

**First United Methodist Church**  
January 8, 2023  
Baptism of The Lord

**Prelude** *All of Me* Trombonist Nolan Ellis  
**Welcome and Greeting** Pastor  
**Announcements** Pastor  
**K.I.D.S. Kids In Divine Service** (Upstairs in the Children's Wing (3<sup>rd</sup> Graders & Under)  
Children may go with Teacher Mindy Smith

**\*Opening Prayer**

Eternal Father, at the baptism of Jesus you revealed him to be your Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful to their calling as your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**\*Call to Worship**

*Reaffirmation of Faith Baptismal Covenant*

Pastor

**\*Hymn of Worship**

*Shall We Gather at the River*

Hymnal 723  
P/O

**New Testament Scripture**

Matthew 3:16-17(NLT)

Liturgist

**Song of Praise**

**Goodness of God** by Bethel Music

Keys/Guitar

**Song of Prayer**

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

Hymnal 454/Organ

**Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer**

Pastor

**Offering**

Pastor

**Music Special**

*Fly Me to The Moon*

Nolan Ellis

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Pastor

Transforming God, we remember our baptisms and the power in the water that cleansed us, claimed us, and called us. Through the water, we are made one with Jesus in mission and ministry to the world. Take these tithes and offerings and multiply them, so we might encourage communities with Your Hope, Love, and Joy. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**Song of Thanksgiving**

*Give Thanks*

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**Song of Reflection**

*Way Maker by Sinach*

Keys/Guitar

**Old Testament Scripture**

Exodus 4:10-12 (NLT)

Pastor

**Sermon**

**Excuses, Excuses**

Pastor Nate Eckert

**\*Song of Commitment**

*This Is a Day of New Beginnings*

Hymnal 383  
Piano

**\*Benediction**

Go in peace; love and care for one another in the name of Christ; and may the Spirit of God which filled Jesus, fill your hearts, souls, and minds; may the power of God strengthen you for each day; and may the love of God direct your every action, both now and forever. Amen.

**\*Postlude**

*Georgia on My Mind*

Nolan Ellis

[Link to last week's service https://youtu.be/UVyypA-BWGY](https://youtu.be/UVyypA-BWGY)

**Today's Sermon** can be found [www.firsthagerstown.org](http://www.firsthagerstown.org)

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**Worship Team**

**Music Director & Guitarist** Rick Peelle **Organist** Carol Meyer **Pianist** Susie Lewis

**Song Leaders** Donna Winters & Amanda Stainbrook

**Greeter/Usher** Connie Rhodus **Ushers** Steve & Debbie Cox

**Nursery** Lori Ward & Stacy Herr

Welcome to Worship Our Lord.  
Today, Sunday, January 8, 2023

We welcome Nolan Ellis, our trombonist today.  
He is the son of Suzanne and grandson of Dave & Jean Dilley.

**Cancelled-- Reflections will not meet in January.**

Wednesday January 11 Worship Team @ 6:30 p.m.

**Pick up Daily Devotions: January & February  
Upper Room  
along with Our Daily Bread located in the Café bookrack.**

Jefferson Township Food Pantry thanks everyone who contributes.

**January Donations: peanut butter, rice, and canned vegetables.**

**Prayers for our Members & Friends:** Marilyn Scott, Priscilla Sherry, Ginny Ozbun, Jo Johnson, Chris & Barb Beeson, Judy Hilbert Haisley, Bob & Dixie Fast, Craig Salhoff, Martha Giggy, Linda Riley, Elizabeth Waggoner, Tonya Sparks, Jim & Ginny Retherford, Angela Cox, Lisa Warner's parents' health, Susan Sanders, Carol Meyer, Chris Lane, Christa (Coleman) husband's cancer is back, Dylan Orschell, Donita Lester.

