



**Trinity United
Church
of Christ
The Baptism of
Christ**
January 9, 2022
10:45 a.m.
**In-Person Worship
FB Live Streaming**

“Baptism of the Lord”

The Mission of Trinity United Church of Christ:
*We exist to Love people where they are and
encourage them to grow in their relationship
with Jesus Christ.*

WE GATHER

*During this worship, we encourage you to know and to
remember that you have created a **Quiet Meditative Space**,
that this is a **Safe and Loving Place**, a “Sanctuary” for
worship, praise, and reflection; and to remember that **‘No
Matter Who You Are or Where You Are on Life’s Journey,
You are Welcome Here!***

**Prelude: Instrumental Music Performed by Cammeron
Williams**

Welcome and Announcements – Belva LaMotte

Gathering Music – “Praise to the Living God”
Instrumental music performed by Cammeron Williams

***Call to Worship** Belva LaMotte
L: God is with us always and calls us each by name.
P: When we pass through difficulties and stress,
L: God is with us and calls us by name.
P: When we are discouraged and feel lost and alone,
L: God is with us and calls us by name, and heals us.
P: Blessed be God who knows us and calls us by name.
AMEN.

Opening Prayer (in unison) *Pastor Jessica*

Lord of Hope and Light, in the midst of Darkness you
offered light to people who lived in fear. Today that light
comes to us as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Open
our hearts this day and remind us that you have marked us
as people of hope and light. Prepare us to serve you by
serving your world. **AMEN.**

Hymn: “Go Tell it on the Mountain”

A Time for Discovery

Children may come forward

WE PROCLAIM

First Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7 Belva LaMotte

Gospel Reading: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 Pastor Jessica

One: For the Word of God in Scripture
For the Word of God among us
For the Word of God within us

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon: Not the Messiah You’re Looking For Pastor Jessica

Special Music: “Take me to the Water”

Ordination or a Deacon and the Installation of Elders and Deacons

Affirmation of Ministry

Pastor: Affirmation of ministry is the act whereby a local church of the United Church of Christ recognizes the diverse gifts of its members and celebrates the particular ministry of each person in the life of the church or in various settings in the world.

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them.

People: There are different ways of serving, but the same God is served.

Pastor: There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to each of us for our particular service.

People: The Spirit’s presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all.

Laying on of Hands

Pastor: The laying on of hands is the symbolic act whereby the church in every age recognizes God’s call to ministry in the lives of faithful people and asks the Holy Spirit to confer upon them the gifts of ministry.

Traditionally, the new deacon on the consistory would experience the laying on of hands in this time, but, sadly, Amy cannot yet be with us in person. Thus, we will Acknowledge that Amy has accepted this call and pray for her accordingly.

Pastor: Amy has come forward as a sign of her acceptance of this call to church leadership as deacon. Her presence in our meeting Wednesday signifies a readiness on behalf of this church to recognize her service to this church.

May the Holy Spirit strengthen Amy for the ministry of deacon in Christ’s church and equip her with everything good to do God’s will. Let her receive authority to execute the office of deacon in the name of Christ.

People: Amen.

Covenant

Pastor: (Leslie Brooks, Belva LaMotte, Debra Miller, Robert Miller, Sue Myers, Doug Rhoten, Amy Shultz) It is an honor to be entrusted with responsibility for particular service in the ministry of the church, whether gathered or scattered. Having duly considered the duties and responsibilities of your ministry, are you prepared to serve, with the help of God, in Christ’s name and for the glory of God?

Deacons and Elders: I am.

Pastor: Do you promise to exercise your ministry diligently and faithfully, showing forth the love of Christ?

Deacons and Elders: I do, relying on God’s grace.

Pastor: Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our leaders. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them.

Congregational Response: We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you, that together we may be faithful to our call as Christ’s church.

Commission and Blessing

Pastor: Let your lives testify to the goodness of God. Give God glory and majesty and power.

All: We are witnesses from this beloved community. May we all respond to God's call to embrace others in Christ's name. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Offering

(Stewardship Moment) Sue Myers

Offertory: *Please remember to send in your offering by mail, or give to our on-line giving button on the website (<https://www.trinityuccmanchester.org>).*

***Doxology as a Reading**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

WE GO FORTH

***Carrying the Light into the World**

*** Benediction**

***Postlude:**

Instrumental music performed by Cammeron Williams

Worship Notes and Resources:

The music in our worship today is reproduced via our CCLI License number: 2809801

Leadership

Jessica Townsley	Pastor
Cammeron Williams	Director of Music
Belva LaMotte	Lay Reader
Deb Persinger	Worship Committee
Sandy Sanders	

COVID-19 Protocol Trinity UCC

With Covid-19 cases on the rise, in order to protect the most vulnerable among us, and those who are immunocompromised, **mask are required**. We appreciate everyone's understanding, and thank you, as we try to safely navigate through these uncertain and unpredictable times due to this pandemic.

Pastor Jessica's vacation

Pastor will be on vacation starting January 10th thru 17th. Contact Robert Miller for pastoral care 410-374-4455.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Today

Budget Information:

Amount needed from all sources each week to meet our budget: \$2,436.00.

Giving for last week: General: \$100.00

Attendance: 17

Giving for 12/31/2021 \$1,190.00 Building Fund/Fundraising: \$260.00

Please give in the various ways we offer for you to give your financial offerings to Trinity. We are lagging in our giving and hope that we can re-gain the generous level of giving we are accustomed to receiving.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

Prayers are needed for our country at this difficult time and all those in need.

Submission Dates for Bulletins/Newsletter

Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday

February Newsletters - Monday, January 17

Meeting Dates Zoom

Worship Comm – Tuesday, January 18, @ 6pm

PPR – Wednesday, January 26, @ 7pm

Announcement:

Join Pastor Jessica on “Facebook LIVE” each **Tuesday and Thursday at 8 a.m.** for a short devotional or thought for the day and prayer time together.

Worship at Trinity UCC for the Next Week:

January 16, 2022 – Second Sunday After Epiphany

Scripture: Isaiah 62:1-5, Luke 4:14-21

Guest preacher: Rev. Lucy Brady

Food Bags for Backpacks 2022 School Year

Trinity UCC continues our Food Bags for Backpacks donation program for Manchester Elementary School. Trying to be as careful as possible, we will once again just ask for Monetary Donations. Please mark “Food Bags” on any checks or giving envelopes that you wish to go to this program. Thank you, your support is greatly appreciated.



Please pick up your 2022 church envelopes in the Sunday school room.



Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen emergencies, the decision to close the church will be made two hours before worship/meetings/workday. You can find out whether or not the building will be open in the following possible ways:

1. Calling the church at 410 374-2727 (The voice mail message will reflect the decision to close or remain open.)
2. Checking your email. (Those with email will receive a message.)
3. Listening to WBAL 1090 AM
4. Receiving a call through the phone tree

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