**UPPER TUSCARORA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

***Baptism of our Lord & Congregational Meeting***

***January 10, 2016***

**REV. JOY KAUFMANN PASTOR/MODERATOR**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**P: Worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

L: May the Lord give strength to his people!

**P: May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

**All: Let us worship the Lord together.**

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

\*OPENING HYMN *“Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine”* #341

SILENT CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you are the One who makes a way where we do not see a way; we have not always believed this. You are the One who has given us the breath of life and sustained us in it; we have not always been grateful. You are the One who became one of us, humbled for a season, and risen in glory for all eternity; we have refused to accept that the promised resurrection is also for us. For our lack of hope, our consistent anxiety, and our fear of the future, forgive us, Oh God of all creation, and grant us the grace to live in the light of your triumphant power. In the name of the risen Savior. **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*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.**

STATEMENT OF FAITH *(from “The Confession of 1967”)*

Already God’s reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in us and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God. “Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly that all we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

TODAY’S SCRIPTURE READINGS

*Old Testament Lesson ~* Isaiah 43:1-7
*Gospel Lesson ~* Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

SERMON *God Makes A Way* Rev. Kaufmann

\*HYMN OF THE DAY *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”* #383

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*DOXOLOGY

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

ECCLESIASTICAL MEETING Moderator, Rev. Kaufmann

INSTALLATION OF ELECTED OFFICERS

PRAYER

CORPORATE MEETING President

\*CLOSING PRAYER

\*CLOSING HYMN *“If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee”* #282

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

***\* - Please stand, if YOU are able***

***All hymns are from the BLUE Hymnal***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Congregational Meeting will be held today, January 10, 2016, immediately following worship.

UPCOMING GUEST PASTORS: Rev. Darwin Goshorn (January 17 and 31), Rev. Paul Marsteller (January 24).

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*Charles H. Spurgeon, British Baptist Preacher (1834 –1892): Faith is reason at rest with God*.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST:

Doris Shelton Dick Wagner Sopheia Abrashoff

Family of Leon Yohn Gary Ross Janet Jaymes Hornbaker

Destiny Devlin Gail Cresswell Donna Varner Barney

Julie Price Valerie Thomas Gail Corwell

Colton Scott Danny Gipe Family of Robert Hockenberry

OUR SERVICE PERSONNEL

Philip & Beth Locke Anthony Sheldon Todd Youtzy

Maddie Atherton Shae Greenland Nathan Parsons

Johnathan St. Clair Matthew Fontenot Eric Patterson

Donnie McAllen Zach Snyder Nathan Patterson

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**Church**![C:\Users\Bob\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\0W3M2RDK\John_the_Baptist[1].JPG]()

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