

1st Sunday after Epiphany

JANUARY 9, 2022

Online Service (Live Stream)

09:30 AM



FRESH AIR

HOW THE GOSPEL RENEWS AND REVIVES



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ANNOUNCEMENT

Jan 9 (Sun) 1st Sunday after Epiphany
| Baptism of the Lord

ONLINE Service on Facebook

Please note that we do **NOT have **In-Person Service**

***Groves Ministries Membership Record Update**

Membership Record Form for update will be placed at church / mailed to shut-ins / available online.

2022 Bible Reading Campaign: EVERYDAY with JESUS
Join us reading the whole Bible in a year!

2022 Prayer Ministry Leadership Team Training
Registration _ [CLICK HERE](#) | ZOOM _ [CLICK HERE](#)
Schedule: Jan 26, Feb 2, 9 (Wed)
Registration now available!

Jan 31, 2022 (Sat) Statistical Report Due

CELEBRATION OF THIS WEEK

Jan 11 (Tue) Frank Ashmen's Birthday

Jan 13 (Thu) Lissa Cavoli's Birthday

Jan 14 (Fri) Emery Dawes' Birthday

Nick Rogan's Birthday

Jan 15 (Sat) Owen Donelson's Birthday

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is with us always and calls us each by name.
When we pass through difficulties and stress,

God is with us and calls us by name.
When we are discouraged and feel lost and alone,

God is with us and calls us by name, and heals us.
*Blessed be God who knows us
and calls us by name. AMEN.*

INVOCATION

God of all time, we praise and adore you for breaking into the darkness of this world with the glorious light of your presence. A light which made your love for the world visible in the babe born in Bethlehem — Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. A light which guided those gift-bearing travelers from afar to find and worship the Christ-child. A light which leads us to you, now revealed in Jesus Christ. Open our hearts this day and remind us that you have marked us as people of hope and light. Prepare us to serve you by serving your world. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN (UMH 064)

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty
(<https://youtu.be/zKHqWQ-FqPo>)

- Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*
- Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.*



3. *Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.*

4. *Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: God of light and darkness, through water and Word, you shine your light into the darkness of our lives. We give thanks for this incredible gift. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

L: God of love and hate, your love comes in spite of our animosity; you bring reconciliation to those who are divided. We pray for better relations between Canada and its native peoples. Strengthen us to be peacemakers. Lord, in your mercy,

P: Hear our prayer.

L: God of hope and fear, you walk with us through the challenges which surround us. Wash away our anxiety by your promised presence, and set us free from despair. Lord, in your mercy,

P: Hear our prayer.

L: God of church and world, in baptism you unify yourself with our world, and bring your reign into being. Keep us from seeing your love as a hiding place. Motivate us to infuse the world with your justice. Lord, in your mercy,

P: Hear our prayer.

L: God of health and illness, there is nothing that separates us from your love. Inspire us to bring your health to the sick, your encouragement to the discouraged, your promise to the dying, especially those we name in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

P: Hear our prayer.

L: God of life and death, all that exists is from you, and for you. Enable us to trust your baptismal promise, and serve this hurting world. Lord, in your mercy,

P: Hear our prayer.

L: God who shines in the darkness, receive these prayers and the prayers of our hearts, in the name of the one who is your light, Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: AMEN.



HYMN OF PRAISE (UMH 420)

Breathe on Me, Breath of God
(<https://youtu.be/zOkItEs237Q>)

1. *Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.*
2. *Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure, until with thee I will one will to do and to endure.*
3. *Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine, till all this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.*
4. *Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die, but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.*

PSALTER READING (UMH 761)

Psalm 29

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:41-52

MESSAGE

FRESH AIR: How the Gospel Renews and Revives

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UMH 881)

The Apostles' 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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

OFFERING

Offering (CHECK) by mail to:

UG _ Krissi Reed (50 Burt St, Bridgeton NJ 08302)

WG _ Cheryl Fox (1940 Coles Mill Rd, Franklinville NJ 08322)

Offering by ONLINE (Church Website):

Paypal _ <https://groveschurches.org/give>

CLOSING SONG (UMH 374)

Standing on the Promises

(<https://youtu.be/4ptL93DF2gs>)



1. *Standing on the promises of Christ my King, through eternal ages let his praises ring; glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.*
[Refrain:] *Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior; standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.*
2. *Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail, by the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]*
3. *Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, bound to him eternally by love's strong cord, overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword, standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]*
4. *Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit's call, resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]*

BENEDICTION