

**ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

139 N. Fourth Street  
Emmaus, Pennsylvania

January 16, 2011

**Second Sunday after Epiphany**

**8:00 & 10:30 AM**

***The People of God Gather For Worship***

Thought for Meditation: *"One cannot get through life without pain... what we can do is choose how to use the pain life presents to us."*

- Bernie S. Siegel

Prelude

*...All May Stand...*

Processional Hymn: *"Rejoice, You Pure in Heart"*

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*...Please Be Seated...*

Welcome and Announcements

*...All May Stand...*

Solemn Declaration

Call to Worship:

*Pastor:* People of God, called to be apostles of Jesus Christ; gather in the grace and peace that God provides.

**People: God puts a new song in our mouths;  
we will sing of God's wondrous deeds.**

*Pastor:* Wait patiently for God, who hears our cries; put your trust in God's steadfast love.

**People: God's law is written in our hearts;  
we will delight in doing God's will.**

*Pastor:* Receive God's saving help within your hearts; acknowledge God's gifts in all you do.

**People: God grants us spiritual gifts in abundance,  
we will use them for the congregation of God's people.**

***The People of God Confess Their Sins***

Act of Confession:

*Pastor:* Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Meet Jesus in those moments of self-examination and confession. Turn away from the allure of false gods, the attraction of false security, the appeal of deceptive ways. God is waiting to draw us up from the desolate pits into which we have strayed.

**People: God of Grace, we confess the uncertainty of our faith and the hesitancy of our commitment. We have misused the gifts you have given us, spending our strength for nothing but vanity. We have not trusted you or dared to risk courageous witness to the truth we have known. We have ignored your wondrous deeds and hidden the light you have asked us to carry into the world. Draw us back with your forgiving love, lest we sink beyond your reach. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Kyrie:

*Leader:* Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People: Lord, have mercy upon us.**

*Leader:* Christ, have mercy upon us.

**People: Christ, have mercy upon us.**

*Leader:* Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People: Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Forgiveness:

*Pastor:* Be glad in the deliverance God offers, taking your sins away in Christ Jesus, wiping out the burden of guilt we have carried. In faithfulness, God lifts us up, setting our feet on solid rock and making our steps secure. Rejoice in the saving help that calls and equips us to be saints and servants, glorifying our God and offering light to the nations.

Sung Response: "Gloria Patri"

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

*...Please Be Seated...*

### *The People of God Share the Word of God*

A Time to Pass Our Faith Onto Our Children (10:30)

The Holy Scripture:

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 49:1-7 Page 592

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 Page 926

Gospel Lesson: John 1:29-42 Page 862

Sermon: "Suffering Servants" Rev. Dr. Paul W. Knappenberger

Order of the Baptism: *Antonia Grace Brandt*

Invitation and Welcome: Lighting the Baptismal Candle

*Pastor:* Members and friends in Christ, we gather now to celebrate the gift of grace in the sacrament of baptism.

**All: There is one body and one Spirit. There is one hope in God's call to us.**

*Pastor:* There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Creator of us all.

**All: This is the water of baptism. Out of this water we rise with new life, forgiven of sin and one in Christ.**

Address

*Pastor:* Jesus came to John to be baptized by him. But John tried to make him change his mind. "I ought to be baptized by you," John said, "yet you have come to me!"

**People: Jesus said, "Let it be so for now. For in this way, we shall do all that God requires." So John agreed.**

*Pastor:* As soon as Jesus was baptized, he came up out of the water. Then heaven was opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and lighting on him.

**People: Then a voice said from heaven, "This is my own dear Son, with whom I am well pleased."**

*Pastor:* At another time Jesus said: Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The sacrament of baptism is an outward and visible sign of the grace of God. Inasmuch as the promise of the gospel is not only to us but also to our children, baptism with water and the Holy Spirit is the mark of their acceptance into the care of Christ's church, the sign and seal of their participation in God's forgiveness, and the beginning of their growth into full Christian faith and discipleship.

**People: This is the water of baptism. Out of this water we rise with new life, forgiven of sin and one in Christ, members of Christ's body.**

Questions of the Candidates

*Pastor:* Jeffrey and Jessica, do you desire to have your child baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

*Parents: We do.*

*Pastor:* Will you encourage this child to renounce the powers of evil and to receive the freedom of new life in Christ?

