

**We Welcome you to
THE FEDERATED CHURCH OF WAUCONDA**

Wauconda, Illinois

A community church affiliated with the
United Methodist Church and the American Baptist Churches.

**January 12, 2020
The Baptism of the Lord**

Our Mission Statement: **Sharing God's Love through Jesus Christ."**



**'You are
my Son,
the
Beloved;
my favour
rests on
you.'**

CHURCH STAFF

Senior Pastor: Rev. Soon Sun Lee

Youth Pastor: Rev. Crystal Calhoun-Johnson

Secretary: Peggy Martin

OFFICE HOURS

Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 8am-12pm

Pastor Soon Sun's Office Hours: Tuesday – Thursday, 10am-5pm

Pastor Crystal's Office Hours: Tuesday 9a-5p & Thursday 9a-3:30p

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Gathering God's People

Words of Welcome

Announcements

(Please sign the attendance sheets)

Opening Prayer

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

****Call to Worship***

Leader: At the baptism of Jesus, God said:

People: "You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased."

Leader: When we hear God's call to prayer, God is summoning us:

People: "You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased."

Leader: When we hear God's call to service, God is inviting us:

People: "You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased."

Leader: Let us worship the God of our baptism, the God who blesses us
still.

****Opening Hymns***

"Majesty"
"King of Kings"

No. 176

No. 2075

Children's Message

Pastor Crystal

****The Lord's Prayer***

No. 895

****Passing of the Peace***

Choir Anthem

"In His Love"

Mark Patterson

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Prayer Hymn

"Spirit Song"

No. 347 (vs. 1)

First Reading

Psalm 29

Prayer of Preparation

****Second Reading***

Matthew 3:15-17

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"The Water of Baptism"

Rev. Soon Sun Lee

***Congregational Reaffirmation of
Baptismal Covenant***

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Hymn ***“Baptized in Water”*** No. 2248 (v. 1)

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

***Doxology**

Closing Hymn** ***“I was There to Hear Your Boring Cry” No. 2051

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

** Please stand if you are able*

Today’s Worship Participants:

Acolytes: Hunter Lucius, Madison Lucius

Director of Music/Organist: Geri Meyer

Ushers: Jim Hill, Joyce Hill, John Mate

Worship Assistant: Nancy Swanson

Thank you for worshipping with us. We invite you to join us for coffee and fellowship following this worship service in the refreshment area.

Cathy Mate, our Minister of Prayer is available for prayers before and after the service.

There will be a sermon manuscript (5 copies) available for those who wish to read before the sermon or give it to someone.

WORSHIP GUIDE FOR THE WEEK

This guide is prepared for you with the scriptures used in today's service. We encourage you to read through them as the week progresses as part of your personal devotions.

FIRST READING

Psalm 29 (CBE)

You, divine beings! Give to the Lord—give to the Lord glory and power!² Give to the Lord the glory due his name! Bow down to the Lord in holy splendor!³ The Lord's voice is over the waters; the glorious God thunders; the Lord is over the mighty waters.⁴ The Lord's voice is strong; the Lord's voice is majestic.⁵ The Lord's voice breaks cedar trees—yes, the Lord shatters the cedars of Lebanon.⁶ He makes Lebanon jump around like a young bull, makes Sirion jump around like a young wild ox.⁷ The Lord's voice unleashes fiery flames;⁸ the Lord's voice shakes the wilderness—yes, the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.⁹ The Lord's voice convulses the oaks, strips the forests bare, but in his temple everyone shouts, "Glory!"¹⁰ The Lord sits enthroned over the floodwaters; the Lord sits enthroned—king forever!¹¹ Let the Lord give strength to his people! Let the Lord bless his people with peace!

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 3:15-17 (NIV)

¹⁵ Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

¹⁶ As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATE GERI MEYER'S RETIREMENT ON JANUARY 19

Come honor and celebrate Geri's retirement as our Music Director and organist. For more than six decades, Geri has been leading the choir, putting on programs and playing the music heard at Sunday service for our Church. January 19, Sunday will be the last time Geri leads the congregation in song. Let us honor and celebrate with her for her many years of service. There will be a lunch/reception following the worship service to continue the celebration.

BIBLE STUDY RESUMES – JANUARY 14

Bible Study resumes on Tuesdays at 10:00 am and 6:00 pm. This session will be studying the book of **Revelation**. Please see Pastor Soon Sun for more information.

SUPER SENIORS LUNCH – JANUARY 15

This month our lunch will be at Maggiano's in Vernon Hills at 11:30am. Please sign up in the Narthex.

WOMEN'S SUPPORT GATHERING – JANUARY 16

Our January get-together will be on Thursday, January 16. We will meet for lunch at J&D's at 12pm and afterward we will go to Judy's house.

AFTER CHRISTMAS PARTY – JANUARY 18

Join us at 5pm for a potluck dinner and fun gift exchange. Sign up for a dish to share at the potluck. Bring a wrapped white elephant gift (\$10 max value) or regift something you'd like to share and join the fun.

ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE – Jan. 26

Our Annual Church Conference will be Sunday, January 26 right after the worship service. It is a time to reflect on our church ministries and missions of 2019 and to share our plans, visions, and dreams on our future ministries of 2020. All Board members and committee chairs should attend.

For the Annual Church Meeting **all the annual reports and forms** (written reports of accomplishments in 2019, financial reports, and

plans and/or goals for 2020) are now past due. **Thank you** to all who have sent them in. If you have not, please do so as soon as possible. Contact Peggy in the office if you have any questions. Your cooperation in submitting reports will greatly assist in printing and preparation for the Annual Meeting. Please remember to leave a 1" margin on each side of your typed reports.

CONTINUED PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

Heidi Leo, Judy Wennerberg, Joe's grandson Teddy, Mike (friend of Louise), Don Meyer, Donald Wright, Laura P's friend Sandy, Colleen Dioso, Dave Hexby, Ron Zinkel, Linda Wicker, Jan Hironimus, Mary Steffen's sister Diane, Brian Zinkel, Melissa Pearson, Heidi's friend Deb, Cheryl F.'s mom, Aiden Lucius, Mitch & Joann Beinkowski, Teddy Sta.Rosa, Geri Meyer, Angie Humphrey, Bob Reardon, Lilah Mae Stangeland, Larry Bock, Leonor Braund, Florence Burton, Mickie Kisselburg, Scott Matthews, Billy Meyer, Laura Peroutka, Brian Swanson

Note: Please contact the church office with any necessary updates.

BREAKFAST WITH FRIENDS

Start your week off right with a time of fellowship with friends from the church. We meet every week on Monday at 8:00am. Restaurants vary, so please check with Pastor Soon Sun. Join us for coffee, breakfast or just good conversation.

PRAYER MEETINGS

We have two prayer meeting times – Thursday mornings at 10:30am and Thursday evenings at 7:00pm. Our meetings are a time to gather with other believers to lift our needs and our praises to God.

PRAYER PARTNER EMAILS

If you would like to receive the Joys and Concerns Prayer Partner emails or if you have a concern please email Nancy Swanson at nraswanson@gmail.com or call her at 847-533-1766. Joys and Concerns from each Sunday's service are emailed each week.

PLAN FOR LENT

Look ahead in spiritual anticipation to this special season of the Christian year which begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 26th** with a Soup and bread Supper at **6:00 pm** followed by the service at **7:00pm**. It includes scripture, prayer, silence, confession, and the imposition of ashes on one's forehead in the sign of the cross. This time of reflection acknowledges our human weaknesses and sin, while turning toward God for mercy and renewal. Please invite your friends to the church for this service! There will be "**Ashes to Go**" in the church parking lot at 8 am.

There will be a **Sermon on The Mount Lenten Series** starting on Ash Wednesday. This series for Lent takes you through some of the most familiar teachings of Jesus from his Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7 and relates them to the events surrounding Christ's life, death and resurrection. In the process, the services will powerfully reveal that the cross itself is the ultimate sermon on the mount for our journey of faith in this sacred season.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to have flowers on the Altar in memory or honor of a loved one, a friend, or a special occasion, contact Ann Petersen at 847-526-9005 or the church office at 847-526-8471. The cost of an arrangement is \$12.50.

BEACON DEADLINE

The deadline for the *February* issue of the Beacon will be *January 20*. Please turn in your articles before the deadline. You can email them to Mary Steffen at marstef50@aol.com

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Thank you to our congregation for your continuing support of the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. It is a precious gift to be able to offer help to those in need. Please help if you can.

CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR – Jan. 12-19		
TODAY: Jan. 12	10:45 am	Education Meeting
MON: Jan. 13	8:00 am	Breakfast with Friends
	9:00 am	Senior Exercise
	7:00 pm	AA Meeting
TUE: Jan. 14	10:00 am	Bible Study
	11:30 am	WILMA Meeting
	6:00 pm	Bible Study
WED: Jan. 15	11:30 am	Super Seniors Lunch @ Maggiano's
	6:00 pm	T.O.P.S.
	7:00 pm	Federated Board
THURS: Jan. 16	10:00 am	Prayer Meeting
	12:00 pm	Women's Support Gathering @ J & D's
	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting
	8:00 pm	Al-Anon
FRI: Jan. 17		
SAT: Jan. 18	5:00 pm	White Elephant/Pot Luck Party
SUN: Jan. 19	9:30 am	Special Music Service
	11:00 am	Lunch Reception in honor of Geri's Retirement

LAY MINISTRIES: Next Sunday – January 19, 2020
Worship Assistant.....Linda Vrabec
Ushers.....Bonnie DeBoer, Dave Fehlman, Heidi Leo, Mindy Taylor
Acolytes.....Isabella Dewar, Gabriella Stephens

