



**JOHN WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**Epiphany Sunday, Baptism of the Lord**

Morning Worship 10:30

January 7, 2018

**ENTRANCE**

GREETING

Rev. Katie O'Hern

PRELUDE

Stephen Pompa

\* CALL TO WORSHIP:

Ryan C

Leader - From the waters of Creation, the earth sprang forth.

**People - From the waters of a womb, God's blessed Son was given to us.**

Leader - From the waters of a river, people were baptized and marked as God's children.

**People - Praise be to God, whose love and grace have called us together.**

Leader - Let us worship God together, giving thanks for abundant love!

**People - Let us praise God together, sharing God's love with all the world!**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE #254, "We Three Kings"

KINGS OF ORIENT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison): **God of Spirit and fire: you have baptized us with your merciful love, but we have not fully lived into our identity as your people. We are drawn to the shadows of sin, hoping you will not see our foolishness. We fall into the arms of temptation, letting it spin us until we are out of control. We selfishly hoard your love and grace, convinced that others will misuse these gifts. Forgive us, we pray. Lead us to new life through water and your Spirit. Remind us that we are your beloved children.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader - In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People - In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!  
Glory to God. Amen.**

\* PASSING THE PEACE

(the congregation is invited to sing along)

*"In the Lord I'll be ever thankful in the Lord I will rejoice!  
Look to God, do not be afraid. Lift up your voices,  
the Lord is near, lift up your voices, the Lord is near."*

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

ANTHEM: "Lord, Be Glorified" (arr. Benjamin Harlan)

Chancel Choir

EPISTLE READING: Ephesians 3:1-12 (p. 1018)

Ryan C

CHILDREN'S TIME

\* HYMN #620, "One Bread, One Body"

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

\* GOSPEL READING: Matthew 2:1-12 (p. 835)

Ryan C

Leader - This is the Word of the Lord.

**People - Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: "By Another Road"

Rev. Katie O'Hern

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

**THANKSGIVING**

INVITATION OF OFFERING

OFFERTORY

\* DOXOLOGY #94

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM & RENEWING OUR COVENANT (insert)

**COMMUNION**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Musical Setting A, p. 17)

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison): **Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**SENDING FORTH**

\* HYMN #369, "Blessed Assurance"

ASSURANCE

\* BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL AMEN

Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

Stephen Pompa

**\* Please stand as you are able**

*Assisted listening devices and large print bulletins are available.*

**Today: January 7, 2018**

Wesleyan Class: Norris D  
Coffee Fellowship: Altar Guild/Worship  
Nursery: Karen N & Mary L  
Lay Reader: Ryan Ch  
Ushers: Team 1  
Counters: Team 3

**Next Week: January 14, 2018**

Wesleyan Class: Ed W  
Coffee Fellowship: Martha Van Brunt Circle  
Nursery: Caroline H & Vangie O  
Lay Reader: Carol W  
Ushers: Team 2  
Counters: Team 1

**Altar Guild for January:** Carol D (Chair), Barb B, Carole K, Iris K

*Please sign the Registration of Attendance book and check the appropriate box if the pastor or staff may be of any service to you.*

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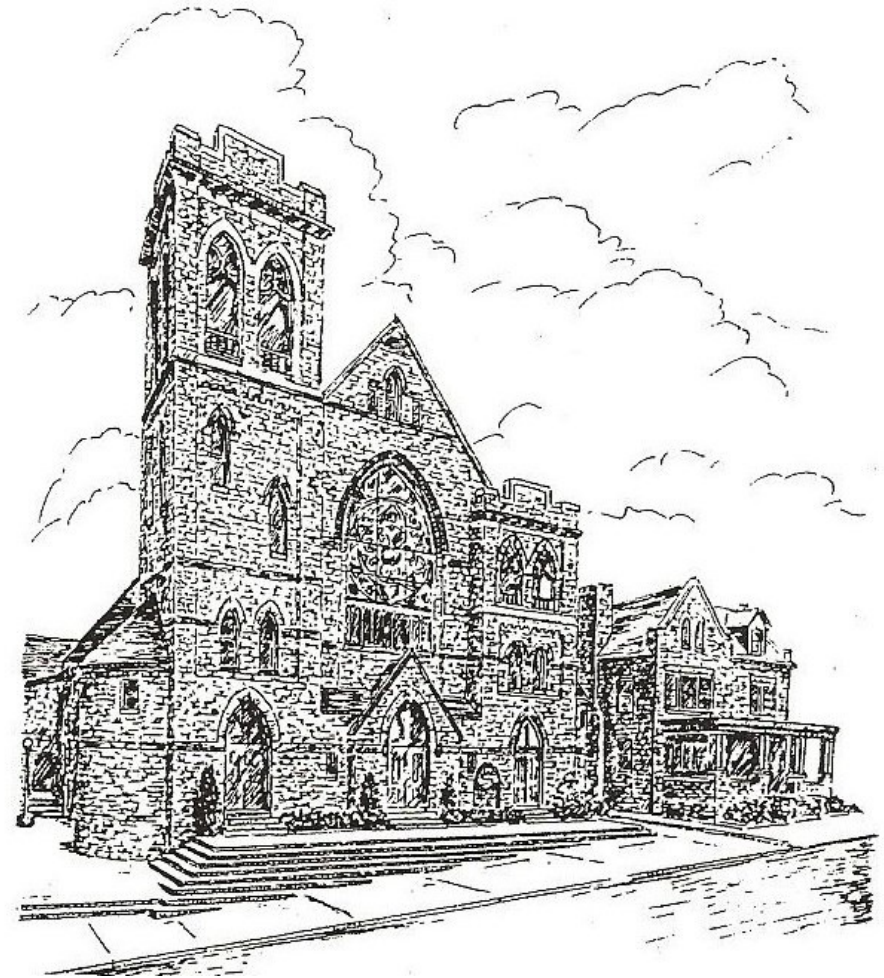
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Vibrant Worship, Christian Fellowship, Spiritual Growth,  
Loving Service, and the Sharing of God's Word.**