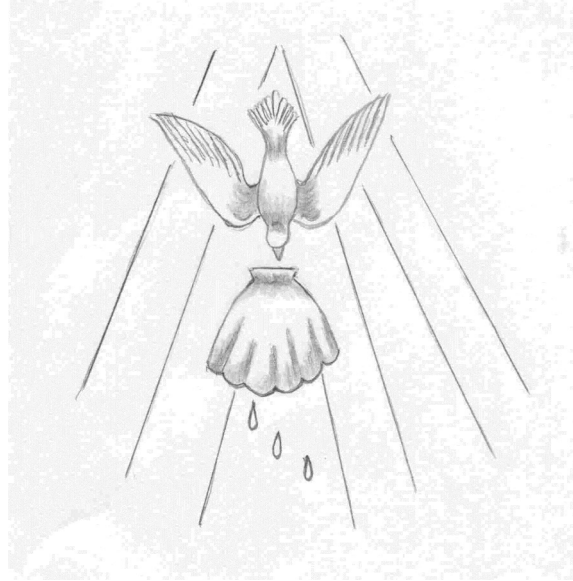


Highland Park United Methodist Church

THE COMMUNITY IN WORSHIP

*Baptism of the
Lord*

January 12, 2014



PRESERVICE MUSIC.....Organist
When Jesus Came to Jordan, UMH 252
I'm Goin'a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing, UMH 333
Shall We Gather at the River, UMH 723

A TIME FOR GATHERING AND FELLOWSHIP

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE
(Please register your attendance on the pad located at the end of the pew.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDEOrganist
On Jordan's Stormy Banks by M. Durham

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

A TIME FOR ADORATION

CHORAL INTROITChancel Choir
We're Gonna Sing When The Spirit Says Sing

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the very beginning, God separated the darkness and the light. God called the Light "Day" and the Darkness, God called "Night".
We were once people who dwelled in darkness, but God has given us the true Light, Jesus Christ.

God has blessed us and adopted us as God's own beloved children, through the sacrament of Baptism.

The water of baptism brings to us healing and reconciliation; it is a symbol of nourishment and cleansing.

This day is the day of the remembrance of Jesus' Baptism.

As we hear the words of his baptism, let us be reminded of our own adoption by God and celebrate the joyous connection to the Almighty God.

*HYMN OF ADORATION.....UMH 189
Fairest Lord Jesus

CHILDREN'S TIME
(Congregation sings *This Little Light of Mine* as children return to their seats)

A TIME FOR CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we come to You knowing that we do not always believe we are created in Your image. We don't believe we are good enough. We don't believe we are worthy of Your love. At times, we deny the image in others. We don't believe they are good enough or worthy. We refuse to accept them. We abandon them, forgetting they are children of God. Forgive us for not believing in Your love, the love that is for all people, for You so loved the world You sent us Jesus. Call us back to Your ways of love, that we may love our neighbors as ourselves, for You have loved us. In the name of Christ, who is Love, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

A TIME FOR PRAYER

*HYMN OF PREPARATION..... UMH 334
Sweet, Sweet Spirit

A PERIOD OF SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

A TIME FOR PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHORAL ANTHEM.....Chancel Choir
Down To The River To Pray (Southern US Folk Song)

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES
Matthew 3:13-17
Isaiah 42:1-9

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON*The Beloved of God!*

BAPTISMAL REAFFIRMATION.....back panel

WESLEY COVENANT PRAYER.....back panel

A TIME FOR GIVING OF OURSELVES

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY.....Piano/Organ duet
The Water is Wide (British Isle Folksong)

*DOXOLOGY.....UMH 95
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, we are reminded this morning as we remember Christ's baptism how you stooped to meet us eye to eye in Christ, reassuring us through your presence. So now, as we give our gifts to you, help us to see the faces of those who will look to us for a touch of compassion and love: our words of kindness, our arms of comfort, and our generous gifts. Meet in us the longing we have to hear your voice speak, "This is my beloved child, with whom I am pleased!" We pray this in the name that is above all others, Jesus the Christ . Amen.

A TIME FOR GOD'S PEOPLE IN COMMUNITY

*HYMN OF DEDICATIONUMH 347
Spirit Song

*GREET ONE ANOTHER IN CHRISTIAN PEACE

A TIME FOR BEING SENT FORTH

*SENDING FORTH

Go forth as a people who are beloved by God.

For our God in heaven is loving and merciful.

Go into the world to share this love with others.

The love Jesus has for us is to much for us to hold.

As God's chosen ones, be the light that shines in this world.

We will let the light of Christ shine through us. Amen!

*CHORAL BENEDICTION.....front of hymnal
May the Lord Be with You

We invite you to be seated for the postlude.

