

## Joys and Concerns

Prayer List: Kurt Muller, Gary Smidt, Merlin Beahm, Fred Will, and Jan Hofferber-Kathi Schutz's mother.  
Happy Birthday to Loneta Nolan, Nikki Dornhoff, and Laurain Tatum.

## Pastoral Prayer

**“Doxology UMH #94  
“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

## Offertory Prayer

God of new beginnings, as we move into this New Year, stir in us the feelings of expectation! Kindle our hearts and minds to see possibilities for our world and for your kingdom. Help us to believe that the world we have can be better: more loving, more just, more compassionate, and looking much more like the world you've imagined for us. Lord, help us to give generously this day to empower that to happen. In the name of Christ, Savior, and Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

## Holy Communion

**Closing Hymn “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” UMH#140**

## Benediction

People of hope and peace, go into the world. Bring God's healing love to all whom you meet. Help with ministries, which promote justice and compassion. In Jesus' Name, go in peace. AMEN

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### **2022 Vision:**

***Expand Our Boundaries Through the Word of God.  
“Your word is a lamp for my feet,  
a light on my path”  
(Psalm 119:105)***

## ***Minden United Methodist Church***

**Order of Worship  
January 9, 2022  
Baptism of the Lord**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

1. Pastor Peter will be laying on of hands for each family with blessings and healings of prayer after worship. Please prepare prayer lists on paper. He will bless you in the name of the Lord.
2. Our church leaders for 2022 will be recognized and blessed during the worship on January 16. After the worship, Pastor Peter will share our church plans and goals for 2022.
3. Education Team invites all parents with children under seventh grade to a meeting on January 12 at 7:00 pm. We want to hear what parents want and talk about our future.
4. This Tuesday, Bible Study, threading the Bible resumes.
5. Youth meeting will be held on January 12 at 6:30 p.m.
6. Last week we received offerings of \$5,458. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

## Call to Worship

L: We are marked as God's beloved ones.

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

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

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

L: God's love never vanishes from us.

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

## Opening Prayer

Lord of Hope and Light, in the midst of Darkness you offered light to people who lived in fear. Today that light comes to us as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Open our hearts this day and remind us that you have marked us as people of hope and light. Prepare us to serve you by serving your world. AMEN.

## Silent Prayer

**Opening Hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" UMH#117**

## Children's Time

## Scriptures

**Jessie Tunnell**

### **Luke 3:15-17 (NIV)**

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."



### **Luke 3:21-22 (NIV)**

When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

### **Acts 8:14-17 (NIV)**

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**Message "Love Never Ends!" Pastor Peter Choi**

**Hymn "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" UMH#127**