



**January 7, 2018**

**9:30 am • Pastor John Groen • Mark 1:4-11**

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## ***Loving God, Serving People***

**We welcome you into our community and our lives.** Following this morning's worship, we invite you to join us for a cup of coffee in the Fellowship Hall.

### **Babies & Young Children**

A nursery for children 2 years and younger is next to the kitchen off of the Fellowship Hall. Children, 3, 4, and 5 years old who have not started Kindergarten will be dismissed before the sermon to room 27 for Preschool Church Hour.

### **Aids to Worship**

Hearing assistance devices are available in the narthex. Please ask our greeters for assistance.



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# 9:30 worship

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## Praising Our Heavenly Father Who Calls and Marks Us with His Love

**Prelude:** *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*

Manz, Leupold  
Red Hymnal 763

**Welcome**

**Opening Song:** *Speak, O Lord*

Red Hymnal 755

**Congregational Reading of Mark 1:4-11**

adapted from *The Message* and  
the Common English Bible

*John the Baptist was in the wilderness calling for people to be baptized to show that they were changing their hearts and lives and wanted God to forgive their sins.*

**People thronged to him from Judea and Jerusalem and, as they confessed their sins, John baptized them in the Jordan River. They were baptized into a changed life.**

*John wore clothes made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. As he preached he said, "The real action comes next: The star in this drama—to whom I'm a mere stagehand—will change your life! I'm baptizing you here in the river, turning your old life in for a kingdom life. His baptism—a holy baptism by the Holy Spirit—will change you from the inside out."*

*About that time, Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. The moment he came out of the water, Jesus saw the sky split open and God's Spirit, looking like a dove, coming down on him. Along with the Spirit, there was a voice which said, "You are my Son, chosen and marked by my love, the pride of my life."*

**Choral Response:** *Give Glory to God, All You Heavenly Creatures*

Red Hymnal 114:1

**\*Songs of Praise**

*Give Glory to God, All You Heavenly Creatures*

Red Hymnal 114:2,5

*Ten Thousand Reasons*

Red Hymnal 559

**\*We Receive God's Greeting and Greet One Another**

\*Please stand if you are able.

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## Children's Time

(Children in the Preschool Church Hour Class dismissed to Room 27.)

## Litany of Confession

*Stepping in the Mud*, Joseph Donders; and  
*What Ruler Wades Through Murky Streams*, Thomas Troeger

*The mud of human evil  
is very deep,  
it stinks forcefully,  
it is full of dangerous gases,  
and there was Jesus,  
in front of John,  
asking to be allowed  
to bend down in that mud.  
And John,  
no wonder,  
hesitated.*

*What ruler wades through murky streams  
and bows beneath the wave,  
ignoring how the world esteems  
the powerful and brave?*

## Solo Sung Refrain

Water, River, Spirit, Grace—  
sweep over me, sweep over me!  
Recarve the depths your fingers traced  
in sculpting me.

*But he, Jesus,  
he went down,  
and when he came up,  
the mud still streaming...  
HEAVEN OPENED,  
and a voice was heard...  
and a new Spirit  
a new life  
and a new heart  
were announced,  
glory, glory, alleluia.*

*Christ gleams with water brown with clay  
from land the prophets trod.  
Above while heaven's clouds give way  
descends the dove of God.*

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## **Solo Sung Refrain**

*He was bathed in light...  
drowned in God's voice...  
full of spirit;  
but what about the mud,  
was he going to forget it?  
No, because once he got the spirit,  
that Spirit drove him  
to do his work in this world,  
to struggle with evil in us, in this world.  
In order to overcome it.*

*Come bow beneath the flowing wave.  
Christ stands here at your side  
and raises you, as from the grave,  
God raised the crucified.*

## **Choral Sung Refrain**

**Song of Response:** *Take, O Take Me as I Am*

Red Hymnal 741

## **Prayers of the People**

**We Present our Gifts & Offerings for:** The Lord's work through AACRC

**Choral Offertory:** *See Christ, Who on the River's Shore*

words: Christopher Idle © 1975 The Jubilate Group

See Christ, who on the river's shore with John the Baptist stood,  
his secret in the name he bore: the holy Lamb of God.

See all his body washed and wet, baptized in Jordan's flow,  
as here his sham and glory meet, his pain and triumph show.

See, Christ submits himself to John; the Lord bows to his slave!  
See where he stoops, the sinless one, to share a sinner's grave!  
See him arising from the stream where all the past now dies;  
from yet a colder tomb he came and now calls us to rise.

See Christ, to whom the Father speaks as his beloved Son;  
Messiah's chosen task he takes, the servant's work begun.  
See him on whom the Spirit fell, descending like a dove,  
in whom we find a springing well of peace and joy and love.

See him, the anointed Lamb who died,  
to whom all praise we bring; see Christ baptized,  
Christ crucified, and Christ our reigning King!

