pg. #24

The Lord's Prayer Hymnal pg. #895

+Closing Hymn: "When Jesus Came to Jordan" Hymnal #252

+Blessing: Feasting on the Word Worship Companion
*May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who stood with sinners on the riverbank,
uphold you. Amen.*

*May the love of God,
who calls us beloved children, bless you. Amen.*

*May the power of the Holy Spirit,
who descended upon Jesus as a dove,
give you peace. Amen.*

+Postlude

+denotes standing, as you are able

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Steinway Sunday: The Art of Cool

January 16th at 2:00pm in the sanctuary.

Tickets are **\$35** and can be purchased at the door.



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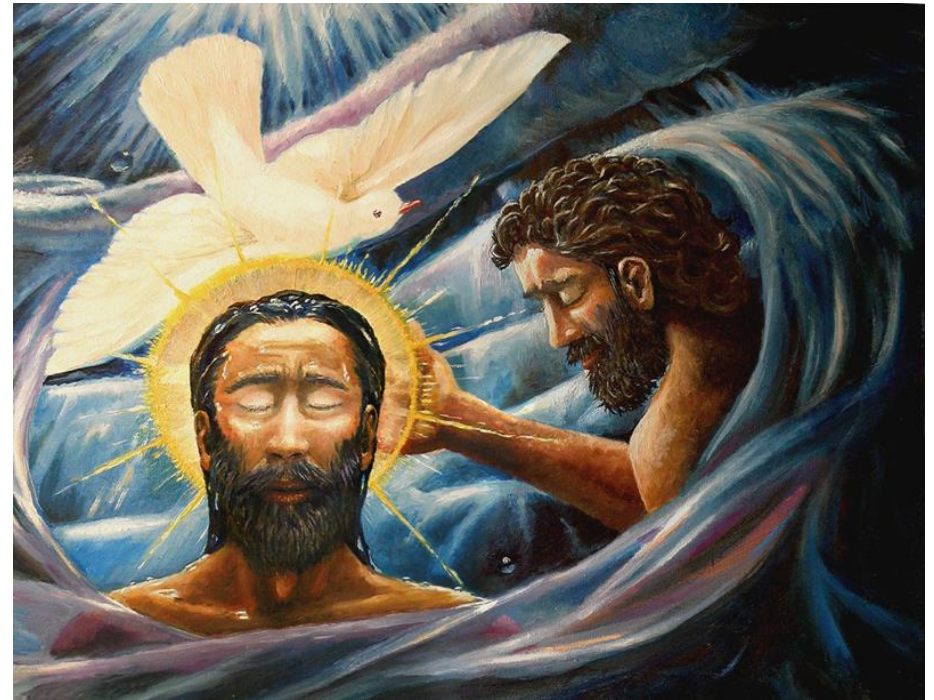
Rev. Mary A. Kelly, Pastor
Mr. Paul Homer, Organist Emeritus
Ms. Judy Toone, Christian Education Director
Mr. Donald Plummer, Custodial Arts

Finance Team Meeting after church today.

Food Donations for the month of January: rice, spaghetti, pasta sauce

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January 9th 2022

Baptism of the Lord

Central Park United Methodist Church

Rev. Mary A. Kelly, Pastor

Mr. Paul Homer, Organist Emeritus

Lector and Eucharistic Minister: Mr. Tim Cashmore

Recording Engineer: Mr. Will Kelly

*We are a Christ-centered community of faith and love,
reaching out to all*