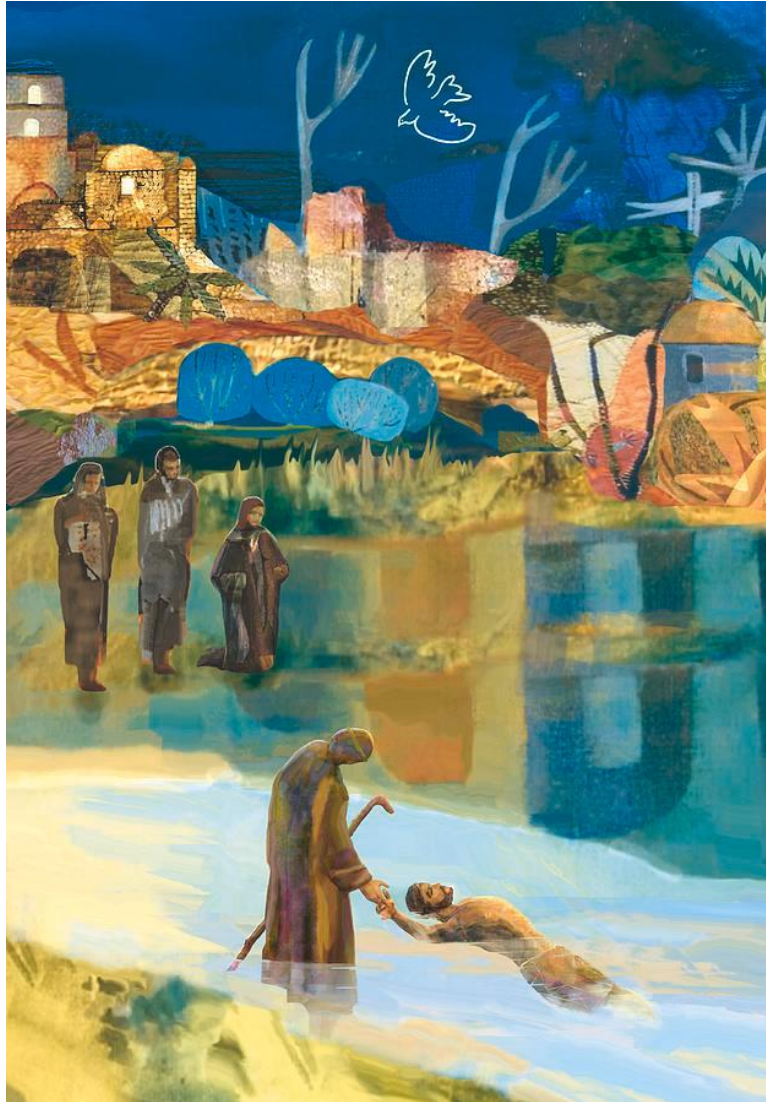


Ark and Dove Presbyterian Church, USA



SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

We claim many identities, O God. We believe we are what we do, where we are from, or that which we love. Many identify us by race, class, sex, or creed. Still we struggle with who we are or ought to be in this world. But you have claimed us as your own, your own beloved children with whom you are well pleased. Let us remember who we are. Amen.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 9th, 2022 10:30 a.m.

PREPARATORY MUSIC

The River

-Colby Wedgeworth, Jordan Feliz, and Joshua Silverberg

THE PRESENTATION OF SCRIPTURE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 29)

One: The voice of God is over the waters.

Many: **The voice of God is in the wilderness.**

One: The voice of God echoes in Scripture.

Many: **The voice of God resounds among people.**

One: The voice of God repeats in baptism:

Many: **We are God's beloved children.**

One: Let us praise God with one voice!

HYMN NO. 156

Sing of God Made Manifest

-Jacob Hintze

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our parent, you have called us your beloved. We have not claimed what you have called us. We wonder if we are worthy. We question our qualifications. We think that you are not pleased with us. We have not let ourselves be loved. Lacking love for ourselves, we have none for our neighbors. In this worship silence, tell us again who we are so that we may tell others they are beloved too.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

RESPONSE

Eye of the Storm

-Bryan Fowler and Ryan Dale Stevenson

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WELCOME, LIVE-STREAM CHECK-IN, AND JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

HYMN

Water

-Eddie Arizmendez and Mark Rivera

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 43:1-7

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

RESPONSE

Leader: The Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"On- and Offline Identities"

- Jon Nelson

THE MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (p. 35, debts & debtors)

THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

Baptized in Water

Brittany Wellington, cello

-Done Michael Dicie

RESPONSE NO. 710

We Lift Our Voices

- Dwight Liles

DEDICATION OF OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS, ELECTRONIC AND ONLINE GIVING

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

HYMN NO. 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

-Scottish melody; arr. John L. Bell

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC

Baptized in Water

-arr. Dale Grotenhuis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offerings are received at the sanctuary entrance. Thank you!

