

# THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF PLAINVILLE

Founded in 1840

*A Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

A "God is Still Speaking" Church

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.*



**The Order of Morning Worship  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany ~ Baptism of Christ**

**January 7, 2018**

**10A.M.**

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

*There is a tendency at every important but difficult crossroad to pretend that it's not really there. ~ Bill McKibben, The End of Nature*

\* All who are able may stand

**GATHERED TO WORSHIP**

PRELUDE

*Ave Verum*

Mozart

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reverend Donna Cassidy

INTROIT

**CENTERING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS ON GOD**

*Bringing in the Light of Christ*

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

The vast expanse of sky stretches in praise.

**The waters and streams cry out in longing.**

The earth now hardened, incubates life.

**And we your people awaken.**

\*OPENING HYMN

*Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling*

NCH #59

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Creating, Calling, and Faithful God, we come to this time and place to be with you, to worship you, and to learn from you. May our time together be like your creation of light in the darkness that you called good. May it be that you would call us good while we respond to your call and as we listen to you. **Amen.**

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, we hear your voice and we see the way of Jesus set before us. But it's hard, dear God, to try again and again to live up to our baptismal vows and maintain our resolve to be your people in the world. In repentance, we ask you to forgive us. Set us once again on a holy path that leads to you. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

\*GLORIA PATRI

PH #513

*Glory be to the Father [Creator], and to the Son [Christ], and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen*

MESSAGE OF CHRISTIAN CONCERN

Mary Fuller

## HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

*CENTERING HYMN	<i>As With Gladness Those Of Old</i>	NCH #159
INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE		
THE GOSPEL	<i>Mark 1:4-11</i>	p. 34
SERMON	<i>Remembering Who We Are</i>	
MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION		

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION RENEWAL OF BAPTISM

COMMUNION HYMN	<i>Let Us Break Bread Together</i>	NCH #330
INVITATION		

THE PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER (*debts*)

***Our father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.***

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

ANTHEM	<i>Come With Me ~ Chancel Choir</i>	Martin
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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Breaking of the Bread  
The Pouring of the Cup

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

*You are invited to come forward down the right aisle and dip your hand in the baptismal water taking a stone and touching your forehead prayerfully, then go to the next station and receive communion by intinction and exit down the left aisle. If you cannot come forward, raise your hand and a deacon will come to you with communion and the pastor will offer baptism.*

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**O God, we rejoice in your grace, given and received. We thank you that you claim us, that you wash us, strengthen us, and guide us, that you empower us to live a life worthy of our calling. In the way of Jesus, make us as water in a dry and thirsty world. Establish us to be places of refreshment. Root us and nurture us in love, that with all your people, that we may rightly and justly serve you. Fill us with your fullness that our lives may overflow in service and love. Amen.**

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

INVITATION TO SHARE  
THE OFFERTORY

*The Summons* ~ Chancel Choir

Trad. Scottish

\*DOXOLOGY

NCH #780

***Praise God for whom all blessings flow. Praise [God] all Creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father [Creator], Son [Christ], and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Faithful God, Bless us in our baptismal calling to be in ministry of showing hospitality to others. We offer the gifts that we have been given to be used not for conquest and dominance, but for use in liberating the poor and hurting people who pray for our liberation as well as their own. Receive and multiply our gifts for life-giving ministry. Amen.**

## SCATTERED TO SERVE

*Carrying Out the light of Christ into the World*

\*CLOSING HYMN

*Go Tell It On The Mountain*

PH #154

\*BENEDICTION

Thank you, God, for blessing us with memories of Jesus' baptism and ours.

**Thank you for removing our reluctance, doubt, and fears, for replacing them with courage and commission.**

We go forth with your calling, direction, and blessing. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

*Postlude*

Couperin

*We hope you received God's comfort, insight and inspiration through worship, prayer and song that carries with you through the week.*

***Thank you this morning to:***

Deacon in charge: Al Valeri

Trustee in charge: Ken Hodge

Nursery caregiver coordinated by: Donna Blanchard

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<b>Sun (1/7)</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship ~ Communion ~ Baptism of Christ</b>
	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Youth Choir Rehearsal</b>
	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>New Member Class (Parlor)</b>
	6:00 p.m.	Plainville Wind Ensemble (Kelsey Hall)
<b>Mon (1/8)</b>	7:00 p.m.	NA
	10:00 a.m.	Al-Anon
	6:30 p.m.	Zumba (Kelsey Hall)
<b>Tues (1/9)</b>	10:30 a.m.	AA
	7:00 p.m.	AA
	<b>7:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Finance Committee Meeting (Library)</b>
<b>Wed (1/10)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Castle Apartments BOD (Library)</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Nominating Committee Meeting (Parlor)</b>
	7:00 p.m.	NA
	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Coffee Hours (Dunkin' Donuts)</b>
<b>Thurs (1/11)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Amadeus Ringers</b>
	7:00 p.m.	NA
	<b>7:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>
	7:00 p.m.	NA
<b>Fri (1/12)</b>	7:00 p.m.	NA
<b>Sat (1/13)</b>	6:30 p.m.	NA
<b>Sun (1/14)</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Youth Choir Rehearsal</b>
	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Trustee Committee Meeting (Library)</b>
	5:00 p.m.	RI
	7:00 p.m.	NA

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The Rev. Donna Cassity, Interim Minister  
Peter Peluso, Interim Director of Chancel Choir & Organist  
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***Please remember to help yourself to a line on the sign-up sheets for Ushers, Greeters, Coffee Hour! As a matter of courtesy and welcome to those who may be visiting, please take a moment to pick up your name tag on the wall in the narthex....and put it on.***

***In our Prayers this week, we remember:*** Ruth & Al Seeds, Linda Coppola, Owners of Folly Farms, Ann Campbell, All Travelers, Ray Simpson (Shelly Johnson's uncle), Charlotte (Lauralee's cousin), those affected by recent train crash, Noreen and Jerry, Marty Gephart (Mary Fuller's sister), Cassie Proctor (Becky Silvernale's daughter), Michael (Joe Robar's friend), Tony Scavetta (Beth Fraychak's friend), Ed & his girlfriend Maggie (Ann Campbell's friends), Paul (Ann Campbell's friend), Brian Gorneault (Sandy Dombroski's grandson), R.J. (Matt Simone's father), Matt Simone's Mother and Grandmother, those affected by the California Wildfires, Martha Lambert (Deanna Hoxie's co-worker), Diana Drachenberg, Robert Ryan, Donna Fuller Cline, Joseph (Ann Campbell's grandson), John (Ann Campbell's friend), Dona (Ann Campbell's friend), Jerry (Ann Campbell's neighbor), Vicky (Ann Campbell's friend), Keith (Malakai Silvernale's Uncle), Anna Mae and Geraldine (Eleanor Kordes's sisters), Tommy McCormack (Bev Letendre's cousin), Robert Jordan (Ruthe Boiczuk's cousin), Sutherland Springs Church shooting victims, Nancy's son Mike (Ann Campbell's friend), Paul and Diane (Ann Campbell's friends), Alana Devich, Leslie Urbanski, ***and the families and friends of:*** Rob (Frank Hoxie's brother-in-law), Jeff Briggs, Karen (Matt Simone's stepmother), Vanessa (Becky Silvernale's friend), Bobby Jordan (Ruthe Boiczuk's cousin), Barbara (Joni Czajkowski's mother), ***as well as members and friends serving in the military:*** Justin Meyers, Spencer Pelletier, Renny Astolfi Sr., James Palmer, Mark Terrill, Ryan Steikers, Shawn Ellis, Cody Temple & Quinn Coughlin.