



# Kenmore United Methodist Church

January 13, 2019  
at 10:00 am



the BAPTISM of Jesus

God's True

*Son*



# The First Sunday After Epiphany

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP THE LIVING GOD

\*Indicates please stand in body or spirit. Congregational responses are in **bold**.

PRELUDE "Variations on Slane" Traditional Irish Tune/Martin  
GREETING  
INTROIT "I Will Sing Praise" Martin

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are marked as God's beloved ones.

**What have we done to deserve God's love.**

God's love is God's free gift to us, always and forever.

**Even when we are difficult and turn away from God,**

God's love never vanishes from us.

**Thanks be to God who is ever faithful to us, AMEN.**

\*HYMN #605 "Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters" BEACH SPRING

JOYS AND CONCERNS \* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE \* THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM "In My Father's House" Martin/Courtney

## WE ENCOUNTER GOD AS THE WORD IS LIFTED UP

SCRIPTURE READING pg. 60 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (NRSV)

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

As the children come forward, sing the refrain of hymn # 558—*"We Are the Church"*

\*HYMN # 347 "Spirit Song" SPIRIT SONG

MESSAGE "God Opens the Heavens" Deacon Bonnie LeValley

### RENEWAL OF BAPTISM ~ LITANY

In the beginning, God's Spirit hovered over the face of chaotic waters and birthed the universe.|

**At the Red Sea God led the people through the waters of death and birthed a new nation.**

In the wilderness God gave life to the people with water from the rock.

**In the waters of Mary's womb God's Spirit birthed a Savior.**

From the waters of the Jordan God's Spirit raised up the Messiah.

**On the Sea of Galilee Jesus walked upon the water.**

To a woman at a well Jesus promised living water.

**All: And in our baptisms, God's Spirit births new creations!**

**Under the water of baptism our old selves are drowned.**

**Up from the waters of baptism our new selves are born.**

**Praise God!**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #883 A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada (screen)

## WE RESPOND AND ARE NURTURED BY GOD'S WORD

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES, OUR GIFTS, OURSELVES

OFFERTORY SOLO

“Sing, Children, Sing”

Nelson/Mohr

\*DOXOLOGY #61

“Come, Thou Almighty King” vs.4

\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Life-giving God, we praise you this morning for your unbreakable love. You call each of us by name. You claim us as your own. May the strength of your love that shines in the ministry of Jesus, empower us as well. May all our actions, words and gifts create Christ's love, justice and peace. In his powerful name we pray. Amen.**

## WE ARE SENT OUT TO TELL THE WORLD CHRIST LIVES.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CLOSING HYMN #606

“Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine”

KINGSFOLD

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Symphony No. 100 Allegretto”

Haydn/Bliss



### ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY:

Liturgist:	Jim Stoberl
Announcements:	Mike Turner
Head Usher:	Jean Schnirel
Bible Times:	Jennifer Forpahl
Acolytes:	Kayla Boron

### THE FLOWERS ON THE REMEMBRANCE TABLE

are given by the McClive Family  
“in memory of Mary McClive.”

### THE RED ROSE IS PLACED IN HONOR OF:

the birth of  
Izaya Ferguson on December 26, 2018,  
Son of Rebecca and Wayne Ferguson and  
Great - grandson of Joyce and Jack Love.

### WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

to the family of Evelyn Myers  
who died on January 7, 2019.

A Memorial Service was held for Eveylyn  
on Saturday, January 12 at 10:00 am.

Jesus said, *“I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live. And, everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.”* John 11:25, 26

### CHILDREN: Worship & Bible Times

Today's message, based on Luke 3:21-22 is:  
“New Beginnings”

#### Bible Times Schedule and Focus:

The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday is our Family Sunday.  
The 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays bring story and crafts.  
We celebrate the joy of God each Sunday!

#### Crib & Toddler Care

is available in the nursery 9:45 am - 12:30 pm.

## Prayer Concerns:

Emily George at Hospice (Como Park)  
Irene Hagner & Sue Pratt at McAuley Rehab  
Janine Hunt Jackson at Briody in Lockport  
Irene Fitzpatrick in Hospice Care in Atlanta  
*at home:*

Jean Adams, Mabel Austin, Ellen Brooks,  
Catherine Christie, Marcella Cowan,  
Pat Erisman, Maxon Ersing, Teresa Greene,  
Sally Grove, Carol Loeser, Ryan Meegan,  
Evelyn Riffel, Carolyn Schnabel,  
Eldon Snyder, Rev. Beckie Sweet,  
Chuck Tyree, Reese Vogt, Mara Volle,  
Barb Weaver & Ginger Wilson

## Our Members who are living where they can receive "a little extra care":

Ellie Benzel at Elderwood  
Doris Black at McAuley  
Betty Case at Beechwood  
Virginia Fishlock at Weinberg (Doesburg Manor)  
Dick Funk at Beechwood  
Jerry Horohoe at Brookdale  
Gloria Hoyler at Absolute Care, EA.  
Garry Lomas at Schofield  
Lois Lovern at Briarwood Manor  
Kelly Mendola at Williamsville Suburban  
Kay Monahan at McAuley  
Edith Paterson at Beechwood  
Rita Thurston at Beechwood

## Adult Membership Class ~ TODAY!

Are you interested in becoming a member of Kenmore United Methodist Church? Have you always wondered what church membership is all about? Well, we have an opportunity for you. You are invited to join Deacon Bonnie, and a couple of members of our Lay Leadership team today - Sunday, January 13, 2018 for new member orientation, a spaghetti lunch and a conversation concerning church membership.

We'll explore ministry opportunities in and through KUMC, what it means to be a United Methodist Christian, and how God calls each of us to love and serve. For more information, or to make a reservation, please call Deacon Bonnie. New Member Sunday will be held on February 10, 2019!

## Kenmore United Methodist Church

Knowing Jesus Christ  
Uniting a Community  
Mentoring in Faith  
Caring Through Compassionate Hands & Hearts



Senior Pastor, **Rev. Rebekah Sweet**;  
Pastoral Associate/Children's Ministry,  
**Deacon Bonnie LeValley**;  
Pastor for Pastoral Care, **Rev. Dr. Don Weaver**;  
Pastor Emeritus, **Rev. Eldon Snyder**;  
Director of Music, **Susan Schuman**;  
KUMC Preschool Coordinator, **Sara Kane**  
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**Live Streaming:** *Sundays starting at 9:50 am*  
at Kenmore United Methodist Church  
on YouTube accessible  
through the link on our Website!

## During Rev. Beckie's time of recuperation, we will be led in Worship by:

Deacon Bonnie LeValley on January 20  
Beth Buckley on UMW Sunday January 27  
Rev. Dr. Don Weaver on February 3

## Christian Education Classes For All Ages

11:15 am - 12:00 noon

### ADULT GROUPS:

**CORINTHIANS** (contact: Eldon Snyder, Jolaine Houghton)

**HORIZONS** (contact: Donna Stierheim) **and**

**REFLECTIONS** (contact: Ken Hood) **CLASSES** will all meet together in the Fellowship Hall to enjoy the presentation of "The Wise Women" by the Celebration Players. All are welcome!

**CROSSROADS** - Wesley Room - contact: Julia Volle  
Crossroads is open to anyone who likes to fellowship, laugh, and still focus on your faith journey with others.

*Visitors are welcome in all groups any Sunday.*  
(Ushers are happy to direct you.)

**CHILDREN** Classes - Asbury Wing, Room 4

**YOUTH** Classes - 3rd Floor