

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

I will.

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM All are invited to come to the font of water to remember their baptism as the pastor marks your forehead with water. If you have not been baptized and are prepared to accept Christ as your Savior, renounce sin, and commit to follow Jesus, please tell the pastor and she will baptize you.

† HYMN OF REMEMBRANCE AND RECOMMITMENT

A Charge to Keep I Have

No. 413

† BENECTION

† POSTLUDE

Seek the Lord

George Henry Day

Please remain standing as the Light goes out into the world.

* Based on the prayers of Wesley's early Methodist covenant services

*Participating in today's service: Keith Lawson—Lector,
Cindy Roberts—Choir Director, Jennifer Amos—Pianist,
Keith Bullin—Organist*

Church Calendar

Wednesday, Jan. 25	6:30—8:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m.	Morning Prayer Light Supper Take the Flag —small group study, Fellowship Hall
Sunday, Jan. 29	7:30 p.m. 9:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary Food and Fellowship—Fellowship Hall
	9:45 a.m. 9:50 a.m. 10:50 a.m.	Sunday School Assembly Sunday School Worship
Wednesday, Feb. 1	6:30—8:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m.	Morning Prayer Light Supper Take the Flag —small group study, Fellowship Hall
Thursday, Feb. 2	7:30 p.m. 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary Northern Tokes Food Pantry Open Church Council Meeting

Prayer Concerns

Kay Bullins, Lisa Fulp, Michael Palmer, Lee Richardson, Sam Tilley

Birthdays

January 23—Nichole Lawson

Announcements

INFORMATION UPDATE—We are moving to a new system for maintaining church records and information. We have printed copies of the information that we have for each member of the congregation. Would you please check the information and make any necessary corrections, then sign, date, and return the sheet. This will enable us to communicate with you efficiently.

TAKE THE FLAG—Following God's Signals in the Race of Your Life—Our winter Spiritual Growth Study: **What are you racing for?** And how will you claim victory? Every day God is offering us guidance and direction – if only we can grasp it.

This study is a bold, imaginative way to understand God's signals through the fast-paced world of auto racing. *Far-fetched?* Not when you consider the apostle Paul himself wrote passionately about "the race of faith." We will meet for a light supper and fellowship at 6:00 followed by the study from 6:15—7:30. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Child care is available.

UMW MRS. PUMPKIN'S CHICKEN PIE SALE—Begins today and runs through Feb. 5. Please see any member of the UMW to place your order. All money raised will go to fund mission projects.

LAY SERVANT TRAINING—Information concerning 2017 Lay Servant Training is available in the Narthex. The registration deadline for this year's courses is Sunday February 5. If you are interested please pick up the information. See Pastor Pat if you have any questions.

JANUARY / FEBRUARY SNOW HILL CONNECTION—Is available in the Narthex.

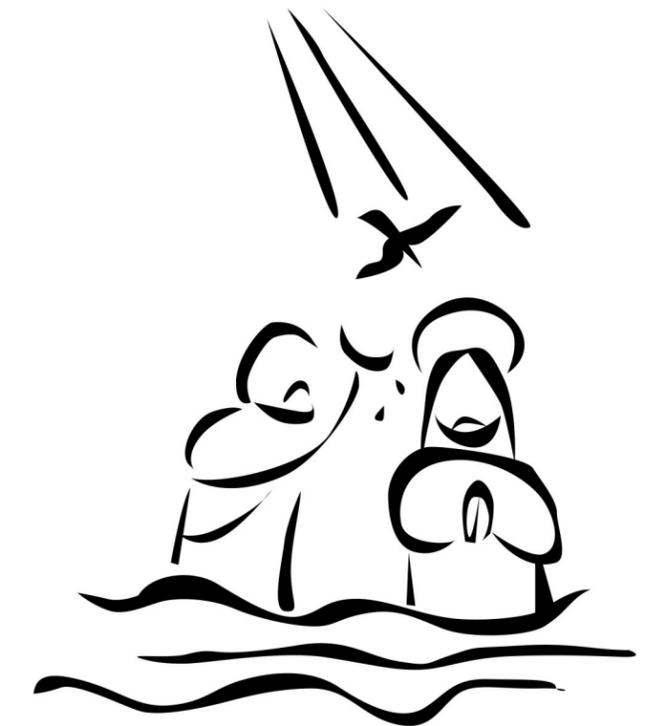
S.H.A.R.E.—Snow Hill Area Relief Effort donations are needed. Please make checks out to Snow Hill Area Relief Effort and place in the collection plate.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS—Have been moved from the third to the first Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a Church Council Meeting on Thursday, February 2.

SNOW HILL WIFI—Network: SnowHillPublic-guest, Password: Welcome

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SNOW HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



LOVE JESUS, MAKE DISCIPLES,
TRANSFORM THE WORLD

JANUARY 22, 2017

*A Service of Remembrance and
Recommitment*

REV. DR. PATRICIA SPICER
PASTOR

SNOW HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN WORSHIP

Sunday, January 22, 2017

Liturgical Color—White

COVENANTAL SERVICE *

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE & BRINGING IN THE LIGHT *Sweet Hour of Prayer* Bradbury
May we all be in a spirit of prayer as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship during the prelude and as the acolyte brings in the light of Christ to light the candles upon the altar.

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

INTROIT *All Hail King Jesus* David Moody

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** Liturgist—Keith Lawson

(Leader) Jesus calls us to remember our baptism, to remember who Christ is;

(Congregation) To remember who we are in Christ today;

To remember where Christ is;

To remember where we are heading in the Kingdom here today;

To remember what Christ is doing in the world;

To remember what ministries we are doing in the world today;

To remember that all time is within the great "I Am."

To remember that eternity is within the choices we make today.

To remember why Christ came and is with us still, still calling us

To make disciples of Jesus Christ of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

† **HYMN OF PRAISE:** *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* No. 117

PRAISES AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

Testimony—Karen Ring

Prayer Quilt—Mickey Lowell Joyce—Lisa Fulp

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THANKSGIVING TO GOD THROUGH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Seek Ye First* Karen Laferty

† **THE DOXOLOGY** No. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures herebelow. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia! Al-le-luia.

ANTHEM *They'll Know We Are Christians* Peter Scholtes

PROCLAMATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 31: 9—13

EPISTLE READING 1 Peter 1: 16—25

GOSPEL READING Matthew 3: 5—7

MEDITATION: *Water, Word, and Witness* Dr. Spicer

INVITATION

COVENANT

Let me be your servant, under your command.

I will no longer be my own.

I will give up myself to your will in all things.

Lord, make me what you will.

I put myself fully into your hands:

put me to doing, put me to suffering,

let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you,

let me be full, let me be empty,

let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and with a willing heart

give it all to your pleasure and disposal.

COVENANT PRAYER

O righteous God, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, see me as I humble myself before you.

Forgive my unfaithfulness in not having done your will, for you have promised mercy to me if I turn to you with my whole heart.

Here from the bottom of my heart renounce them all, covenanting with you that no known sin shall be allowed in my life.

Against your will, I have turned my love toward the world.

In your power I will watch all temptations that will lead me away from you.

For my own righteousness is riddled with sin, unable to stand before you.

Before all heaven and earth, I here acknowledge you as my Lord and God.

I take you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for my portion, and vow to give up myself, body and soul, as your servant, to serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of my life.

Jesus, I do here on bended knees accept Christ as the only new and living Way, and sincerely join myself in a covenant with him.

O blessed Jesus, I come to you, hungry, sinful, miserable, blind, and naked, unworthy even to wash the feet of your servants.

I do here, with all my power, accept you as my Lord and Head.

I renounce my own worthiness, and vow that you are the Lord, my righteousness.

I renounce my own wisdom, and take you for my only guide.

I renounce my own will, and take your will as my law.

I do here covenant with you, O Christ, to take my lot with you as it may fall.

Through your grace I promise that neither life nor death shall part me from you.

I do here willingly put my neck under your yoke, to carry your burden.

All your laws are holy, just, and good.

I therefore take them as the rule for my words, thoughts, and actions, promising that I will strive to order my whole life according to your direction, and not allow myself to neglect any thing I know to be my duty.

O God, you know that I make this covenant with you today without guile or reservation.

If any falsehood should be in it, guide me and help me to set it aright.

And now, glory be to you, O God the Father, whom I from this day forward shall look upon as my God and Father.

Glory be to you, O God the Son, who have loved me and washed me from my sins in your own blood, and now is my Savior and Redeemer.

Glory be to you, O God the Holy Spirit, who by your almighty power have turned my heart from sin to God.

O mighty God, the Lord Omnipotent, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you have now become my Covenant Friend.

And I, through your infinite grace, have become your covenant servant.

So be it.

And let the covenant I have made on earth be ratified in heaven. Amen.

BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price. Through the reaffirmation of our faith we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church.

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

I do.