

*You are invited to share your joys and concerns with the congregation. Please place them in the prayer basket on the table at the back of this room (prayer request sheets are in the basket), or if online use Zoom Chat or Facebook Comments. Please indicate if the request is not public (i.e., for the pastor alone). Your financial offerings can be placed in the offering box next to the prayer basket. Restrooms are found in the hallway to the right after exiting this room.*



## **Mid-Coast Presbyterian Church**

**Pastor – Rev. Diane Hoppe Hugo**

*The mission of Mid-Coast Presbyterian Church is to be in partnership with God to transform ourselves, our communities, and our world.*

**Service for the Lord's Day ~ January 11, 2026**

**Celebrating the Baptism of Christ**

### **Welcome**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

### **Lighting of the Christ Candle & A Time of Silence**

*We invite you to a time of silent meditation and companionship with God.*

### **Call to Worship** *(responsive)*

In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.

**Christ dwells among us and is one with us.**

Come now, all who thirst,  
**and drink the water of life.**

Come now, all who hunger,  
**and be filled with good things.**

Come now, all who seek,  
**and be warmed by the fire of love.**

**Come, let us worship together.**

### **Prelude**

**Invitation to a time of Confession**    *God loves us and calls us each by name.*

*Knowing we are eternally forgiven and infinitely loved, let us boldly confess our sins before God.*

### **Prayer of Personal and Communal Confession** *(unison)*

**We are precious in your sight, yet we often forget that we are your beloved.**

**We confess that our love is fickle and inconstant. We follow selfish goals  
and deny that our way of life harms others and hurts your world.**

**We are sorry and we want to change.**

*Silence follows . . .*

**Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve,  
reconcile us one to another and bless us with your peace. Amen.**

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Beloved, God forgives your sins;

know that you are pardoned and be at peace to love the Lord and serve the world.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel,

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

**Hymn #356** *(please rise)*

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

**Prayer for Illumination** (*unison*)

God of light and life, open our eyes as well as our ears, so that we may not only hear your Word preached today but then see your Word lived out in our lives and in your world, through Christ, our Lord, the light of the world. Amen.

**Scripture Lessons**

**Matthew 3:13-17 and Acts 10:34-43**

Come Holy Spirit (*silence is kept for reflection*). This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

***God Shows No Favorites***

**Hymn** (*please rise*) **439**

***In Christ There is No East or West***

**Confession of Faith**

*A Brief Statement of Faith, 11.4*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**Sharing Joys & Concerns - Prayers of the People**

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.

**A Time of Offering**

**Offerings Prayer**(*unison*)

**Christ Comes! Our hearts are full, our joy is boundless. May this offering be a living message of peace, love, spirit, joy, and hope to this church, to this community, to this nation and the world. Amen**

**Hymn #495** (*please rise*)

***We Know That Christ is Raised***

**Charge to the Congregation & Benediction**

God is Good—**All the Time.** All the Time—**God is Good.**

**Postlude**

*Please join us for refreshments right here in Fellowship Hall; We are an Earth Care church: if you don't take your bulletin with you, please recycle it in the basket at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you!*

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