*Parents: We will, with the help of God.*

*Pastor:* Will you teach this child that she may be led to profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

*Parents and Sponsors: We will, with the help of God.*

*Pastor:* Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciples, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ, as best you are able?

*Parents and Sponsors: We do, with the help of God.*

*Pastor:* Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow with this child in the Christian faith, to help this child to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, by celebrating Christ's presence, by furthering Christ's mission in all the world, and by offering the nurture of the Christian church so that she may affirm her baptism?

*Parents and Sponsors: We do, with the help of God.*

Congregational Assent:

Pastor: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to the one about to be baptized, as she lives and grows in Christ?

**People: We promise our love, support, and care.**

Affirmation of Faith:

Pastor: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God.  
Do you believe in God?

**People: I believe in God.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**People: I believe in the Holy Spirit.**

Prayer of Baptism:

Pastor: Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Act of Baptism:

Pastor Jeffrey and Jessica, by what name will your child be called?

*Parents: Antonia Grace Brandt*

Pastor: Antonia Grace Brandt, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer for the Baptized:

Benediction:

Pastor: Go in the peace of Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: *“This Child We Dedicate to Thee”*

**This Child we dedicate to Thee,  
O God of grace and purity!  
In Thy great love its life prolong,  
Shield it, we pray, from sin and wrong.**

**O may Thy Spirit gently draw  
Its willing soul to keep Thy law;  
May virtue, piety, and truth,  
Dawn even with its dawning youth.  
Amen.**

### *The People of God Pray*

Celebrations of Joy and Moments of Concern

*Pastor:* The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*Pastor:* Let us pray.

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayer

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, for ever.**

**Amen.**

### *Sharing our Tithes and Offerings*

Invitation

The Offering

The Offertory: Organ Offertory (8:00)

Senior Choir (10:30)

*...All May Stand...*

The Offertory Response: *“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.**

Prayer of Dedication and Commitment

### *The People of God Go Forth In Mission*

Commission:

*Leader:* God says to us, “You are my servants,”  
and sends us out into the world as lights.

**People: It is an awesome task to represent God,  
to carry good news of steadfast love to our neighbors.**

*Leader:* Sing songs of praise to the God of our salvation.  
Tell of God’s wondrous deeds by the way you live.

**People: We call on God to help us live faithfully,  
to mold us into a community of care-givers.**

*Leader:* Grace to you and peace from God, our Mother and  
Father, and from our Sovereign and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**People: Empowered by our baptism, we will witness;  
equipped by God’s presence, we will serve.**

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Recessional Hymn: “*Faith of Our Fathers*”

Silent Moment

Postlude

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### **Preparation for Worship**

As we remember our Lord’s baptism, let us recall our own baptism,  
which began our journey of Christian discipleship.

### **Welcome**

Welcome in the name of Christ. Your presence increases our joy as we  
praise our loving Savior. May every blessing be yours.

### **Stewardship Moment**

Only One Life...

“Only one life – ‘twill soon be past; only what’s done for Christ will  
last.” [R.T. Kendall]

Congratulations to our newest member being baptized this morning:  
**Antonia Grace Brandt**, born August 13, 2010; daughter of Jeffrey and  
Jessica (Racines) Brandt.

**Children’s Bulletins** are available for age groups 3 to 6 and 7 to 12.

**Large-print Bulletins** are available for anyone who requests one.

**Church Time Nursery** is across the hall from the Family Room.

*Please ask our ushers to assist you with any of these needs*

### **CHURCH STAFF**

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## **ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR**

### **Sunday, January 16**

8:00 am      Worship Service  
9:15 am      Sunday School for all ages  
10:30 am     Worship Service

### **Monday, January 17**

6:15 pm      Cadette Troop #6056  
7:00 pm      Budget and Finance Committee

### **Tuesday, January 18**

9:00 am      Quilts For Kids  
6:00 pm      Daisy Troop #61130  
7:00 pm      Brain Tumor Support Group

### **Wednesday, January 19**

6:30 pm      Confirmation Class  
6:30 pm      Boy Scout Troop #25  
6:30 pm      Bell Choir  
7:45 pm      Senior Choir