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# Hearing the Word that Changes Lives

Message: "The Baptism of our Lord"

## Celebrating New Life in God's Kingdom

### The Lord's Table

#### Institution and Invitation

#### Music for Meditation

*What Ruler Wades Through Murky Streams*

#### Communion Song

*What the Lord Has Done in Me*

Reuben Morgan  
© 1998 Hillsong Music Australia

Let the weak say I am strong  
Let the poor say I am rich  
Let the blind say I can see  
It's what the Lord has done in me

Hosanna, Hosanna  
to the Lamb that was slain  
Hosanna, Hosanna  
Jesus died and rose again

Into the river I will wade  
There my sins are washed away  
From the heavens mercy streams  
of the Savior's love for me

I will rise from waters deep  
into the saving arms of God  
I will sing salvation songs  
Jesus Christ has set me free

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**\*We Receive God's Parting Blessing**

**\*Song for Departure:** *We Receive Your Blessing*

Red Hymnal 947

**\*Postlude:** *Ten Thousand Reasons*

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Victor Chen, Choir, Nigel Fernandez, Emily Geerlings, Tim Geerlings,  
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### **Sunday Morning • 9:30 am**

- Preacher: John Groen
- Scripture: Mark 1:4-11

### **Youth Ministry**

- Preschool Church Hour class will meet during worship in Room 27 for children 3-5 years of age who have not started Kindergarten. The children will be dismissed to their class during the worship service.
- 10:50–Sunday School (pre-K through 1st grade) in Room 28
- 10:50–Sunday School (2nd – 5th grade) in Room 23
- 10:50–Savior Servant Singers in Room 19
- 11:10–Middle School Sunday School in Rooms 12 & 13
- 11:50–Sunday School Dismissal

### **Adult Sunday School • 11:10 am**

- In Room 24, Council Q&A, see inside for details.
- Downstairs in Room 17, BESEL Sunday School, studying the Bible in English, sing Gospel songs in different languages. Teachers: Mark and Naomi Nah Schult, Yang Liu, Jukie Wilson.

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# announcements & reminders

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## **Adult Ed–Today**

Today, during the education hour in Room 24, Council will be hosting an open Q&A session about the reset year or anything else you'd like to ask about. This is a simple idea we read about on the denominational blog ([network.crcna.org](http://network.crcna.org)), and it sounded like a good one! The description was apt, and so we're borrowing their words: *Attendance is voluntary; there is no agenda; no decisions are made; no discussion is held. But every Q&A offers an inherent promise: 'Ask a question—any question—and we will do our best to provide you with a complete and transparent answer. And if we don't know, we'll find the answer and get back to you.'* If you're unable to attend, that is fine; we'll keep a record of what was asked and said to share with the AACRC community. And we hope to have more of these sessions in the coming months.

*Phil Boonstra for Council*

## **Adult Ed–January 14**

Do you have the desire to walk alongside someone who is hurting? Is God calling you to use your gifts to become a Stephen Minister? On January 14, we will have an adult Sunday School class to explain the process and time commitments of becoming and being a Stephen Minister. We'll talk about the training that is provided and answer any questions you may have. If you have even the slightest interest, please come and learn more about it!

## **Special Offering**

The offering received on Christmas Day for CAP amounted to \$1,562.04. Thank you for your support!

## **Gray Matters**

Our next Gray Matters meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 1:30 PM at the church in the adult education room #24. Suzanne Van Dam from Friends In Deed will meet with Gray Matters to give us an update on their newest program, Circles Washtenaw County. Circles is an ambitious poverty-reduction program whose aim is to reduce poverty permanently. Allies will also be on hand to answer your questions about what it's like to volunteer in the program.

## **Soup Group**

Soup Group will be meeting today for lunch and fellowship at 12 noon in Room 23, down the hall from the kitchen. All post high school young adults are welcome to join us for soup and sharing.

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**Focus on Missions • Maud & Duchess Robinson  
Detroit Afro-American Mission (D.A.A.M.)**

*Thank God for Jesus-- to Him be all glory, honor and praise!*

*Matthew 1:18-21; John 3:16-17*

God has blessed us through each of you over the years. We pray his blessings of joy, peace and love for you and your families this Christmas and throughout the coming year.

In His Love ...

D.A.A.M., Inc.

Maud and Duchess



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## AACRC Weekly Calendar

## Assisting This Week 1/7

### Today, January 7

9:30 AM Morning Worship  
10:50 AM Sunday School  
11:10 AM Adult Ed  
Noon Soup Group

### Monday, January 8

6:30 AM AA New Awakening  
7:00 PM Council  
7:30 PM Facilities Committee

### Tuesday, January 9

6:30 AM AA New Awakening  
9:30 AM Coffee Break  
1:15 PM Coffee Break  
7:00 PM Band/Vocal Team Rehearsal

### Wednesday, January 10

6:30 AM AA New Awakening  
6:30 & 8:00 AM Men's Prayer & Study  
1:30 PM Gray Matters  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, January 11

6:30 AM AA New Awakening  
10:00 AM Prayer  
10:00 AM Crafters  
7:00 PM Friendship Staff

### Friday, January 12

6:30 AM AA New Awakening

### Saturday, January 13

No events scheduled

### Sunday, January 14

9:30 AM Morning Worship  
10:50 AM Sunday School  
11:10 AM Adult Ed

### Coffee Servers

9:30 John & Rachel Bush  
Harvey & Jo Vredeveld

### Nursery

9:30 Sean Kim  
Mary Herrema, Elaina Baker

### Preschool Church Hour

9:30 Grant Schoenebeck  
Melanie Bolhuis  
Eliza Van Ee, Zachary Redder

## Assisting Next Week 1/14

### Coffee Servers

9:30 Bill & Gabby VanderMolen  
Al & Dorothy Vegter

### Nursery

9:30 Theresa Tanin  
Wayne & Ann Van Zomeren  
Darian Karr

### Preschool Church Hour

9:30 Lyndsey Chisholm  
Andrea Benning  
Zannah Baker, Kira Brehob

### Communion Servers

9:30 Roy & Marilyn Glover  
Phil & Jeanne Palmbo



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