

**NEWFIELDS
COMMUNITY
CHURCH**
An open and affirming church



WELCOME to WORSHIP
United Methodist, Unitarian Universalist, United
Church of Christ

January 21, 2024 Epiphany Sunday

*GREETING ONE ANOTHER

We worship together as one body. Different yet united. Please take a moment to recognize those gathered around you and offer one another a sign of God's peace.

*(Astirik) Please stand in body or spirit

BOLD Print - please read together.

"THE BAPTISM OF JESUS"

AN INVITATION TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE and INVITATION OF PRESENCE:

"As the Deer"

Music by Martin Nystrom

"As the deer longs for running streams, so my soul
longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, the
living God."

Psalm 42:1

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

ONE: The heavens open. The Spirit descends.

MANY: Jesus emerges from the water.

ONE: And a voice echoes through the blue
expanse.

MANY: "This is my child, the Beloved, with whom I am well-pleased."

ONE: Jesus is named, claimed by God.

MANY: We come to the water. We remember we too are named, claimed by God.

ONE: Can it be so? What a thing to be named and claimed. Can we accept this?

MANY: Let us worship the one who names and claims us still.

OPENING HYMN: Wash, O God, Your Sons and
Daughters” Chalice # 365

*OPENING PRAYER: Jesus, your earthly ministry was full of struggle as well as joy; yet you were faithful in following God's will. Breathe your Spirit into our lives, that we may never fall back from the way of discipleship or the effort of loving. Grant that we may find true joy and peace as we accept the cost of faithful discipleship. For it is here that our souls find rest and our hearts find joy. We pray together in the name of Jesus, our Savior, our brother, our friend. Amen.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

GOSPEL READING: Matt. 3:13-17; Mark 1:4-11;
Luke 3:21-22”

ONE: This is the word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE: “Baptism”

By Rev. Cheryl

Stromski

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER ...Our Father/Mother 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 trespasses as we forgive those
who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the
glory, forever.

Amen

OPPORTUNITY TO PRACTICE GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY:

“Take Me to the Water”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise
God all creatures here below.

Praise God above you heavenly host. Creator, Son
and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF GRATITUDE: O Lord, we give you
thanks with all we are for all you have done for us.
In your divinity you have come to dwell with us in
the muddy waters of humanity. Take all we are,
Lord, and use it for your purpose. Bless the gifts we
give this day that the church might stand as shining
witnesses to your
glory, planted by your living water to bring healing to
all peoples. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

“Go Now in Peace”

POSTLUDE:

Chalice #437

CONTINUED PRAYERS
FOR:

If you have a need for prayer, please reach out to Pam Hollis @ pamelajoyce071@gmail.com or call 603-498-3664 - or contact any one of the team.

A HUGE thank you to Susan Young and her cleaning company:
“CLEAN BY THE SEA, LLC”
for keeping our church sparkling!

HAPPENINGS IN OUR COMMUNITY

COFFEE HOUR

All are welcome to join us downstairs for light refreshments and coffee.

Thank you to all those who bring goodies!!

CRIBBAGE

Every Thursday at 10:00-12:00 in Fellowship Hall.

All levels are welcome.

JANUARY:

VISIONING

Thursday Jan. 11, & Jan. 25 5:00-6:30...Newfields
grab it and eat it.

Thursday Jan 18, & Feb 1 Kensington

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

Tuesday Jan 16, & Jan. 30 Kensington 5:00-6:30

Tuesday Jan 23, & Feb.6 Newfields

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

Third Friday of each month from 9:00-10:00 via
zoom

FEBRUARY:

TRIVIA NIGHT

soup makers!! Feb 4

SHROVE TUESDAY

(Fat Tuesday) Pancake dinner - Kensington Tuesday
Feb 13 5:00-7:00pm by donation - pancakes, fruit,
real maple syrup, whipped cream and sausages.

ASH WED. (Kensington) Wed. 2-14-24 4:00 service

PREPARED TO SERVE: Sat. 2-24-24; 8:00-4:00

Pastor: Rev. Cheryl Stromski (Sherry) she/her/hers
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Office hours: Thursday 12:00-4:00 or by
appointment.

The restroom is located downstairs in the
Fellowship Hall,

There is a baby-changing
station there too.