

January 9, 2022  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF EPHIPHANY**  
**BAPTISM OF JESUS**  
**New Members and Baptism**

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

**FOR YOUR MEDITATION**

*“Through salvation our past has been forgiven,  
our present is given meaning, and our future is secured.” - Rick Warren*

**THE CHIMES**

**\*\*\*Their sound beckons us to move into a time of worship.\*\*\***

**THE PRELUDE**

**A WELCOME IN CHRISTIAN LOVE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

**THE INTROIT**

**THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST & PEACE CANDLES**

**THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God calls us by name

**PEOPLE: Come, let us worship God**

Leader: God's presence is with us

**PEOPLE: Come, let us worship our Creator**

Leader: God takes away our fears

**PEOPLE: Come, let us worship our Redeemer**

Leader: To God belong the glory, power, and might

**PEOPLE: We have come from the East, West, South, and North.**

**We come with hearts of praise. We come to listen for the  
voice of God.**



**\*HYMN OF PRAISE #165 “Love Came Down at Christmas”**

1 Love came down at Christ - mas, Love all love - ly, Love di - vine;  
 2 Wor - ship we the God - head, Love in - car - nate, Love di - vine;  
 3 Love shall be our to - ken; love be yours and love be mine;

Love was born at Christ - mas; star and an - gels gave the sign.  
 Wor - ship we our Je - sus, but where is God's sa - cred sign?  
 Love to God and neigh - bor, love for plea and gift and sign.

## **\*PRAYER OF PRAISE AND INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

(unison)(we use "sins")

God of Grace, when we baptize ourselves in the frigid waters of fear, You gather us up, dry us off with grace, and wrap us in the warmth of Your Spirit. When our faith becomes threadbare, You come with Your tools, whistling 'my hope is built on nothing less . . .' and build a new foundation for us. When we worry that we have been displaced from Your heart, you show us where our name is etched, and with every beat You feel us. God in Community, Holy in One, we lift our prayers of joy to You, as we pray together saying..

*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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

## **\*THE GLORIA PATRI**

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.

## **BAPTISM AND NEW MEMBER RECEPTION**

### **BAPTISM OF BELLA ROSE PERONE**

\*COMMITMENT OF THE CHURCH CONGREGATION (unison)

*On behalf of Christ's people, we joyfully and reverently offer ourselves to Bella as her sisters and brothers, aunts and uncles, grandmothers and grandfathers in Christ's family. We will surround her with God's kind of love. On behalf of the greater church, we offer support, love and care to Bella, her parents, Tom and Ashley, that together they may grow into a fuller experience of God's abundant grace given to us so freely through Jesus Christ.*

## **THE ORDER FOR THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Invitation and Introductions:

Tom Peronand Ashley Perone

## **AFFIRMATIONS OF FAITH – QUESTIONS FOR THE CANDIDATES:**

### **Pastor:**

Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission in all the world?

### **Deacon:**

Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of *this* family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God and enlisting in the work of *this* local church as it serves this community and the world?


### **\*Our Welcome to the Church (all who are able, please stand as we express our welcome)**

We then as members and friends of this church, gladly welcome you to be a part with us in our common life of faith, sharing the hopes, the labors, and the joys of being part of the Columbia Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. We covenant with one another to seek and respond to the Word and the will of God. We promise to walk with you in Christian love and compassion and to promote, as best we are able, our continuing growth together in the Christian faith. Welcome to our fellowship!


### **\*The giving of the right hand of fellowship and Church Membership Packets.**

**\*The United Church of Christ Statement of Faith, in unison** (in the back of the Pilgrim Hymnal – blue)

**\*HYMN - # 325 “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”**



1 Child of bless-ing, child of prom-ise, bap - tized with the Spir-it's sign;  
2 Child of love, our love's ex-pres-sion, love's cre - a - tion, loved in-deed!  
3 Child of joy, our dear-est trea-sure, God's you are, from God you came.  
4 Child of God your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to know whose child you are.



With this wa - ter God has sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.  
Fresh from God, re - fresh our spir - its, in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.  
Back to God we hum-bly give you; live as one who bears Christ's name.  
Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, trust and love God more than all.



**GOD SPEAKS THROUGH THE LIVING WORD**

**THE WISE MEN AND THE STAR;**

A Narration accompanied by the Bell Choir

**MUSICAL RESPONSE**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**A TIME TO BRING TO GOD OUR CONCERNS AND SEEK ENCOURAGEMENT**

**THE PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER, Response**

## OFFERTORY

### \*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

We offer our gifts in recognition that we are baptized people, transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit. So, we will hold nothing back but will share our lives, our hearts, our energies, as well as our efforts, in ministry to the world around us. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

### \*HYMN - # 177 "God of Change and Glory"

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "God of Change and Glory". It consists of four systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The first system has three verses. The second system has two verses. The third system has two verses. The fourth system is the refrain, marked "Refrain" and "C".

1 God of change and glo - ry, God of time and space,  
2 God of man - y col - ors, God of man - y signs,  
3 Fresh-ness of the morn - ing, new-ness of each night,

when we fear the fu - ture, give to us your grace,  
you have made us dif - ferent, bless - ing man - y kinds,  
you are still cre - at - ing end - less love and light.

In the midst of chang - ing ways give us still the grace to praise.  
As the old ways dis - ap - pear, let your love cast out our fear,  
This we see, as shad - ows part, man - y gifts from one great heart.

*Refrain*  
C  
Man - y gifts, one Spir - it, one love known in man - y ways.



## \*BENEDICTION

### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE “Let There be Peace on Earth”

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be;  
With God as our parent, siblings all are we.  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally,  
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

## TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

### THE POSTLUDE

The end of worship is the beginning of our service to God. Go forth and serve God gladly.

**We Welcome all who worship** with us this morning. If you are a visitor and have no church home, we hope you find a home here. If you are “passing through,” we offer you God’s blessings as you continue on your journey, and thank you for sharing with us

## WEEKLY PRAYER

May the blessed presence of God fill our hearts with the assurances of God's love.  
May the gracious arms of Jesus Christ embrace us as part of the community of believers.  
May the Holy Spirit baptize us afresh and lead us into newness of life.  
And may we always live in trust, knowing that we are God's always and forever.  
Amen

# **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

\*Sunday (9<sup>th</sup>)

## **THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST**

10:00 AM Morning Worship with Rev. MaryAnn Purtill  
(Baptism of Bella Rose Perone and New Member Celebration  
Of Tom and Ashley Perone)  
1:00 PM Walking Group

\* Wednesday (12<sup>th</sup>) 10:00AM Fair Workshop  
7:00PM AA Meeting

\* Thursday (13<sup>th</sup>) 7PM Handbell Choir

\*Sunday (16<sup>th</sup>)

## **SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

10:00AM Morning Worship with Rev. MaryAnn Purtill  
1:00 PM Walking Group