**UPPER TUSCARORA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

***Second Sunday after Epiphany***

***January 24, 2016***

**REV. PAUL MARSTELLAR \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ PASTOR**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The One who created us, formed and made us, calls to us.

**P: We are here to listen and respond.**

L: God has claimed us and named us beloved.

**P: We rejoice in this transforming identity.**

L: Touched by the Spirit, washed in the renewing water, and set aflame with God’s love, let us worship and praise our beloved God.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

\*OPENING HYMN *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”* #356

SILENT CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, it’s easy to feel superior to others, that our gifts make us better somehow. Center us in your love, that we may rejoice in the gifts of others. Ground us in your peace, that we may use your precious gifts to build a community of healing and hope, where justice is found, and where all walk in your ways. **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 *(Apostle’s Creed)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, our guide and helper: In the scriptures you have given us the resources to find the way of life you intend for us. Now, by your Spirit’s faithfulness, enable us to understand this way without distortion, and to walk in it without timidity; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

TODAY’S SCRIPTURE READINGS

*New Testament Lesson ~* 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

*Gospel Lesson ~* John 14:15-17, 25-26

SERMON *Who Got the Best Gift?* Rev. Marstellar

\*HYMN OF THE DAY *“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”* #321

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

\*CLOSING PRAYER

\*CLOSING HYMN *“Breathe On Me, Breath of God”* #316

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT SUNDAY – Transfiguration Sunday, February 7, 2016

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 10, 2016

UPCOMING GUEST PASTOR: Rev. Darwin Goshorn (January 31st).

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*Warren Wendel Wiersbe, American Pastor (b. 1929): The Christian life is not a playground, it is a battlefield.*

ON OUR PRAYER LIST:

Doris Shelton Dick Wagner Sopheia Abrashoff

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Destiny Devlin Gail Cresswell Donna Varner Barney

Julie Price Valerie Thomas Gail Corwell

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***WELCOME!***

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