### **Thursday, January 20**

10:15 am     Women's Bible Study  
6:00 pm      Cherub Choir  
6:30 pm      Junior Choir  
6:30 pm      All Dens  
6:30 pm      Jr. GS Troop #6123

### **Saturday, January 22**

8:30 am      AA  
8:30 am      Al Anon

### **Sunday, January 23**

8:00 am      Worship Service  
9:15 am      Sunday School for all ages  
10:30 am     Worship Service

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

### **8:00 AM**

*Acolytes:*              Joshua Dillman, Emily Drabick  
*Lay Reader:*          Jean Deischer  
*Greeters:*             George Bayer, Bonnie Keck  
*Ushers:*                Tom Gable, Brian Dillman, Jr., Phil Rhode, Rick Snyder  
*Sound System:*        Russ Drabick

### **10:30 AM**

*Acolytes:*              Joscelyn Hengeveld, Harrison Ike  
*Lay Reader:*          Ron Heffelfinger  
*Greeters:*             Anna Jane Kelley, Ben and Carolyn Powell  
*Ushers:*                Marty Beers, Adam Beers, Dave Davis, John Zayaitz  
*Sound System:*        Richard Miller  
*Tape Ministry:*        Floyd and Doris Schmoyer  
*Nursery:*                Sue Kibrik, Jen Hartranft  
*Hospitality:*          Donna Wert



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### ***Church Announcements for Sunday, January 16, 2011***

#### **January Mission – Lehigh County Conference of Churches (LCCC) Linkage**

Linkage is an outreach program designed to provide the homeless with the basic needs for survival. Although the goal is to encourage and provide shelter for the homeless, there are individuals whose problems prevent them from accepting the offer. Especially during the cold winter months, staying warm is a priority. The Mission Committee is asking for your help in donations of men's warm socks, thermal underwear, gloves, scarves, and hats. There is also a request for safety razors. "To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed and beaten and homeless..." (1 Corinthians 4:11)

#### **Sign the Pew Register**

To encourage fellowship at St. John's, please sign the pew register found at the center aisle of your pew. Pass the register on for others to sign it. As it is passed back, read the register and learn the names of those worshipping with you this morning!

#### **Deadline for Annual Reports**

If you are responsible for a report to be included in the Annual Report, please note that the deadline for information to be submitted to the church office is Friday, January 21, 2011. Early submissions are always greatly appreciated!

#### **Confidentiality**

It is important that we honor the rights to privacy of medical information for our St. John's members. If someone in the congregation shares a prayer concern, a medical issue, or hospitalization information with you, **please ask their permission** before sharing that information with the pastors, Undershepherd Ministry, Prayer Tree or church office, or for announcement in worship. If you are hospitalized or are sharing any prayer concerns, the pastors will ask your permission before disclosing information to anyone beyond the pastoral staff.

#### **Church Hospital Code Number is 466!**

The pastors visit our hospitalized members. If you, or a member of your family enters the hospital, please ask the hospital to place the patient's name on church code #466, St. John's UCC, Emmaus or call the church office to inform us at 610-965-9158.

#### **Recently Hospitalized – Ardella Guth, Violet Cope**

#### **Greeting Cards**

The Undershepherd Ministries give us the opportunity to sign greeting cards for folks on our Home Visitation List, for members of the congregation who need a lift, or just to say "hello". All cards are in the Narthex. Please take a minute to sign the cards and send these folks our Christian greetings. Today we are signing cards for:

**Mary Billman, Sharon Woodeshick, Glenna Wolford, Thank You to Sergeant Geschwindt**

**White Roses**

The White Roses placed on the altar this morning are in memory of **Julia Hummer** who passed away on January 7<sup>th</sup> and **Karl Schellhammer** who passed away January 9<sup>th</sup>. We offer our prayers and support for their family and friends.

**The Altar Flowers** are sponsored by Lon and Deborah Hocking in memory of loved ones.

**The Bulletins** are sponsored by the Schappell, Schaffer and DeFrain Families in loving memory of our brother and uncle, Philip Prechtel.

**Church Attendance** – Sunday, January 9, 2011: 8:30 – 72 10:30 AM -127

**Income Report for Sunday, January 9, 2011:**

Mortgage Account (BOFFT, Building Blocks, Building Fund) – \$1,184.50

General Fund - \$3,937.03