

Anthony Community Methodist Church

Second Sunday after Christmas, Baptism of the Lord

Lay Pastor Shirley Nelson

January 7, 2023 10:00 PM

Prelude and Lighting of Altar Candles

We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Song "This is a Day of New Beginnings" UMH# 383

Call to Worship Liturgist: Sue Wilson

L: From the waters of Creation, the earth sprang forth.

P: From the waters of a womb, God's blessed Son was given to us.

L: From the waters of a river, people were baptized and marked as God's Children

P: Praise be to God, whose loving gifts and presence have called us together.

L: Let us shout our love to God for God's abundant love

P: AMEN.

Opening Prayer

God who watches over us, offering us light and hope, Be with us this day as we hear the story of Jesus' baptism. Help us to remember your healing, cleansing, and claiming love for us. Remind us again of the many ways in which you reach out to us. May the image of the waters be for us an image of hope. Bring us closer to you, loving God. Embrace us again with your love. We open our hearts to you this day. AMEN.

We Hear God's Word

First Reading Genesis 1: 1-5

Second Reading Acts 19: 1-7

Children's Story Shirley

Hymn of Preparation

"Jesus Calls Me"

UMH #398

Gospel Reading

Mark 1: 4-11

Shirley

Today's Message

"The Baptism of Jesus"

Shirley

God Calls Us to Respond

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE (Joys and Concerns)

Communion Hymn "I Come With Joy" UMH #617 (3 verses)
The Great Thanksgiving UMH #9
The Lord's Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology #95,**

Prayer of Dedication

All: Almighty and gracious God, teach us that all that we are and all that we have are gifts from you. We ask that you would bless us as we give our tithes and offerings that we can continue your kingdom's work.

Closing Hymn

"Freely, Freely"

UMH #389

Ministers.....EVERYONE!

Lay Pastor.....Shirley Nelson

Liturgist.....Sue Wilson

Organist/Pianist.....Eileen Van Meeteren

IN THE CIRCLE OF OUR CONCERN:

OUR COUNTRY, OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, our church, our community leaders, our president, our farmers, Bobby Lewis, Nina Osborne, Tom & Cindy Herrick, Fran & Keith Determann, David Beach, Ed Davis, Brad Harbaugh, Alta Patterson, Ralph Diamond, Trisha Theisen, Keith Allman, Brady Gothier, Tylene Zevenbergen, Eleanore Lewis, Jean Petersen, Rick Gubbels, Lana Kropf, Ronica Mitchell, Sympathy to the Family of Julie Groszkrueger. Remember our Nursing Home Residents!

Please let us know if anyone should be added or removed from this list.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Today: Sunday Morning classes begin again.

January 8: Funeral services for Julie Groszkrueger will be held on Monday, at 11:00 a.m. here at the Anthon Community Methodist Church.

January 8: Finance and Ad Board Meeting 7:00pm.

January 10: Women of Faith Meeting 10:00am.

January 16: SPRC Meeting for By-laws

February 11: Super Bowl Sunday is coming on Sunday, February 11. We will have our annual Souper Bowl event. Plan now to bring a crockpot of soup and vote for your favorite.

Missions: Our present mission will be gathering Blankets, food, paper products for the Warming Shelter, Gospel Mission and other programs in the area who needs help this winter. If you know of a needy program, please contact Shirley or Marilyn.

Jan. Readers: Jan. 14-Jake Mitchell, Jan. 21-JoLynne Reimert, Jan. 28-Tim Hoy, Feb. 4-Autum Hansen.

Jan. Children's Story: Jan. 14-Roger Hladik, Jan. 21-Shirley Nelson, Jan. 28-Kathy Hodgdon, Feb. 4-Rhonda Beeson.

Weekly Birthdays and Anniversaries: John Hodgdon (11), Allison Randall; Easton Randall (13).

Jan/Feb. Upper Room Devotionals are on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

Anthon Military: To our men and women in uniform.... past, present and future, God Bless You and Thank You!

If you have a loved one connected to the service, please let us know.

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