

# Welcome to Spruce Street United Methodist Church

*“A Church at the Heart of Morgantown  
with a Heart for Morgantown”*



January 14, 2024

*The Baptism of the Lord*

Worship 8:30AM and 10:45AM

Children's Church 10:45AM

Sunday School 9:40AM

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Office Hours: Mon-Thur. 9am-1pm



*(\*\*indicates to stand if able)*

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME**

Pastor

***Our Loving, Learning, Leading Prayer***

***God, as You lead us on this journey, may we faithfully follow the pathway of love and kindness built on Jesus Christ, the solid rock. Open our hearts to love everyone always. Open our minds to slow down and focus on Your will. Open our doors to welcome and share Christ's great commission, while making disciples of each of us. May we be led by You, putting You first in our lives and in all our endeavors. Amen.***

**\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist

In the beginning, God...

**Swept over waters, spoke light into existence, created day and night and called it good.**

As the days and nights of creation filled with life, God...

**Made humanity out of the dirt to love and tend creation, to be loved and tended by God.**

As we lost our way, God...

**Sent Jesus, Love Incarnate, to show us the way back.**

On the day Jesus came to the banks of the Jordan River to be baptized, God...

**Declared, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."**

Let us, then, follow Jesus into the waters, remembering our baptism in which God...

**Claims us as beloved children, the family of God.**

*(Discipleship Ministries)*

**\*\*HYMN**

***We Would See Jesus***

**UM #256**

**1. We would see Jesus; lo! His star is shining  
above the stable while the angels sing;**

there in a manger on the hay reclining;  
haste, let us lay our gifts before the King.

2. We would see Jesus, Mary's son most holy,  
light of the village life from day to day;  
shining revealed through every task most lowly,  
the Christ of God, the life, the truth, the way.

3. We would see Jesus, on the mountain teaching,  
with all the listening people gathered round;  
while birds and flowers and sky above are preaching  
the blessedness which simple trust has found.

4. We would see Jesus, in His work of healing,  
at eventide before the sun was set;  
divine and human, in his deep revealing  
of God made flesh, in loving service met.

5. We would see Jesus, in the early morning,  
still as of old He calleth, "Follow me!"  
Let us arise, all meaner service scorning;  
Lord, we are Thine, we give ourselves to Thee.

### FIRST PRAYER

Liturgist

Holy God, Eternal Spirit, we thank You for baptizing us into one body in Jesus the Christ. Wash over us with Your Spirit, that, like Jesus, we may serve You in serving humanity. Baptize us with the fire of Your truth, through Jesus Christ. Amen. (*Discipleship Ministries*)

### PROCLAMATION

#### FIRST READING

John 1:43-51

Liturgist

43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow Me.' 44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found Him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus,

son of Joseph, from Nazareth.’ <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, ‘Can anything good come out of Nazareth?’ Philip said to him, ‘Come and see.’ <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards Him, He said of him, ‘Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!’ <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked Him, ‘Where did You come to know me?’ Jesus answered, ‘I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.’ <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, ‘Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!’ <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, ‘Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.’ <sup>51</sup>And He said to him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you will see Heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.’

### **ANTHEM**

*Just Two Words*

Frombach

### **CHILDREN’S MOMENT**

Pastor

### **GOSPEL READING**

Mark 1:4-11

Pastor

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, ‘The One who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of His sandals. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as He was coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on Him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice

came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with You I am well pleased.’

## SERMON

“Remember your Baptism and Be Thankful”

Pastor

## \*\*HYMN

*Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

UM #344

1. Lord, You have come to the lakeshore looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones; you only asked me to follow humbly.

### Refrain

O Lord, with Your eyes You have searched me, and while smiling have spoken my name; now my boat’s left on the shoreline behind me; by Your side I will seek other seas.

