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EPIPHANY – BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 8, 2012

*“Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved.”* (Acts 16:31)

Preservice meditation: Psalm 115, pages 147-148 (red hymnal)

OPENING HYMN: 373:1-4 (red hymnal) “By Grace I’m Saved, Grace Free and Boundless”

Service of Word and Sacrament, setting 2 (page 12 in The Worship Supplement)

Installation of Church Officers

First Lesson: Isaiah 49:1-6

Long ago God promised to send His Son to be the Savior of the world!

Responsive Reading from Psalm 40

L: I waited patiently for the LORD; He turned to me and heard my cry.

C: HE PUT A NEW SONG IN MY MOUTH, A HYMN OF PRAISE TO OUR GOD.

MANY WILL SEE AND FEAR AND PUT THEIR TRUST IN THE LORD.

L: Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust

C: MANY, O LORD MY GOD, ARE THE WONDERS YOU HAVE DONE. THE THINGS

YOU PLANNED FOR US NO ONE CAN RECOUNT TO YOU; WERE I TO SPEAK

AND TELL OF THEM, THEY WOULD BE TOO MANY TO DECLARE.

L: I desire to do Your will, O my God; Your law is within my heart.

C: I DO NOT HIDE YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS IN MY HEART; I SPEAK OF YOUR

FAITHFULNESS AND SALVATION. I DO NOT CONCEAL YOUR LOVE AND

YOUR TRUTH FROM THE GREAT ASSEMBLY.

L: Do not withhold Your mercy from me, O LORD; may Your love and Your truth always

protect me.

C: FOR TROUBLES WITHOUT NUMBER SURROUND ME; MY SINS HAVE

OVERTAKEN ME, AND I CANNOT SEE. THEY ARE MORE THAN THE HAIRS OF

MY HEAD, AND MY HEART FAILS WITHIN ME.

L: Be pleased, O LORD, to save me; O LORD, come quickly to help me.

C: MAY ALL WHO SEEK YOU REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN YOU; MAY THOSE WHO

LOVE YOUR SALVATION ALWAYS SAY, “THE LORD BE EXALTED!”

Second Lesson: Mark 1:4-11

Jesus, the Son of God, was baptized as part of His life-long saving work for us.

The Apostles’ Creed (page 15 in The Worship Supplement)

Children’s sermon

HYMN: 373:5-7 (red hymnal) “By Grace I’m Saved, Grace Free and Boundless”

**THE SERMON: Acts 16:25-34**

**THE PRISONERS WHO SET THE JAILER FREE**

**1. Imprisonment**

**2. Release**

**3. Freedom**

The Offertory, page 16 (Worship Supplement)

The Offering

HYMN 245 (red hymnal) “God Loved the World So That He Gave”

Special Prayers, The General Prayer, The Lord’s Prayer

The Benediction (page 21 in The Worship Supplement)

CLOSING HYMN: 389 (alt. tune: #449) (red hymnal) “Not What These Hands Have Done”  
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WELCOME, VISITORS! We’re very happy that you are here today! You are always welcome. Please  
leave a record of your visit in our guest book in the entryway.

TODAY we will have LOIS MENKVELD’S MEMORIAL SERVICE here at 2:00 PM.

TUESDAY: BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING: 6:15 PM.

WEDNESDAY: MIDWEEK BIBLE HOUR: 6:00-7:00 PM. We’re on 1 John 3:1.

THURSDAY: CHOIR PRACTICE: 6:30-7:30 PM.

SATURDAY: TAKE DOWN CHRISTMAS TREE and DECORATIONS: 9:30 AM.

SUNDAY: WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:00 AM; BIBLE STUDY: 11:15 AM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: On TUESDAY, JANUARY 17 our ELDERS MEET at 6:30 PM, and our CHURCH  
COUNCIL MEETS at 7:00 PM.

VOTERS MEETING: TWO WEEKS FROM TODAY, on SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, we will have our VOTERS  
MEETING after church instead of our Bible Study.

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS are 1 Samuel 3:1-10; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; and John 1:43-51.

2012 OFFERING ENVELOPES are in your MAILBOX.