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January 9, 2022

Epiphany/Baptism of the Lord

Worship Leader

Pat Love

**Note: We are meeting online for the month of January.**

Welcome to the Church of the Good Shepherd. We are glad that you are worshiping with us this morning. To ensure the health and safety of all, if you are in the sanctuary, we ask that you stay socially distant and always keep your mask on. Please feel free to listen to the musical selections which will be sung by the choir. To ensure safety, at the end of Worship Service, exit the Sanctuary; do not socialize in the Sanctuary or the corridors. Thank you.

Gathering

Worship Bells

Welcome

Pat Love

Announcements

Health Moment

National Glaucoma Awareness Month

Loretta Battis

\*Call to Worship *(based on Mark 1: 9-11, Luke 3:21-23)*

One: The Father's voice bears witness to the Son.

**Many: God has shown himself to us.**

One: The Son bows his head beneath the waters of the Jordan.

**Many: God has shown himself to us.**

One: Christ submits to John's baptism and frees us from slavery.

**Many: God has shown himself to us.**

One: God's love is seen to the end of the world.

**ALL: God has shown himself to us.**

Opening Selection

"Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"

UMH# 605

Opening Prayer

Pat Love

Moments of Grace

\*Affirmation

"I Believe" by Bruce Prewer (inspired by John 1:1-5)

Jesus Christ, brother of Light, I believe. I believe that in the beginning was the Promise and the Promise was with God and the Promise was God.

I believe in the infinite, nurturing creativity of God, in the incarnate, crucified humility of God, in the intimate, inspiring liberality of God.

Jesus Christ, brother of Light, I believe **Amen.**

Prayer for Illumination

UMH# 477

Pat Love

Open wide the window of our spirits, O Lord, and fill us full of light; open wide the door of our hearts, that we may receive and entertain thee with all our powers of adoration and love. **Amen**

Christina Rossetti, England,

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 43:1-7

Valissa Mixon

*Reflection*

\* Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

This is the word of God, for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermonic Selection

“Spirit Song”

UMH# 347

Series: Love Never Ends: Being the Body of Christ

Sermon

“Well Pleased”

Rev. Vanessa M. Wilson

*“<sup>21</sup> When everyone was being baptized, Jesus also was baptized. While he was praying, heaven was opened <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit came down on him in bodily form like a dove. And there was a voice from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness.”*

*Luke 3:21-22*

“Let The Church Say Amen”

Prayer for the People

Rev. Vanessa M. Wilson

Worship Through Giving: <https://www.goodshepherd-willingboro.org/about.html>

Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow*

*Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host;*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **Amen***

Offertory Prayer

God of new beginnings, as we move into this new year, stir in us the feelings of expectation! Kindle our hearts and minds to see possibilities for our world and for your kingdom. Help us to believe that the world we have can be better: more loving, more just, more compassionate, and looking much more like the world you’ve imagined for us. Lord, help us to give generously this day to empower that to happen. In the name of Christ, Savior and Redeemer, we pray. Amen. (Luke 3:15-17, 21-22)

Dismissal with Blessing

**JANUARY 2022**

**Cervical Health Awareness Month**  
**Glaucoma Awareness Month**  
**National Blood Donor Awareness Month**  
**Thyroid Health Awareness Month**  
**Birth Defects Awareness Month**

**Today** Epiphany/Baptism of the Lord.  
 UMW meeting after service

**On the Horizon**

- January 11, 7:00 pm Trustees meeting
- January 16 Human Relations Day  
Church Council meeting immediately after morning worship
- January 17 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Day
- January 18, 7:00 pm Finance Committee meeting

Offertory envelopes for 2022 are available. Please use them if you are giving your offering by mail and/or in person during Worship service. Request the envelopes by emailing or calling the church office. Please indicate the number of envelopes you are requesting. The envelopes can be picked up at the church by appointment or sent to you via the mail.

***Every Wednesday at 12 noon – Praying for the Church of the Good Shepherd***  
***Thursday at 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study \* Saturday at 9:00 am Women of the Word Bible Study***

**Mission**

*"Our mission is to enable every person to become a faithful, empowered disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ, one soul at a time!"*

**Vision**

*"To be a church where all are welcome to grow in faith and love and to be a voice of hope in our community."*

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