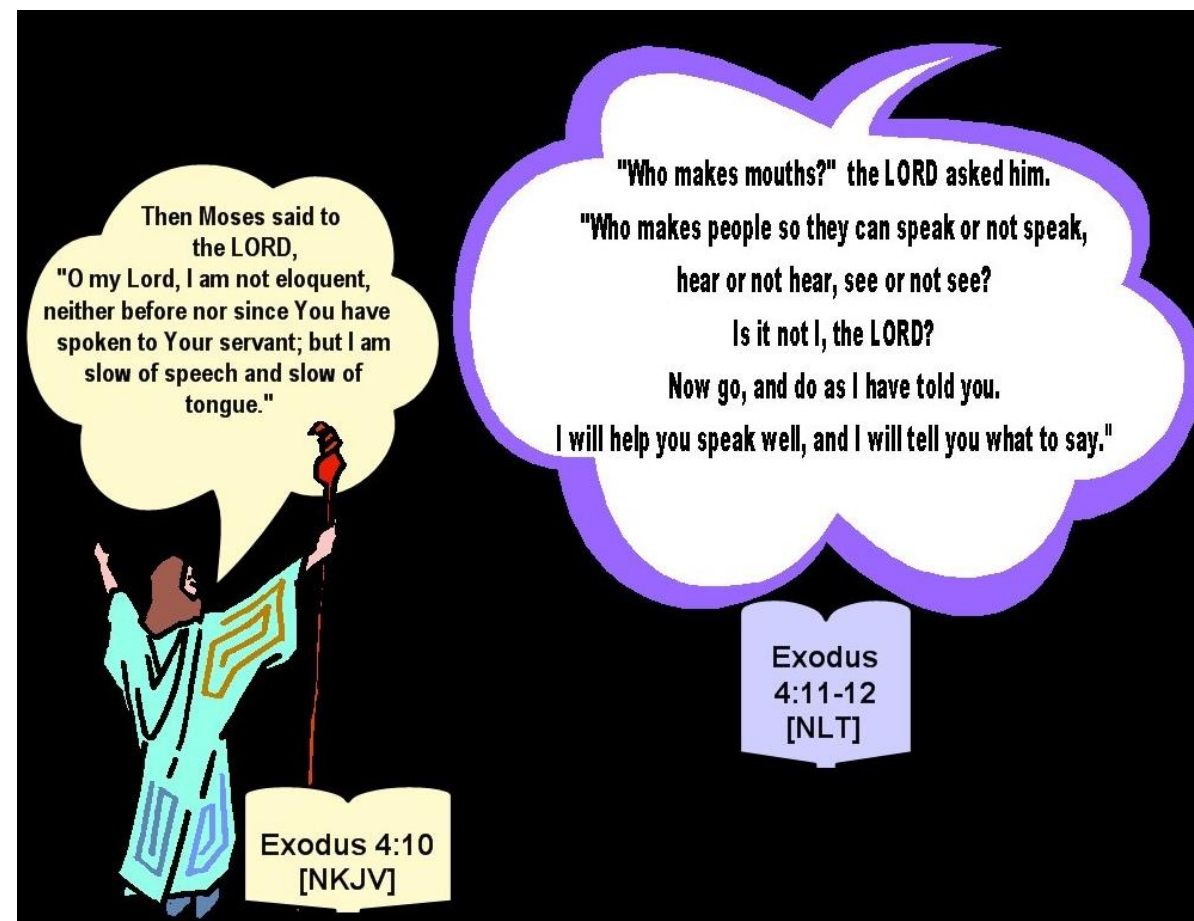
**From Chris Lane, newly elected Jefferson Township Trustee:**

The Trustee's office is seeking help with our January food supply. We are asking for donations of peanut butter, rice, and canned vegetables. You may drop off donations at the Trustee's office during our new office hours, which begin in January: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. You may also leave donations at the church, and I will collect them. Our plan is to give you our wish list of donations for the following month in advance for your convenience.

**The Ushers, Greeters, and Flower Chart are on the Bulletin Board in the Office Hallway. Please sign up to serve the Lord. Any questions, let me know. Church Secretary Carol Meyer.**

Thank you to all who helped put Christmas decorations away.

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**CHURCH MISSION:**

*To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

**CHURCH VISION:**

*As disciples who make disciples, we will connect intentionally, listen actively and love deeply in our relationship with God and our community.*