

Living Our Faith

January 9, 2022 — 8:15 and 10:00 a.m. Worship Services

**First Sunday after Epiphany
Baptism of the Lord**



Downers Grove First United Methodist Church

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Thought for the Day

“All water is holy water.”

– Rajiv Joseph

Prelude 8:15
10:00

Allegro
How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

D. Trivect
Dietrich Buxtehude

Gathering

Tolling of the Church Bell

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Friendship Register located at the inside end of the pew and pass it to the person seated next to you.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

When we pass through the waters,

God is there with us.

When we suffer and feel hopeless,

God is there with us.

When we are joyful and celebratory,

God is there with us.

Whether we feel triumphant or defeated,

God is there with us, always.

Come, let us worship together with Emmanuel,

God with us.

– Rev. Mindi

Opening Prayer

When we baptize ourselves in the frigid waters of fear, you come to gather us up, drying us off with grace, wrapping us in the warm, fluffy towel of the Spirit. When our faith becomes as threadbare as the carpet beneath our feet, you come, your work boots on, your tool belt around your waist, building a new foundation for us, whistling, ‘my hope is built on nothing less...’ When we worry that someone else has taken our place in your heart, you show us where our name is etched, so you can always feel us with every beat. God in Community, Holy in One, we lift our prayers of joy to you. Amen.

– Rev. Thom Shuman

The Lord’s Prayer Hymnal #895

10:00 A Moment for Children

Pastor John

Children are welcome to come forward or to gather around the screen at home to share in this special time. Afterwards, preschool through sixth graders may go with the Sunday school teachers.

Children may be picked up in the second floor classrooms (rooms 212–218) following the service.

Community Prayers

*Hymn #502

Thy Holy Wings, O Savior

*Reading of the Holy Scripture — Isaiah 43:1–7

¹But now thus says the Lord,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
 I have called you by name, you are mine.
² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
 and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
 when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
 and the flame shall not consume you.
³ For I am the Lord your God,
 the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
 I give Egypt as your ransom,
 Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
⁴ Because you are precious in my sight,
 and honored, and I love you,
 I give people in return for you,
 nations in exchange for your life.
⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you;
 I will bring your offspring from the east,
 and from the west I will gather you;
⁶ I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
 and to the south, "Do not withhold;
 bring my sons from far away
 and my daughters from the end of the earth—
⁷ everyone who is called by my name,
 whom I created for my glory,
 whom I formed and made."

10:00 Anthem *In the Bleak Midwinter* Gustav Holst, arr Whitworth
Prerecorded Chancel Choir

Sermon "Troubling Waters, Healing Waters" Pastor Andi

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory 8:15 *Andante* C. Mastco
 10:00 *Pat-a-pan* Traditional
 Molly Hesse, violin; Breanna Kahle, viola; Andrew Hesse, cello

***Doxology** Hymnal #94

Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn #2212** *My Life Flows On* *The Faith We Sing Supplemental*

Benediction

Postlude 8:15 *Etude* T. Lagid
 10:00 *Toccata* Eugene Gigout

***Please rise as you are able. Bold text indicates congregational response.**





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EVENTS HAPPENING THIS WEEK

**Preschool Registration & Open House
Sunday, January 9; 2:00 p.m.**

Our preschool Open House for prospective families is on Sunday, January 9 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. The Open House provides families with an opportunity to see the classrooms, meet the staff and parents, and ask questions. Open registration begins at this time also. If you know anyone who has a child who will be 3 or 4 by September 1, 2022, please let them know about the Open House. Questions? Please contact Nancy Bifulco, Preschool Director, at 630.968.7120, ext. 215 or nancy@dgfumc.org.

**Lunch Bunch Outing
Wednesday, January 12 at 11:30 a.m.**

All senior adults are welcome to join the Lunch Bunch group when they meet for lunch and fellowship at Bohemian Crystal located at 630 Blackhawk Drive, Westmont. To sign-up or organize a ride, call Bonnie Lehmann at 630.308.2259.

Year-end Donations & 2022 Pledge Campaign

In order for the church operating budget to “break even” for 2021, we need to raise another \$8,000 (as of 1/6). We are waiting on the U.S. mail to see how the year came out.

We remain \$98,000 from our 2022 pledge campaign goal of \$795,000. We have collected 276 pledges, but are still waiting on 41 more. Every pledge, great or small, helps our church maintain our programs, staff, worship, historic building, and education and mission opportunities.

Thank you for your support. If you were not yet able to complete your 2021 pledge, please prayerfully consider fulfilling it soon. Pledge cards are available at dgfumc.org. If you have questions, contact Carolyn Donnelly at carolyn@dgfumc.org or 630.968.7120, ext. 208.

Share Our Skills (S.O.S.) Saturday, January 15

Join us to tackle projects at the church! The group starts at 9:00 a.m. Just stop by and stay as long as you can. For more information, contact Don Dunham at don@dgfumc.org.

Assisting in Our Services Today

Music 8:15 Kevin Zehme, Chapel organist
10:00 Pattie Barnes, Sanctuary organist
Lay Reader 10:00 Emily Staley
Audio-Visual Jim Gracey, Tom Lykins

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 9, 2022

8:15 am – Worship Service – Chapel
10:00 am – Worship Service – Sanctuary
11:00 am – Messy Church – Gym
2:00 pm – Preschool Reg. & Open House – Rm 101

Monday, January 10

7:00 pm – Membership Work Area Mtg – Rm 202

Tuesday, January 11

7:00 pm – Worship Work Area – Zoom
7:00 pm – Nominations Committee – Zoom

Wednesday, January 12

7:00 pm – Adult Education Work Area – Zoom

Saturday, January 15

9:00 am – S.O.S. Work Group – Parlor

Next Sunday, January 16, 2022

Human Relations Day Offering

CH – Chapel Hall FH – Fellowship Hall YR – Youth Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday Night at the Movies

Due to the current Covid-19 surge, Friday Night at the Movies is suspended until further notice.

Human Relations Day — Sunday, January 16

On this United Methodist Church Special Sunday, we join congregations across the U.S. to support those living in the margins.

Altar Flower Orders

Looking for a way to honor or remember a loved one? Flowers for the sanctuary altar are a nice way to remember a loved one and enhance services. To order, visit the flower board in the Narthex for the sign-up sheets to select a date or contact the church office for more information and to submit payment.

Church Office Closed for MLK Day

Monday, January 17

In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the Church Office will be closed on Monday, January 17. In you are in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Claude at 630.297.8574.
