

# Bethany United Methodist Church

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Worship services: 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

January 10, 2010

Baptism of the Lord



**LARGE PRINT** Hymnals and Bulletins are available for your use – request one from an usher  
**LISTENING DEVICES** are available from the ushers for the hearing impaired.

## Gathering

### CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

*You are invited to use this time to welcome and visit with others in the congregation.*

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*Let the chiming of the hour be a call to silent prayer and meditation.*

### PRELUDE

*Prophet Bird, from "Forest Scenes"*

Robert Schumann  
(1810-1856)

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*OPENING CHORUS (sing twice)

TFWS, No. 2164

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving,  
I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

I Peter 2:4-5,10

Come, to him, a Living Stone, though rejected by mortals, yet chosen and precious in God's sight.

**Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.**

Once we were not a people, but now we are God's people.

**Once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.**

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

UMH, No. 400

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

**Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who have been baptized in his name may keep the covenant they have made and may boldly confess him as Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

#### \*CHORAL RESPONSE

UMH, No. 382

**Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Search me and try me, Savior, today.  
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,**

**as in thy presence humbly I bow.**

ANTHEM (11:00)

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

Afro-American Spiritual  
arr. William Smith

## *Proclamation of the Word*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Children pre-school through third grade are dismissed to go to children's church (11:00)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scripture is read and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Joshua 24:1-18

Pew Bible, OT, page 210

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 8:6-13

Pew Bible, NT, page 207

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

*Contract Renewal*

Rev. Steve Young

CONGREGATIONAL REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

UMH, No. 50-53

## *Response to the Word*

\*COMMITMENT HYMN

*O Happy Day*

UMH, No. 391

*Those who wish to renew their baptismal covenant are invited forward during the singing of the hymn. The pastor will mark you with the sign of the cross.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy . . .

**Hear our prayer**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH, No. 895

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

*Chorale: "The Old Year Now Has Passed Away*

John Steurlein (1588)

*Prelude on "The Old Year Now Has Passed Away"*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The old year now has passed away.

We thank thee, O our God, today

That Thou has kept us through the year

When danger and distress were near.

O help us to forsake all sin,

A new and holier course begin.

Mark not what once was done amiss,

A happier, better year be this!

\*Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH, No. 95

\*HYMN OF THE MONTH

*O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*

UMH, No. 247

\*BENEDICTION

\*DISMISSAL CHORUS

TFWS, No. 2129

**I have decided to follow Jesus!**

**I have decided to follow Jesus!**

**I have decided to follow Jesus,  
no turning back, no turning back.**

POSTLUDE      *Chorale Prelude on "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"*  
Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

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\*Congregation to Stand

**WELCOME, VISITORS!** We are delighted to have you in our congregation today. We invite you to participate as fully in our worship service as you feel comfortable. Bethany Church offers a full range of study and fellowship opportunities for children, youth, young adults, and older adults. Sunday School, in session from 9:45-10:45 a.m. each Sunday morning, features nine different classes for adults, one class for youth, three classes for children, and a nursery. We invite you to come back to Bethany and get to know us better!

**Our Nursery**

For the convenience of parents of small children a nursery is provided during both worship services and also during the Sunday School hour. The maximum suggested age for the nursery is four years old. Please ask an usher or greeter for directions to the nursery.

**Altar Flowers**

Flowers on the altar today are given by George and Joni Neal in honor of their first wedding anniversary (January 3).

Bishop:	Reverend Charlene Payne Kammerer		
Disrict Superintendent:	Reverend Joseph D. Carson		
Minister:	Reverend Stephen E. Young		
Pastor in Residence:	Chaplain L. Lawson Byrd		
Pastor in Residence:	Chaplain Carol Johnson		
Lay Leader:	Archie Leigh		
Associate Lay Leader:	Roy Bauschatz		
Youth Leader:	Sondra Colbert		
Children's Ministry:	Kris Kent		
Director of Music:	Sandra Fox		
Organist:	Rudy Shackelford		
Soloist:	11:00	Suzanne Sullivan	
Acolytes:	8:30	Molly Vaughan	11:00 Maxx Maples Polk
Lay Reader:	8:30	Bob Wharen	11:00 Loretta Leigh
Greeters:	Narthex: Bev Kearney    Side: Kevin Kiley		
Altar Guild for January:	Charla Barnard and Lavalley Wilson		

**This Week at Bethany**

Today	9:45	Sunday school for all ages
	9:45	Adult Membership Class: "What It Means to Be a Christian"
	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer time – Mary Lotsey Classroom
	12:15	Potato Bar – fundraiser for Lacey Martin Fellowship Class
Monday	12:15-2:00	Sr. MYF
	6:00	Bible Buddies
	5:00	Weight Watchers
	7:00	Men's/Women's Bible Study
Tuesday	7:00	Nominations and Leadership Development Committee
	10:00	Bethany Hugs Ministry
	6:30	Tiger Cubs use educational classroom
Wednesday	6:30	Abingdon Women's Club use WBFH
	6:30	Den 4 use educational classroom
	7:00	Focused Prayer: "Our Church Officers for 2010"
	7:30	Chancel Choir
Thursday	9:00	The Main Event
	6:30	Emmaus



people have been displaced from their homes and their places of employment. Your gift will also help the many United Methodist churches in the Philippines that were adversely affected by the storms.

**Rappahannock District Training on January 30<sup>th</sup>**

The Rappahannock District will hold its annual leadership training on Saturday, Jan. 30, at St. Clare Walker Middle School on Rt. 33 in Locust Hill. Afternoon workshops will be offered for the Staff/Parish Relations Committee, Information Technology, United Methodist Women, United Methodist Men, World Hunger, and Evangelism. The morning keynote address will be delivered by Anna Workman on the topic "Rethink Church." Registration forms are available on the table outside the church office. The registration deadline is Jan. 20. There is no charge unless you desire to have a bag lunch provided. All interested persons are invited to attend!

**Bazaar News ~**

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One way this can be done is to meet at the home of first one and then the other for food and fellowship. The host or hostess would provide the main dish and the drinks; the guests would bring a complimentary covered dish. Meeting at a restaurant for instance would also be fine, but having someone eat with you at your table in your home has a special quality to it.

We are reorganizing these groups for 2010. Please use the sign-up sheets below if you are interested in joining a friendship eight group. All who agree to join will be assigned to groups of eight. We will mix and match newer and older members so that new friendships can be developed. Hopefully by the beginning of February, all the groups will be formed and you will be notified as to whom your group members are. You may then get with them and plan your activities for the year.

**Questions? Call Alan Harvey at 684-2790.**

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