POSTLUDE.....Piano Duet
Every Time I Feel The Spirit (spiritual)

EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

*indicates congregation standing

If you wish to become a member of the Highland Park United Methodist Church, please use this opportunity to move to the front of the sanctuary and speak with the minister. Persons are received into membership through a profession of faith and baptism, transfer of membership from another United Methodist church or vows from another denomination

PERSONS LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHER — Rev. Jim Jones

LITURGIST — AnnaHorn

ORGANIST — Claudia Mornhinweg

CHOIR DIRECTOR — Gayla Foster

ACOLYTES — Jacob Stine and Joey Wayman

GREETERS — Judy and Jim Brewer

Liturgical Resources:

- Call to Worship: www.ministrymatters.com, Nancy Townley
- Prayer of Confession: www.rev-o-lution.org, Rev. Mindi
- Prayer of Dedication: www.gbod.org, Ken Sloane

WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. We extend a special welcome to our guests. We are glad you came. Please sign the register in the pew to let us know you attended. We look forward to having you worship with us again soon.

This Week at Highland Park

TODAY — January 12

- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:45 a.m. Fellowship Luncheon
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

TUESDAY — January 14

- 1:00 p.m. Newsletter Folding Group
- 6:00 p.m. Stillwater Travel Club
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY — January 15

- 9:30 a.m. Rebekah Circle
- 11:00 a.m. Stillwater Area Music Teachers Association
- 1:15 p.m. Circle of Elizabeth
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

THURSDAY — January 16

- 7:00 a.m. Grape Jelly Gang
- 12:00 p.m. Stillwater Noon Lions Club

SATURDAY — January 18

- Stillwater District Mid-Winter Retreat for youth at Camp Egan
9:00 a.m. Cub Scout Pinewood Derby

NEXT SUNDAY — January 19

- Stillwater District Mid-Winter Retreat for youth at Camp Egan
- Human Relations Day (special offering opportunity)
 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 - 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNALS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE USHERS STAND
- CHILDREN'S BULLETINS (AGES 3-6 AND 7-12) ARE AVAILABLE
- INDIVIDUAL LISTENING DEVICES FOR HEARING ASSISTANCE ARE AVAILABLE

Words on Worship

Today is the **Baptism of the Lord** and the liturgical color is white and today we will participate in a Baptismal Renewal so that each of us may remember our baptism and renew our commitment to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

Resolutions

American theologian Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758) became focused on his life's purpose at age 19. The result was 70 resolutions, or commitments, he wrote down and then read every week for 35 years until his death.

Some of those resolutions include:

- To live with all my might while I do live.
- To study the Scriptures ... steadily, constantly and frequently.
- Never to lose one moment of time.
- Never to do anything which I should despise or think meanly of in another.
- Never to do anything out of revenge.
- To let there be something of benevolence in all that I speak.
- Never to do anything which I should be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life.

www.newsletternewsletter.com

GLOSSARY OF CHURCH ACTIVITIES

- **BOY SCOUTS**—HPUMC sponsors Boy Scout Troop 814.
- **ELIZABETH CIRCLE**—a sub grouping of the UMW that meets in the afternoons for fellowship & programs.
- **FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON**—the second Sunday of every month, the entire congregation is invited to a potluck lunch in the fellowship hall at the conclusion of the worship service.
- **GRAPE JELLY GANG**—a small fellowship group that meets at Granny's Kitchen in Stillwater on a weekly basis for breakfast, a devotion, and fellowship.
- **LIONS CLUB**—Stillwater Noon Lions Club meets at HPUMC every Thursday at noon for a catered lunch, business meeting, and program.
- **NEWSLETTER FOLDING**—a group of volunteers that meets every other Tuesday afternoon at the church to help fold and prepare the newsletters for mailing. Extra help is always needed and welcomed.

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Daily from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Baptismal Covenant Renewal

Sisters and brothers in Christ: through the sacrament of baptism God's Spirit has been poured out upon water, water poured over and immersing us, water that flows freely for all who will receive it, water from the streams of God's saving power and justice, water that brings hope to all who thirst for righteousness, water that refreshes life, nurtures growth, and offers new birth. Today we come to the waters, to renew our commitments in each other's presence to Christ who has raised us, the Spirit who has birthed us, and the Creator who is making all things new.

And so I ask you, will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, Reject the evil powers of this world, And repent of our sin!

Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?

We accept the freedom and power God gives us To resist evil, injustice, and oppression In whatever forms they present themselves!

Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ, his body on earth?

We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior, put our whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as our Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races!

Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.

Will you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

We affirm and teach the faith of the whole church as we put our trust in God, the Father Almighty. in Jesus Christ, his only Son. and in the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

Wesley's Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed for thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low by thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Thou art mine and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, Let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.