2. You know so well my possessions; my boat carries no gold and no weapons; You will find there my nets and labor. *Repeat Refrain*
3. You need my hands, full of caring through my labors to give other rest, and constant love that keeps on loving. *Repeat Refrain*
4. You, who have fished other oceans, ever longed for by souls who are waiting, My loving friend, as thus You call me. *Repeat Refrain*

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor

*We take time from our busy schedules to reflect on the holiness of baptism. We stand amazed at the wondrous works of God. God’s goodness radiates through us as we*

*experience the joy of coming into fellowship. We come with humble and willing hearts. We remember our baptism and pray for all who will be baptized in 2024. We pray that God will bring us and them into sweet fellowship found through baptism and remind us of the truth that lies in its holiness.*

*Written by Theon Johnson III*

## **BAPTISMAL COVENANT IV**

**(REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT P.50)**

## **WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING**

### **INVITATION TO GIVE**

Eldon Callen, CLM 10:45AM

### **OFFERTORY**

#### **\*\*SINGING THE DOXOLOGY**

U.M HYMN #95 (Unison)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow**

**praise Him all creatures here below:**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Eldon Callen, CLM 10:45AM

**God of redemption and new life, we focus once more this day on the greatest gift ever given -- Jesus, our Savior.**

**As He was baptized by John in the Jordan, we were able to share in His baptism and receive the promise of**

**sharing in Jesus' resurrection. As we leave one year**

**behind and look with hope to the new year ahead, help**

**us to live and give of ourselves as those who know every**

**day what a great gift we have been given. May it move us**

**to give our whole selves more freely! In the name of**

**Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, we pray! Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UM #895

Our Father, 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

\*\* HYMN

*We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*

UM #569

1. We've a story to tell to the nations,  
that shall turn their hearts to the right,  
a story of truth and mercy,  
a story of peace and light,  
a story of peace and light.

Refrain:

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,  
and the dawning to noonday bright;  
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,  
the Kingdom of love and light.

2. We've a song to be sung to the nations,  
that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,  
a song that shall conquer evil  
and shatter the spear and sword,  
and shatter the spear and sword.

*Repeat Refrain*

3. We've a message to give to the nations,  
that the Lord who reigneth above  
hath sent us His Son to save us,  
and show us that God is love,  
and show us that God is love.

*Repeat Refrain*

4. We've a Savior to show to the nations,  
who the path of sorrow hath trod,  
that all of the world's great peoples  
might come to the truth of God,  
might come to the truth of God.

*Repeat Refrain*

### SENDING FORTH

**CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP** Remember your Baptism and be thankful. In 2024 resist all evil, injustice, oppression, in whatever forms they present themselves as a Disciple of Jesus Christ.

### BLESSING

Pastor

As you go into the week ahead, may every water you touch be a reminder that you are named and claimed by God who binds you to this community of faith and all Christians of all times and places in love. Amen.

### POSTLUDE

**THE WORSHIP HAS CONCLUDED, OUR SERVICE BEGINS**

Post-Service Refreshments

Altar Flowers

Radio Broadcast

*"In Memory of Bill Kidd" by Marie*

How to Give Online: [www.givelify.com/givers/](http://www.givelify.com/givers/)

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### RADIO, WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE

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Like us on Facebook: [facebook.com/sprucestreetumc](https://facebook.com/sprucestreetumc)

<http://mixlr.com/sprucestreetumc/> to connect to hear the live stream of our worship.

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Please remember to sign up in Seeker's Hall for radio and altar flower sponsors and for liturgists!

### **CIRCLE OF FRIENDS** ○

Thank you for your prayers, support, and generosity.

Our next weekend of meals is January 20 & 21.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to help. [cdccarr@yahoo.com](mailto:cdccarr@yahoo.com)

### **GIFTS OF LOVE** ♥

Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated. We greatly need blankets, hand warmers, gloves. We could use pots & pans and coffee makers. Please remember we do not accept knives. Blessings to you for your help with this ministry.

### **SHEEPDOG MINISTRY**

The Scotts' Run Settlement House group will pack food bags for their backpack program on Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:30AM to 11:00AM at Scotts' Run Settlement House.

### **Be a Blessing**

To keep the spirit of Christmas throughout the year, try doing one of the following every day (add your own ideas to this list):

1. Smile-look someone in the eyes and smile.
2. Take time to compliment someone.
3. Take time to pray for someone each day.
4. Shake someone's hand.
5. Let someone go in front of you.
6. Pass on a compliment.
7. Donate something.
8. Donate your time.
9. Buy someone a cup of coffee.
10. Text or call someone to let them know that you care.



