### Baptism of the Lord

10:00 AM **January 12th**, 2025

<sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. **Isaiah 43:2** 

**PRELUDE Debbe Picerno** 

## **CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 34 in unison)**

I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. My soul will boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.

OPENING PRAYER

No. 435 \*HYMNS "God of Grace and God of Glory"

"Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me"

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great God our Father, You have given us Jesus, the Light of the world. But we often prefer darkness. We cling to sins that hide Your brightness. We are frightened disciples, slow to speak Your good news, We have not lived Your new life. Forgive and renew us, O Lord, and fill us with Your Holy Spirit, so that we may preach Your Word to the nations, and proclaim Your glory in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Light forever. Amen. (Silent Confession)

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Believe the good news of the Gospel.

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

\*CONFESSION RESPONSE: "Gloria Patri"

CALL TO OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** 

\*OFFERING RESPONSE:

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

**CHILDREN'S SERMON** 

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

James 1:16-18

**ANTHEM** 

"Every Good and Perfect Gift"

**By: Choir** 

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 27:18-34

**SERMON** 

"Who is It?"

Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

\*CONFESSION OF FAITH

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*HYMN

"Cornerstone"

**POSTLUDE** 

**Debbe Picerno** 

\*Those who are able please stand.

**Ushers:** Trustees

Welcome Desk: Cora Murtha

**Liturgist:** Molly Tarr

**Greeters:** Autumn Moore

Fellowship Hour: Lori McCann

**Childcare:** Sarah Murtha

	THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR		
Sunday:	10 AM	Worship	
•	11 AM	Sunday School	
	1-2 PM	Club 35 Family Bowlaway	
	6-8 PM	Youth Group	
Monday:	6:30 PM	Men's Bible Study	
Tuesday:	1 PM	Quilting	
Wednesday:	9 AM	Coffee & Conversation	
	6:30 PM	Choir	
Friday:	8 PM	Youth Group Lock In	
Saturday:	10 AM	Grief Fellowship Hour	

**GRIEF FELLOWSHIP HOUR-** Scripture instructs us to care for and support anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. Whatever part of the journey you are on, we invite you to attend for a time of sharing, memories, prayers, and friendship. Saturday, Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM in Room #15.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**- We will be taking down the Christmas decorations after church if you are able to stay and help it would be greatly appreciated.

**CLOTHED & LOVED-**Is a mission led by Tonya Reynolds. They collect and distribute items to very impoverished and sometimes homeless people in Butler to help keep them warm through the winter. We will be collecting new and gently used clothing items, blankets, and other toiletries and essential items now through Jan 26<sup>th</sup>. Please see the insert for items needed.

**WOMEN'S BIB LE STUDY-** It's not too late to join our new Women's study in the book of James. We meet in Parker Hall, every other week. Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 23rd at 6:00pm or Friday, January 24th at 10:00am. Reach out to Laura Franklin for details~ <a href="mailto:kidsmin@meridianpres.org">kidsmin@meridianpres.org</a>

**TEACHERS NEEDED-**New year, new you...how about joining us in discipling our youngest covenant partners? We are in need of a few more Junior Church and Sunday School teachers. Please see Laura Franklin or Mike Barton on how you can get connected.

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January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 "Who is It?" Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin