

Evangelical United Church of Christ

33 South Ellis Street  
Cape Girardeau, Missouri

January 13, 2008

The Baptism of Christ

(\*Those who are able are invited to stand)

PRELUDE

CHORAL INTROIT

*“Arise, Shine”* —Choir

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 42:1-9

LEADER: Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

PEOPLE: *He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;*

LEADER: a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;

PEOPLE: *he will faithfully bring forth justice.*

LEADER: He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it,

PEOPLE: *who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it;*

LEADER: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people,

PEOPLE: *a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind,*

LEADER: to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,

PEOPLE: *from the prison those who sit in darkness.*

LEADER: I am the LORD, that is my name;

PEOPLE: *my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.*

LEADER: See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

ALL: *Amen.*

\*HYMN OF ADORATION #467

*“Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine”*

UNISON CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

People: *Gracious God, too often our lives reflect chaos instead of creation.*

*Living in disorder and turmoil, we exist as though you do not. Rather than*

*the tender hovering of your Spirit, we feel the buffeting currents of change*

*and doubt. Have mercy on us. Blow through our lives like a mighty wind*

Prayer List

January 13, 2008

In case of hospitalization or surgery please notify our church office. When being admitted to a hospital be sure to tell them that you are affiliated with this congregation. \* indicates a new request.

*Please note: after six months names will be removed from the prayer list, unless an update is made to the church office.*

Leo Amelunke; 09-07 Vernon Auer; 01-08 [Jeff Strickland's grandfather] Loyd Bollinger S.G. Coy James Dickison; 10-07 <b>Michael "Benji" Doerhoff</b> [In Iraq]; 08-07 Ruby Doughty; 10-07 Joan Hope; 10-07 Mary Huckstep Frankie Hutson; 11-07 Jaden, 2 yrs old; 12-07 Ernest & Ida Mae Jordan Robert Juergens; 08-07 Frank Maevers, Sr.; 07-07 Tabitha Martin; 12-07	Kenny Mehrle Betty Metcalfe; 07-07 Esther Nussbaum; 10-07 Cheryl Olson; 01-08 [Mary Huckstep's granddaughter] Helen Owens; 11-07 Tonya Pobst; 09-07 Paul Propst; 08-07 Kaylyn Sneathen; 08-07 Susan Spinks; 11-07 Wesley, Kailey & Kimberley Spinks; 11-07 Harold Stahlman Andrea Truitt; 11-07 LaDonna Wells; 09-07	Please Remember Our Shut-Ins  Ratliff Nursing Home Polly Wilmsmeyer Fountainbleau Lodge Alta Proffer Lutheran Home Dorothy Cole Frank Maevers, Sr. Leonard Moore Andora Peetz House Bound Ruby Doughty Esther Nussbaum Helen Owens
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Financial Report	General Fund	Memorial General Fund	Memorial Fund	Misc.
1-6-08 1-13-08 1-20-08 1-27-08	\$2,117.00	\$25.00	---	\$222.00
Worship	Attendance		Total	Offering
1-6-08 1-13-08 1-20-08 1-27-08	62		1-6-08 1-13-08 1-20-08 1-27-08	\$2,339.00

Welcome first time guests! **We're glad that you are here! We invite everyone** to complete a Communication card (located on the Information Table) and place it in the offering plate. You are important to us and we want to know that you are here.

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Pastor Emeritus	Rev. Ernest Jordan
Organist	Beverly Reece
Sound System	Terry & Mindy Best
Hospitality & Diaconate Visitor	Bonnie Wilkening
Greeters	Bob & Velma Roloff
Reader	Bill Bolton
Ushers: <b>Gordon Walton, Rhonda Bolton, "Doc" Matthews &amp; Van Sander</b>	

### Union of Concerned Christians

The UCC Group will be planning the 2008 year and having hors d'oeuvres [finger food] this evening at 6:00 PM. Please bring finger food and ideas to share. Coffee, Tea, etc. will be furnished.

### Congregational Dinner

The Friendship Circle is hosting the carry in dinner for the Congregational Meeting on, Sunday, January 27th. Please bring a meat dish and either a vegetable, salad, or dessert. Bread, drink & table service will be provided.

### On the Calendar

Jan 13 UCC Group Meeting, 6:00 PM  
Jan 15 Diaconate, 7:00 PM  
Jan 16 Open Gym, 6:30 PM  
Jan 17 Choir Practice, 7:00 PM  
Jan 21 Council, 7:30 PM  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
Jan 22 Deadline for February Chronicler  
Deadline for 2007 Annual Report  
Jan 27 Annual Meeting & Dinner

### Report Deadline

Please have your articles for the February Chronicler and the articles for the 2007 Annual Report to Susan Spinks no later than Tuesday, January 22nd. Thanks!!

*this day, clearing away the clouds of despair. Shine brightly among us, renewing our reason for hope. Rain your love upon us, creating in us a new day.*

*(Silent confessions)*

LEADER: This is the good news: The One who goes before us is more powerful than we are. Christ baptizes us not just with water but also with the Holy Spirit. As we receive that baptism, we become a new creation. We are forgiven. And God sees that it is good. The peace of God is yours. *Amen.*

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

LEADER: Let us celebrate this great grace of forgiveness by offering to one another **a sign of Christ's peace. The peace of Christ be with you.**

*ALL: And also with you.*

### \*SONG OF PRAISE #597

*"Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated"*

### RESPONSIVE READING Psalms 29

Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,  
*ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.*

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name;  
*worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.*

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
*the LORD is upon the mighty waters.*

The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;  
*the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.*

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;  
*the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;*

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
*and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.*

The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;

*the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.*

The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe  
*and strips the forests bare.*

And in the temple of the LORD  
*all are crying, "Glory!"*

The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;  
*the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.*

The LORD shall give strength to his people;  
*the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace. Amen.*

\*GLORIA #813

LEADER: Let us sing praise to God.

*ALL: We will continually praise God's holy name.*

*ALL SING: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

COLLECT OF THE DAY — Pastor Dan

READING of SCRIPTURE

Acts 10:34-43

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\*READING of the GOSPEL—Please Stand

Matthew 3:13-17

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SERMON — Pastor Dan Johnson  
“On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*From the Presbyterian Catechism*

LEADER: What is a sacrament?

*PEOPLE: A sacrament is a special act of Christian worship, instituted by Christ, which uses a visible sign to proclaim the promise of the gospel for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. The sacramental sign seals this promise to believers by grace and brings to them what is promised. In baptism the sign is that of water; in the Lord's Supper, that of bread and wine.*

LEADER: What is the main difference between baptism and the Lord's Supper?

*PEOPLE: While I receive baptism only once, I receive the Lord's Supper again and again. Being unrepeatable, baptism indicates not only that Christ died for our sins once and for all, but that by grace we are also united with him once and for all through faith. Being repeatable, the Lord's Supper indicates that as we turn unfilled to him again and again, our Lord continually meets us in the power of the Holy Spirit to renew and deepen our faith.*

LEADER: What is baptism?

*PEOPLE: Baptism is the sign and seal through which we are joined to Christ.*

LEADER: What does it mean to be baptized?

*PEOPLE: My baptism means that I am joined to Jesus Christ forever. I am baptized into his death and resurrection, along with all who have re-*

*ceived him by faith. As I am baptized with water, he baptizes me with his Spirit, washing away all my sins and freeing me from their control. My baptism is a sign that one day I will rise with him in glory, and may walk with him even now in newness of life. Amen.*

ANTHEM —Choir  
“That Beautiful Name”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LEADER: Eternal God, you have come to us in Jesus Christ, given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgiven all our sins, Bless us now with the grace we need to fulfill what we have promised.

*People: Keep us faithful to our Savior Jesus Christ, forever and ever.*

LEADER: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

LEADER: Let us pray as Christ our Savior has taught us:

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO OFFERING

**LEADER: Friends, God cries out, “See, the former things have come to pass and new things I now declare before they spring forth, I tell you of them.” Through the offering of our lives and our gifts, we are part of God's new thing. Let us be about God's work as we now share our offerings.**

\*PRAISE RESPONSE #815

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*ALL: Life-giving Spirit, may these gifts help us to be a light to the nations, open the eyes that are blind, and bring release to the prisoners. Through the power of your Spirit, multiply our efforts that we might be tangible signs of your kingdom. Amen.*

\*HYMN OF PARTING #478  
“Have You Any Room for Jesus?”

\*BENEDICTION — Pastor Dan

LEADER: Renew in us, O God, all the gifts of baptism—**strength for life's journey, courage in time of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom of love, and the hope of new life;** through Jesus Christ who makes us one. Send us in your Name, Holy One, Amen.

CHORAL EXTRAIT  
“Let's Just Praise the Lord”  
POSTLUDE