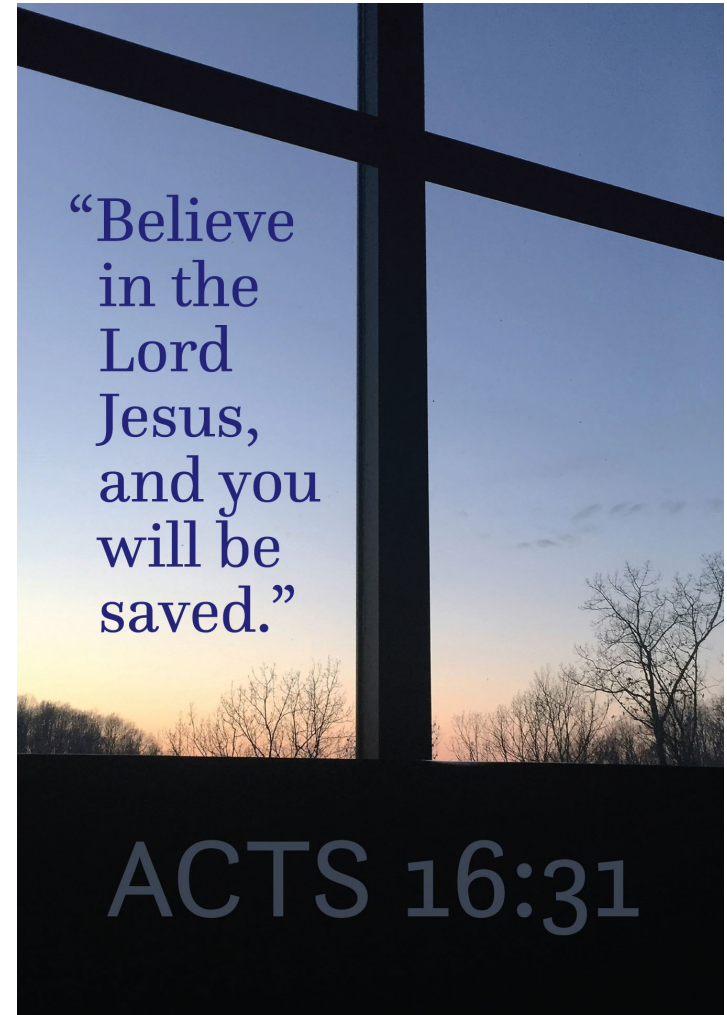


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The Baptism of Christ
(First Sunday after Epiphany)

January 7, 2018

10:00 a.m.

* those who are able, please stand

As you enter the sanctuary, please be mindful of those already
seated who want a quiet place to pray.

The Order of Worship

Prelude

Chorale: Es ist das Heil uns kommen her
Salvation unto us has come

Jack Brooks

Prelude for the New Year

Johann Kirnberger

Noel Francaise

Bruno weigl

L. Boellmann

Chimes

Call to Worship

Welcome

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn**

“Come, Christians Join to Sing”

Blue Hymnal #225

Story Bell

(Following the Story Bell children are invited to Sunday School)

Mat Emerick

Hymn of Preparation

“Spirit of the Living God” (verse 1)

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Blue Hymnal #389

Scripture Reading

Acts 16

135 N.T.

Message

Free

Pastor Ray Dekker

***Hymn**

“As We Gather at Your Table”

BLACK Hymnal #332

Prayers of the People and Silent Prayers

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Music for Communion

Communion

Prayer

Jack Brooks

William Faulkes

Alexandre Giulmant

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offertory

The Squirrel

Jack Brooks

Powell Weaver

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing**

“Go Tell It on the Mountain” (refrain only)

Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere;

Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!

Blue Hymnal #258

***Benediction**

***Pastor:** The Peace of Christ be with you. **Congregation:** And also with you.

***Postlude**

Trumpet Voluntary

Jack Brooks

John Stanley

Happy New Year! As we worship God together, for the first time in 2018, let us pray for a fruitful year of ministry to the glory of his name.

***Visitors ~ Welcome!** There is a Welcome Packet in the pew rack for you. Please fill out the Guest Information insert, place it in the offering plate and take the packet home for review of the other information. We are thankful you are here and hope that your time here is a special blessing to you and your family. Please let us know how we can best serve you. **Guests** ~ please take a “Book Mark” and/or “ToasterTong” home with you today as our gift to you for attending our service. You can find them on the Welcome Table at the entrance you came in. No more missed pages in your book or burnt fingers or potential electrocutions by fork in your future now!! Anyone who would like a “Book Mark” or a “Toaster Tong” but is not a visiting guest, please make a contribution to the WOODSHOP. See Dean Morehouse, Bernie Denney, Bill Black or Pastor Dekker for more information

***Large print Bibles, bulletins, and Children’s bulletins** are available from the ushers. Quiet bags for children to use while they are in the worship service are available on the table in the narthex.

