

EMMANUEL (BAUST)
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Service of Word

January 5, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Second Sunday after Christmas

Speaker: Rev. Linda Summers

L = Leader P = People

**For those who are able, please stand.*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist

***Call to Worship**

L: Arise, shine, for your light has come

P: And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Hymn

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

Green No. 231

***Prayer for Our Humanity**

L: God of power and might, God of grace and mercy, heaven and earth are full of your glory. You chose to become one of us in Jesus Christ, sharing our joys and sorrows, displaying Your greatness in the child of the manger. We praise you for Your amazing love, great enough to embrace the expanding universe yet close enough to enter our humble hearts. During this time of worship, surprise us with Your grace once again, that we, with the whole Church and Your precious creation, may praise and honour Your holy name, O God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Amen.

P: God of goodness and guidance, In Christ You sent us light to live by, yet we seek shadows in which to hide. In him, You promise new life, but we prefer with old habits, nursing grievances and clinging to familiar opinions. You are generous with Your love, but we reject neighbors and fear strangers who differ from us. Remake us in the

image of Your Son with Your mercy, and teach us how to follow him in the year ahead. Amen

***Words of Assurance**

Liturgist

***Song of Praise Isn't He?**

#31 Purple Spiral

Isn't He, beautiful
Beautiful, isn't He
Prince of Peace, Son of God
Isn't He, Isn't He, Isn't He.

Anthem

Scripture Jeremiah 31:7-14
 Ephesians 1:3-14

Liturgist

Sermon Hymn He is Born

Green No. 201

***Gospel** John 1: (1-9) 10-18

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Sermon Our Covenant with God

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***Affirmation of Faith**

P: We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Prayers of the People

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Our Lord's Prayer (using debts)

Installation and Ordination of Consistory Members

Offertory

***Doxology** Doxology (with A-men)

Red No. 356

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

L: Please join me in the prayer of dedication.

P: God of majesty and mystery, we bring our gifts to You, grateful that You are with us in good times and hard times. We do not know what the year ahead will hold but Your love shines like a star to guide us. Bless these gifts that they may keep the light of Christ shining through the church to offer the world truth and wisdom, healing and hope in Jesus name. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Closing Hymn** Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
(Jesus, The Light of the World)

Black No. 160

***Benediction**

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Postlude

Week of January 5, 2025
“Whoever you are and wherever you
are on life’s journey,
you are welcome here!”

We extend a warm welcome to each one in worship, whether a member, friend or guest with us today. If you are not currently on our church mailing list to receive the church newsletter and would like to be included, please let us know. Our church website is: ebucc.com. If you use email and would like to receive updated prayer concerns, Church information and announcements please send an email to: office@ebucc.com noting that we may include you in our electronic mailings which include our church newsletter.

EBUCC Offerings: Baust members, friends, and visitors may put regular offerings and special donations in the offering plates placed just inside the front

and rear entrances to the sanctuary. During the offertory, these plates will be brought to the altar by our ushers.

Help Needed! Are you able to volunteer to be part of the audio-visual "Zoom" transmitting of our worship services? We're down to just three rotating volunteers now, and the burden would be more manageable if we had a few more folks in the rotation. The commitment would be for running the transmission and recording set-up in the Good Shepherd Room for about fifteen minutes before our worship services, monitoring the transmission during worship and closing it down when the service concludes. Our current "Techs, " Beth Raver, Ben Brandenburg and Kent Kallay, would train and help new volunteers. And we would all be grateful for your willingness to help. Please let Kent, Beth or Ben know if you'd consider joining the crew!

Altar Flowers: Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Deni Krug and Family in celebration of the New Year and all Baust Church Families.

Choir Rehearsal: Choir will rehearse each Sunday in the sanctuary immediately following church. Also, the choir will warm up each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the choir room.

