



For as many of  
you as have been  
baptized into Christ  
have put on Christ  
Galatians 3:27

## Order of Worship

*Striving to be what Christ tells us through Scripture.*

January 26, 2025

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE "More Precious Than Silver" Lynn DeShazo  
Amy Duran, piano

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

### ***Our Approach to God***

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 63

Leader: O God, you are my God; I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**People: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.**

Leader: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

**People: So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

Leader: My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips

**People: when I think of you on my bed and meditate on you in the watches of the night, for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.**

\*HYMN "Baptized in Water" #465

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Preparation

Presentation

Profession of Faith

\*The Apostles' Creed

The Baptismal Covenant

Declaration, Welcome, and Blessing

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Waldis

CHANCEL CHOIR "God Will Open a Door"

Pepper Choplin

PASSING OF THE PEACE

## ***The Word of God***

\*HYMN "We Are God's People" #399

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Genesis 15:1-6 p. 12 (OT)  
Galatians 3:23-29 p. 189 (NT)  
Amy Duran, liturgist

SERMON "Related by Marriage" Pastor Waldis

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

## ***Our Response to God***

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER #815

JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*HYMN "Jesus Loves Even Me" #495

BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" arr. Schrader  
Amy Duran, piano

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**WE ARE PLEASED** to be celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism for Ellen Roy Michels, daughter of Kent Michels and granddaughter of Keith and Linda Michels.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Anonymous; Lynn Baker; DeAnna and Roger Carman; Ernie Hepperle; Janet Kosack; Nancy Lanzalotto; Charles Moorman; Ed Serrano; Craig Terjanian; Barry Wood.

**UNITY PRAYER:** God, we know that you have called us to love you, and to love our neighbor, and to be a light in a world that faces darkness. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." We pray, God, that we would love you and love our neighbor, as you have called us to do.

**THE FLOWERS** are given by Chris Doyle in loving memory of her dear friend, John Ziegler, and by Keith and Linda Michels in celebration of their granddaughter, Ellen Roy Michels' baptism.

## **THIS WEEK**

Today	11:30	Bible Study
Monday	7:45	Bell Choir
Wednesday	7:00	Ramsey Wind Symphony in FH
Thursday	7:30	Chancel Choir
Saturday	9:30	Women's Ministry Breakfast

## **Sunday, February 2, 2025**

9:00 Chancel Choir  
10:00 – Worship, Sunday School & Puppets  
11:30 – Bible Study

**THE NEXT WOMEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST** will be held this Saturday, February 1 at 9:30 AM. All women are invited and encouraged to come and enjoy a morning of fellowship, great food, and an interesting speaker.

**ACCORDING TO THE BOOK OF CHURCH ORDER**, consistories are required to publish the names of persons elected as elders and deacons preceding their installation in order that "any legitimate objections may be presented to the Board of Elders for its judgment." Those elected at our January 5<sup>th</sup> congregational meeting and scheduled for installation on February 9<sup>th</sup> are listed below. Please speak to Les Cox or Zach Waldis if you have any questions.

Class of 2026

**Elders:** Jeff Parma

**Deacons:** Jeff Pond

**THE 2025 FLOWER CALENDAR IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD.** Sign up to donate flowers for worship to memorialize a loved one or celebrate an occasion. The cost is \$25 per bouquet; make your checks payable to Guild for Christian Service; fill out a dedication slip; place it on Lori's desk in the church office. Please--no more than 2 bouquets per Sunday.

## **Bible Study with Pastor Zach**

Pastor Zach is leading a Bible study on the New Testament Book of Galatians. The Bible study is held after worship on Sundays in Johnson Chapel starting around 11:30 AM. The study will be for six weeks. All are welcome to attend. Please advise if you need babysitting services.

**CHECK OUT THE CART** in the hallway as you come in the Spring Street door! There are a number of books focused on Bible Study and spiritual growth. There are also Bibles of various translations. Please take as many as you want!

Galatians 3: 23-29 Related By Marriage

Exegesis (Background)

1. The law was \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Faith includes us in the Jewish \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Abraham's story is now \_\_\_\_\_ story.

Life Application

Jesus' family is revolutionary and  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Families are bound together by \_\_\_\_\_.

Life Application



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