***Families with young nursery age children** are welcome to use the “Family Room” in the balcony located on the 2nd floor.

***Our sanctuary is equipped with a T-Coil Hearing Loop.** Please turn your hearing aid to the T-Coil position to access this feature. Other hearing devices are available at the sound booth upon request.

Following the worship service you are invited to join us in Fellowship Hall. Come meet new friends and have some refreshments. We look forward to meeting you.

Serving Us:

Altar Rep:	Susan Zeerip
Altar Flowers:	(today) Bill & Carol Black(next week)
Greeters:	(today) (next week)
Ushers:	Kendra Lachniet(today) Kendra Lachniet, Steve & Karla Johnson(next week)
Compassion:	Steve & Karla Johnson
Organist:	Jack Brooks
Sound System:	Rick St. Peter
Coffee Hosts:	Women’s Fellowship(today) Steve & Karla Johnson(next week)
January Towel Washer:	Shirley Brooks

Celebrating this week:

Happy Birthday to ~

Ponnie Foster (9), Erik St. Peter, Anne Vandekieft (10), Collin Zeerip (13)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Prayer Requests ~

(Prayer requests will be printed for two weeks. The person or family requesting prayer must call the church office or Pastor Ray in order to have the request printed)

Ken Hall & family

Anne & Bob Vandekieft & family

Dave White - recovering from knee surgery

This Week’s Calendar

Sunday, January 7

10:00 a.m. Worship with communion & Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall - Thank you for a great Christmas Shopping & Home Tour - join us for a piece of cake & coffee

Monday, January 8

10:00 a.m. Women’s Fellowship Board Meeting - Library

Tuesday, January 9 - Church Office Closed

3:00 p.m. Violin Lessons - Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Technology Board - Library

Wednesday, January 10

6:30 p.m. Praise Group Rehearsal - sanctuary
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - choir loft

Thursday, January 11 - Church Office Closed

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open
10:00 a.m. Christmas Crafters
6:30 p.m. Deacons’ Meeting - Library (**Note Date change**)

Friday, January 12

Saturday, January 13

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Sunday, January 14

10:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall

Our Church News

Thank YOU for helping to make our 2017 Christmas Shopping & Home Tour a success. To express our sincere thanks we invite you (everyone) to join us following worship in Fellowship Hall for a piece of cake and coffee.

Sandy and I thank each of you who were so thoughtful towards us this Christmas Season. Thank you for treats, well wishes and all the gifts to us. God bless each of you!
Ray and Sandy

A great Thank you comes from your church's staff to all who gave so generously to the Christmas Purse. We feel truly blessed to serve in this caring family of believers!
Pastor Ray, Mat, Deb, Jack & Lorene

2018 Giving envelopes are ready for you to pick up if you use envelopes. If you would like a box and there isn't one for you please let Lorene know and she will get a box ready for you.

2018 Calendars are ready for you to sign up for a Sunday - the Altar Flower calendar is on the office window. The Usher, Greeter, & Coffee Hosts calendar are on the easel in the narthex. Please sign up for a Sunday or too when you can serve. Thank you!

SCRIP - Introducing Susan Stewart, your new SCRIP coordinator! In 2018, Susan will be the person in charge of SCRIP and has a group of people who will help her with the program on Sunday mornings. Please give Susan your support as she takes over the reins of this program which has as its sole purpose the raising of money to give to the church budget. New to your church SCRIP table: We now have \$25 gift card for Brew Works/The Commons, right here in our town!! Come and support SCRIP and the church budget. Then you can support this local restaurant!

Requested Announcements

Calvin College 2018 January series - The series begins on January 3 and continues weekdays through January 23 from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. with topics ranging from millennials and faith to restorative justice, confident pluralism, radical generosity and so much more by top experts in their fields. The Dogwood Center Black Box, 4734 S Campus Court, Fremont is a remote location.

Announcing “ConGo Enjoy-Meant” Events

We are “ConGo” (Christians on the Go) and **meant to go and enjoy** good food and fun activities together!

“Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

Neh. 8:10

“Go and enjoy”:

Sunday January 14- Lasagnarama and Charades, 5:30-7:00pm

Lasagna's needed. We are looking for a variety of types (Mexican? Taco? Vegetable? Chicken Alfredo? Ravioli? Bacon Cheeseburger? Spinach? Zucchini? Seafood? Eggplant? Etc?) Can you make a different kind of lasagna? If so give Mat a call 231-414-7501.

Please RSVP with Mat, 231-414-7501

