

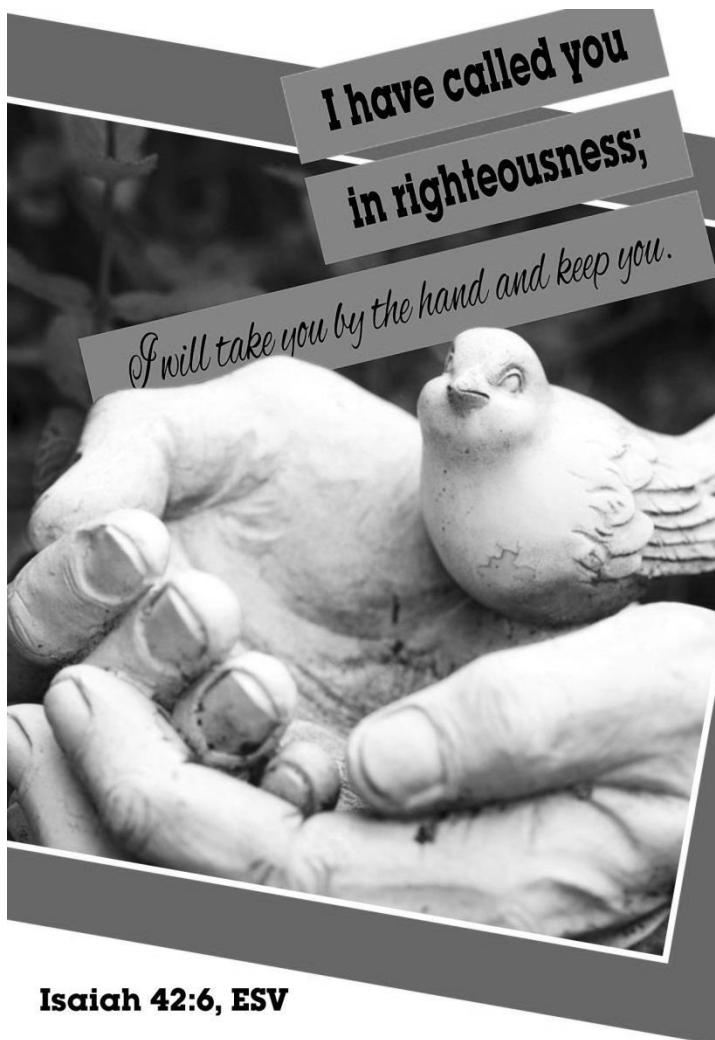


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Isaiah 42:6, ESV

January 15, 2023
11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship

Welcome, beloved of God! As the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus at his baptism,
so does God's Spirit rest on us as we gather today — and always.

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: In the very beginning, God separated the darkness and the light. God called the
Light "Day" and the Darkness, God called "Night".

**People: We were once people who dwelled in darkness, but God has given us the true
Light, Jesus Christ.**

Leader: God has blessed us and adopted us as God's own beloved children, through the
sacrament of Baptism.

**People: The water of baptism brings to us healing and reconciliation; it is a symbol of
nourishment and cleansing.**

Leader: This day is the day of the remembrance of Jesus' Baptism.

**ALL: As we hear the words of his baptism, let us be reminded of our own adoption
by God and celebrate the joyous connection to the Almighty God.**

Hymn – *Baptized in Water*

TFWS 2248

Doxology

UMH 95

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Prayer Time and Lord's Prayer

*(Please use the prayer cards in the pews to share your prayer concerns. You may place
prayer cards in the prayer box near the altar rail.)*

**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
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the
glory, forever. Amen.**

Gospel Reading – Matthew 3: 13-17

NRSV pew Bible, p.3 (NT)

Choir Anthem – *Arise, Shine*

Arise, shine, for thy light is come,
and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,

and gross darkness the people;
but the Lord shall arise upon thee,
and His glory shall be seen upon thee.

And the gentiles shall come to thy light,
and kings to the brightness of thy rising.
Arise, shine, for thy light is come!

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Scripture Reading – Isaiah 42: 1-9

NRSV pew Bible, p. 630 (OT)

Message – Playing the Hand You’re Dealt

Pastor Dan Baer

Reaffirmation of Faith

UMH p.33

Hymn – *In the Bleak Midwinter*

UMH 221

Blessing & Sending Out to Serve in the World

*The flowers in worship today are given to the glory of God by Diane Lipscomb
in honor of Chris, Beth & Rebekah for their love and support.*

Today’s Greeters: Diane Lipscomb & Matoka Snuggs
Today’s Sound System Operator: Tim Johnson

Next Week’s Greeters: Bill & Barbara Oram
Next Week’s Sound System Operator: Steve Snow

We have a nursery available for infants through age 4. An usher will be glad to direct you.
We always welcome children of all ages to join us in worship, and Worship Activity Bags are
available at the entrance if your child would like one.

What to know this week...

Calendar this week:

*TODAY, 1/15 Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall
Discipleship Hour, 10:15AM throughout campus
*PNC Arena Concessions Orientation, 10:30AM in Carson Hall
Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary
*Youth Lunch Club, 12:15PM at McAlister's Deli, 5505 Capital Blvd.
Social Committee, 4PM in the Library
Worship Team, 4PM in Room 12
St. James Youth, 4PM in Montague Hall
N.A., 7PM in Saints Hall*

*Mon, 1/16 GS Troop 4331, 6:30PM in Montague Hall
Clara Swain Circle, 7PM in Room 12*

*Tues, 1/17 Library Committee, 9AM in the Library
Staff Meeting, 10AM in the Office
GS Troop 4491, 6:30PM in Montague Hall*

Wed. 1/18 Choir Rehearsal, 6PM in the Sanctuary

Thurs, 1/19 Common Thread Band Rehearsal, 7PM in Carson Hall

*Sat, 1/21 Produce Packing, 9AM in Carson Hall
GS Troop 1042, 10AM in Montague Hall*

New Proverbs Study: Do you think you are wise? Come join our discipleship class as we study the book of Proverbs and learn how to become wiser. NO HOMEWORK: we are using a video to stimulate discussion! Come whenever you can! We meet Sundays in Room 12 from 10:15-10:55AM. Questions? Contact Leslie Payne (lbpayne2015@gmail.com; 919-818-4850).

Church T-shirts are here! Temple Walkowiak still has a limited number of St. James t-shirts left for sell for \$15 each. Please see Temple if you'd like to buy one!

****Learn more about volunteering at PNC Arena concessions!*** Orientation sessions will be held in Carson Hall on Sunday, January 15 at 10:30AM and Sunday, January 22 at 12:10PM. The sessions will be identical, so you only need to attend one. Come and join the FUN!

****Youth Lunch Club:*** Lunch Club will meet today following the 11:00 service at McAlister's Deli. All youth and their families are invited to join together one Sunday a month for lunch and fellowship.

Clipboard for Altar Flowers is Back! Since some members aren't comfortable with online signups, we've decided to give an option to sign-up on the lobby clipboard for 2023 altar flowers. Please list your name and who the flowers are given in honor of (IHO) or in memory of (IMO). Please remember that you are still responsible for placing your order directly with John's Flower Shop (919-266- 1397). Any clipboard sign-ups will be added to the online one so there's no mix-ups.