Consistory Members Installed: Following is the full listing of the 2025 Consistory:

Elders: Jone Bowersox, Bonnie Morningstar, Michael Rodkey, Sandra Stonesifer

Deacons: Lois Bickerton, Joe Engle, George Hardinger, Tom Harrison

If you have concerns or questions for the governing body of our church, please contact one of the above.

Carroll Food Sunday: Baust Church has been asked to donate laundry detergent for the months January, February and March. Donations can be brought to the Good Shepherd Room or the porch in the parsonage. Donations can also be brought to Trinity Lutheran on Tuesday or Thursday mornings or left in the cabinet under the portico throughout the week.

Consistory Meeting: Consistory will meet on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the parsonage.

Bible Study (January): Bible Studies will be on Thursday evenings at 6:00 in the parsonage and generally lasts about an hour. We will be continuing the study based on Rev. Herb Ruby's book, *Memorizing Scripture, Why Bother?* The tentative schedule for January is as follows in Part Four: January 9 – A, B, C, D; January 16 - E, F, G, H; January 23 – I, J, K, L and January 30 – M, N, O, P. Everyone is welcome to join us as we learn more of God's word through study and discussion while also trying our hand at memorizing verses from the Bible as presented in Rev. Ruby's book. Contact Betty Stonesifer if there are questions.

Baust Literary (January): The literary Group book for January is "*A Woman of No Importance*" by Sonia Purnell. The true story of Virginia Hull, who left her Baltimore home to work for the British Special Ops. when Hitler was building toward the peak of his power in Europe. She was assigned to France where she helped the Resistance movement escaped prisoners to war movement. By 1941 she was considered so dangerous to the Gestapo that she had to escape to the Pyrenees mountains. She helped capture 500 German soldiers and kill more than 150. She sabotaged Nazi intelligence and transportation. Her story was ignored for more than 50 years. She was a true patriot. Next meeting will be January 28, 2025 at 6:00pm in the Parsonage.

Newsletter Articles: Newsletter Articles for February 2025 are due to Jane Rodkey by January 19, 2025.

Mature Christian Luncheon: All are welcome! February 20, 2025 at 12:00 in the Parish Hall. If you would like to attend contact Joan Fisher @ 410-530-1188 or Bob Fisher @ 410-404-4354 so they can make sure they have enough for everyone. There will not be a Mature Christian Luncheon in January.

First Sunday of the Month Luncheon:

Date: Today

Time: Noon

Place: The Farmhouse Restaurant at the Barn

Address: 75 Cunningham Rd, Gettysburg, PA 17325

Website: thebarnpa.com

The Farmhouse Phone: 4717-334-8000

*Please note that the restaurant wants a final number one week in advance. RSVP no later than noon Sunday, December 29 to Kathy Cromwell at 443-331-3160 (H) or 410-456-7672 (C)

or KathleenCromwell@comcast.net mailto:KathleenCromwell@comcast.net

*Please note that for groups of more than ten, only one check will be accepted. They automatically add a 20% tip to the total bill.

January 12th Interim Pastor: Rev. Herb Ruby

January 12th Scriptures: Isaiah 43:1-7
Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 12th Liturgist: Nancy Edwards

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Church Members

Nancy Edwards	Joan Wantz
Duane Rodkey	Linda Goodwin
Linda Dennis	Bick and Lois Bickerton
Betty Gross	Bob Harrison
Skeeter Dull	Brent Grove
Calvin Bloom	Bob Miller
Dan & Betty Heltibridle	

Friends

Eric Helm	Mimi DeLore
Libby Fuss	Chic and Sandy Warehime
Allen Robertson	Janie Dell
Lainey Hood	Nancy Saari
Tom Henning	Bobby Yingling
Joann Stull	Carole Hill
Rudy Feuerschutz	Ken Morningstar
Randy Brodbeck	Joe Morningstar

IN GOD'S SERVICE

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Consistory President:	George Hardinger
Liturgist:	Bob Miller