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## November 10, 2024 ~ Holy Baptism; Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) -- \*please stand as you are able

**Have you checked in** for worship today on the Church Center app? Please remember to also **sign** the Friendship pads in the pews and greet those seated near you.

Welcome & Work of God's People

Rev. Wes Allen

**Music in Preparation for Worship** 

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Cantilene

Pierné

#### Introit

#### Bless The Lord

David Lockart

Adult Choir; Karen Molloy, Director

Bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is in me, bless His holy name.

### \*Call to Worship

Elder Pam Engle

Be still!

We come to quiet ourselves in this, God's House with God's people.

Be still and know . . .

we come to discern the Word which can set us free.

Be still and know that God is

our Hope, our Help, our Refuge, and our Redeemer.

## \*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Engle

# \*Hymn No. 26

# Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

\*\*\*Seating interlude

## **Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession (unison)**

Elder Engle

Let us confess our sins.

A period of silence is kept.

O God, heal us.

We stumble in the dark.

Jesus, Light of the world, fill us.

We forget that we are your home.

Spirit of God, dwell in us. Amen.

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Elder Engle

May God grant us pardon, release, and cleansing of our all our sins.

We trust and believe this good news. By the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

### \*Gloria Patri

## **Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

Rev. Spencer, Elder Engle

## **Baptism of Aubrey Marie Letts**

Parents: Taylor and Evan Letts

**RESPONSE:** Jesus Loves Me, This I Know (Hymn No. 470)

**Congregation Sings** 

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so! Little ones to him belong: they are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

### **Anthem**

## Life's Garden

**David Lockart** 

Adult Choir; Karen Molloy, Director

Once the garden of my life is tended And my savior comes in glorious light

When my labor in this place has ended And the lilacs bloom with beauty bright

May His light, for all on earth increase.

Ever fragrant, pray my work endure; Praising Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Those who loved, my love for e'er assure, Dwelling in each heart, a cherished host.

Let each blossom sooth and sorrow cease.

Looking out across the garden's treasure, As my Author calls on me to rest,

May my humble deeds rise to his measure, and as light supreme shines on my breast,

May the sacred Gard'ner grant me peace.

## Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer ('debts')

Rev. Aller

### Way of the Week #5: Assume Positive Intent

Speaker: Kathryn Eagles

**5. ASSUME POSITIVE INTENT.** Decide to trust that other members are being fair, honest, and concerned for the well-being of our church. Set aside your own judgments and preconceived notions. Surrender the urge to criticize and judge – it doesn't help. Graciously give people the benefit of the doubt.

Offertory Rev. Allen



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Offertory Music	Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

King David

Howells

Sam Day, Tenor

\*Doxology No. 809

Sermon Rev. Stuart Spencer

### "He Who Swallows Death"

**Scripture:** Isaiah 25: 1-9 (Pew Bible page 652 OT) **Sermon Series:** Bridge Over Troubled Waters

\*Hymn No. 59

Let Us, With a Gladsome Mind

Music in Preparation for Service Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Thine Forever, God of Love Weber

Recognition of Linda Jagiela Steve Engle

\*Benediction and Going Forth Rev. Spencer

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**Worship flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Loudell Mays Cole from Jim Cole and her family.

### 9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Pam Engle; Audio Technician: Harris Ransom; Live Stream Technician: Jonathan Nawrocki; Ushers: Steve Shaffer, Brett Couvillion, Jim Clinton; Flower Arrangers: Stacy Schaffer and Karen Arsenault; Trustee Greeter: Tim Powell; Sanctuary Greeter: Stephen Minister Jim Dodimead; Deacon Greeters/Welcome Centers: Deacons Diane Samuel and Joshua Leonard; Bagel Pickup: Paul Grossmann or Jim Cole; Coffee Hospitality: Paul Grossmann and Jim Cole; Nursery Care: Chelsea Margerum.

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### Work of God's People (See Connections, eblast, website and Church Center app for details)

<u>TODAY:</u> Linda Jagiela has accepted a new position with Baker Industries and today is her last Sunday with us. As she embarks on this new chapter, we express deep gratitude for her seven years of dedicated service. As is customary, we invite you to express your appreciation and well wishes. We encourage congregants to bring in cards and notes of appreciation for Linda and her husband Philip, who has been an integral part of our Sunday School education team and Stephen Ministers. We encourage any love gifts to be made out to Linda directly.

**TODAY:** Go Birds! The Adult Ed class is having an Eagles Watch Party on Sunday, Nov. 10 in Miller Commons. Game time is 4:25 pm. Bring your own food and drink and cheer on the Eagles vs. Dallas Cowboys.

Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes are due back by Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>. Take a box and choose a child (age/Male or Female); fill box with gifts and \$10 to cover the shipping charges if possible. PLUS: Our church will again be a community drop off location for completed boxes from Nov. 18-25 (Commons Lobby). NEW: Sign up online on our event page for a shift or two. Four volunteers are needed per shift. Contact coordinator Jean Kunkel at <a href="mailto:jeankunkel215@gmail.com">jeankunkel215@gmail.com</a> or 856.373.1102 to sign up.

<u>Step by Step Fundraiser</u> – Take yourself to dinner **Thursday, Nov. 21** at PJ Whelihan's in Maple Shade and Step by Step Preschool receives a portion of the proceeds. 396 E. Lenola Road, 5-8 pm, dine in only.

<u>Poinsettia Orders</u> – Order forms will be in *Connections* Nov. 3, 10, 17 for this year's poinsettia sales. Poinsettias will be displayed in both worship spaces on Manger Sunday <u>December 15</u> and available to take home that day. <u>Download order forms</u> online as well. Plants are \$16 each. Orders are due **by November 17**.

Drop off donations of new and nearly new treasures for the Nov. 16 PW Holiday Bazaar (10am-3pm). We are looking for: jewelry, scarves, belts, purses, umbrellas, gloves, sporting goods, gift items, holiday and seasonal décor. Contact Edith McFalls with questions or to sign up to help. Sign up sheets are also available in the Commons Lobby by the donation boxes.

**Wed. November 13:** Prayer and Discipleship in India; guest speaker missionary Rev. Cliff Jones following Family Dinner. Come hear how the Holy Spirit is working in India to make disciples. Room 3-4 at 7:00 pm.

**NEW:** North Carolina Hurricane Mission Teams -- We are forming two mission teams to North Carolina to assist with clean up and repairs after the recent hurricanes. A youth trip is being planned for June/July and a Men's trip is being scheduled for late spring. If you are interested, please email Steve Engle at sengle1017@aol.com.

<u>Consecration Sunday</u> –If you haven't yet submitted your 2025 Estimate of Giving, please complete your 2025 card <u>online</u>, mail to the office or drop in the offering plate. Our 2025 budget meetings are underway.

<u>Women's Morning of Prayer</u> – Join with your prayer sisters on **Saturday, Nov. 23** from 8:00 am – Noon; sign up on the <u>event page</u> for a meaningful morning. Led by Arlita Winston.

Advent Candle Lighters -- During the Sundays in Advent, members of our church family will serve as candle lighters for the Advent wreath. The Worship Team is looking for individuals for both 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services for Advent December 1, 8, 15 and 22, as well as four Christmas Eve services on Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 8:30 pm and 11:00 pm. Contact Worship Chair Kevin Fauvell at <a href="mailto:kevindfauvell@gmail.com">kevindfauvell@gmail.com</a> or (609) 220-0177 to take part in this Advent worship experience.