ANNUAL CONGRGATIONAL MEETING – SAVE THE DATE: JANUARY 30TH The Annual Congregational meeting will take place on Sunday evening, January 30th, at 7:00 PM. This will be a Hybrid meeting taking place in the Sanctuary and on Zoom at the same time. Following the meeting, the Adult Education Team will host a congregational "**Zoom Pub Trivia.**" We hope you will join us!

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE SPECIAL DONATIONS TO HELP THE MIDWEST WITH RECOVERY FROM TORNADOES The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is responding to the urgent need for disaster recovery assistance in the Midwest following the horrific tornadoes. PDA urges your support for those affected and is delivering immediate aid to those impacted. Donate on the Ark and Dove website, mark your check for Disaster, or text an amount, followed by **disaster**, to: (410) 983-3481.

AFTERNOON TEA will be held via Zoom on Thursday, **January 13 at 3:00 p.m.** A link will be sent to Friendly Seniors within 48 hours of the meeting. If you are not on the list and wish to attend, please contact Joan Berry at: berry962@verizon.net.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMS For the next couple of weeks, Logos (our midweek children's program) and youth groups will not meet in-person. If you are not on the Logos e-mail list, please contact Amy Goldberg (amygoldberg.2010@gmail.com). If you are not on the youth group e-mail lists, please contact Pastor Jon (jnelson@arkanddove.org).

ARK AND DOVE BOOK CLUB The Ark and Dove Book Club **selection for January** is "Called Out: Why I Traded Two Dream Jobs for a Life of True Calling" by Paula Feris. Amanda Crose will be facilitating our discussion of this book on **January 14th at 7:30**. Please email Kim Champagne (kim.champagne@gmail.com) for more information about the club including next month's zoom code. Book lovers are welcome!

EPIPHANY BOOK STUDY Nice Racism – Nice Racism? What's that? An odd title for a book. Could well intentioned progressives be unwittingly perpetuating racism in our country? Paula Sparks and Pastor Tim are finding Nice Racism, written by Robin D'Angelo, a provocative read. They are ready to share this book and faithful discussion with you. Tuesday evenings for six weeks **starting January 11 at 7:00 PM** in the season of Epiphany. Maybe we will have Epiphanies in our reading and discussion? To sign up or for more questions, contact Tim, tsfern@Arkanddove.org, or Paula, trebleclef48@gmail.com

HEALING THROUGH GRIEF GROUP Pastor Tim, Cathy Debus, and Linnie Girdner will be co-facilitating the next Healing through Grief group on **Wednesday, January 12, 2022** at 7:30 pm, again as a Zoom meeting. The Healing through Grief small group is open to anyone attending Ark and Dove, as well as family members, friends and neighbors, who have experienced the death of a loved one, whether it is recent or a long time ago. Please let me know if you have the slightest inclination to attend on January 12th, so that we can send you the link to the Zoom meeting. If you change your mind later, no problem. Also, let me know if you have not used Zoom before, so that we can provide you with some information in advance. Any questions, contact Pastor Tim Stern at: tsfern@arkanddove.org or 410-674-6400, or Linnie Girdner at: girdnerlinda@gmail.com or 410-999-7892.

THE WHITE ALLY TOOLKIT STUDY The Anti-racism and Social Equity team invites you to join us for The White Ally Toolkit Study. We will spend 12 weeks studying David Camp's in-depth work on personal storytelling and his R.A.C.E method (Reflect, Ask, Connect, Expand). This study will prepare us for uncomfortable but essential conversations with skeptics about race and how to use listening and empathy to call others into dialog around racial issues. This class will be led by Lori Kronser, with assistance from Jen Roman and Shirley Fuller. Lori, Jen, and Shirley have met once a week for a year working through this book with open hearts and minds while working toward our best attempts at allyship. This class will be

limited to the first six participants to register. Workbooks will be provided. We will meet on weekly on **Thursdays, 7:30-9:00pm**, from **January 20, 2022 to March 24, 2022**. Contact Paula Sparks trebleclef48@gmail.com or Deb Saylor saylordeb@yahoo.com to register.

ARK & DOVE VETERANS GROUP Would you like to connect to other veterans in the church? Do you want to help local service members and veterans? Come join Ark and Dove's Veterans Group. You don't need to be a veteran to join, just have a desire to connect and help current service members and veterans. Next time you see a Vietnam Vet, say thank you, they didn't hear it enough when they returned and it's time they hear it a little more! Contact Autumn Vernon, autumn.vernon03@gmail.com for more information.

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY Join us every Wednesday at 10 AM for Bible study and fellowship. Contact pastor Jon (jnelson@arkanddove.org) for the Zoom link.

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Welcome! We hope you enjoyed worshipping with us! Join us again, a livestreamed worship service at 10:30am. We hope to resume in-person worship at 9:00 am and 10:30am, and Godly Play Sunday School, for grades pre-K thru 5, sometime soon. Watch our website for update: arkanddove.org. Would you like a pastor to contact you? Would you like to learn more about Ark and Dove? Please send a note to admin@arkanddove.org.

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