On January 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30PM, come as you are to Messy Church. Bring some friends and relatives for fun, food, fellowship and activities at Spruce Street United Methodist Church and join the fun!

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD:

(Prayer updates can be shared with Carolyn Carr at [cdccarr@yahoo.com](mailto:cdccarr@yahoo.com))

- Henry Lee
- Charlotte Murphy
- Rich Hilleary
- Linda Sweetman
- Melinda Staley
- Baby Hazel and the Taddie family
- Quinn Williams
- Edith Gibson
- Sue Olcott
- Sue Nutt
- John Nutt
- Gary Lindamood
- Mary Kay McQuain
- Betty Anderson
- Dottie Harman
- George Watson
- Sandra Britton
- Pauline Shaver
- Alan Dunaway

(The long-term prayer list can be found in the current Newsletter on our website under News and More)

- Pray for peace.
- Our community folks who need our care and prayers
- Pray for the state, city and county police, fire and emergency services.
- Job losses at WVU

### THIS WEEK:

Sunday, Jan 14	Worship and Christian Formation
Monday, Jan 15	Office Closed For MLK-Jr Holiday
	Finance Mtg 6PM
	Trustee 7PM
Tuesday, Jan 16	Office open 9AM-1PM
	Hospitality Zoom Meeting 6PM
	UWF Meeting by Zoom 7PM
Wednesday, Jan 17	Bible Study 11AM
	SRSB Backpack 9:30-11AM
	Prayer Meeting by Zoom 6PM
	FULL MAP 7PM
Thursday, Jan 18	Yoga 10AM
	Choir 7PM

### RADA CUTLERY UPDATE

RADA SUCCESS! Holiday sales were great! Popular items were popping corn, tomato slicers, dips, and sharpeners. Choir sales are ongoing so check them out.

### The Staff at Spruce Street UMC

- Bishop Rev. Dr. Sandra Steiner Ball
- District Superintendent Rev. Amy Shanholtzer
- Pastor Rev. Bart R. Thompson
- Lay Minister Eldon Callen
- Lay Leader Ken Shanes
- Building Supt.s Bonnie Johnson
- Children's Ministry Coordinator Lena Glowacky
- Choir Director Dr. Sam Spears
- Organist Dr. Marguerite Bostonia
- Admin. Asst. Cathy Calkins
- Finance Sect. Judy Kennell
- Lay Servant Don Davis
- Parent's Place/Playdates Coordinator  
Samantha Goulet

### Upcoming

January 20 & 21 Circle of Friends @4pm

January 21 5:30PM MESSY CHURCH

January 24 Tech Meeting

## ENJOY BOOKS

**The United Methodist Men** will be selling My Enjoy books as long as supplies last. The books contain discounts of up to 50% at Morgantown, Fairmont, and Uniontown area restaurants, fast foods, pizzerias, and ice cream shoppes. Discounts are also available at florists, golf courses plus many others. Books may be obtained through the church office or from any United Methodist Men's member. **Payment is by cash or check payable to SSUMM. Price remains \$40.00.**

## THANK YOU

It goes without saying that “many hands make work lighter,” and, indeed, this was the case last Sunday after the second service when many hands made taking down and storing the church Christmas decorations a much easier task. Thanks so much to all that were able to stay and help. It was a great time of fellowship and a job well done. *Dan Erenrich*

## You Are Invited



*On Sunday, February 11 2024, Penny Turley is throwing her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday party in Fellowship Hall for the church. The party will include a catered meal and begin after the 10:45 worship service. Everyone of the church is invited to attend.*

*Please no gifts. Your love and friendship for 42 years is and has been a true gift to me. If you so desire, you may bring a gift of food or baby items for Scotts Run Settlement House. Nothing would please me more. I have a heart for SRSB and the people it serves. I am excitedly looking forward to sharing this day with you!*

*Love, Penny*

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If you want Offering Envelopes for 2024, please print your name below and place in offering tray when passed.

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