

Memorial First India United Methodist Church

JANUARY 8, 2023 10:30 A.M. BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Ministers: The Whole Congregation Together We Can Make a Difference

**Indicates that you are invited to stand as you are able. At those places marked “unison” or printed in bold you are invited to join in reading aloud with the entire congregation

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE:

Peter Kotiah

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Silas Samson

CHORAL INTROIT: (Telugu)

*Lokamulo...Nee ..Prati Roopam Maanavali, Rudhi Papaharam,
Paraloka Nivasa... Karuna Kara... Kavara...Naravathara Deva Kumara, A...A...men.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP

Sujay Polimati

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord.
Sing of God’s glory and strength.

**People: God calls us over the waters,
and strengthens us for the journey.**

Leader: Sing praises to Christ.
Sing of Christ’s healing and love.

**People: The waters of our baptism cleanse us,
renewing our spirits and nursing our wounds.**

Leader: Sing praises to the Spirit.
Sing of the Spirit’s comfort and hope.

**ALL: The flames of the Spirit are like a refiner’s fire,
Purifying the soul to the glory of God.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

UMH #400

SERVICE OF CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Divine Spirit, descend upon us this day, as you descended upon Jesus on the day of his baptism. In the midst of our brokenness, we long to touch the healing of your Spirit, as you touch us with your love. In the presence of the evil all around us, we yearn to be protected by the holy fire of your sustaining Spirit. As we remember, with gratitude, our baptism this day, remind us that we are a people of the water--a people made one and whole, through the Spirit made known in Christ Jesus. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Minister: Do not worry, sisters and brothers, for God has redeemed you and called you by name. Do not worry, children of the promise, for God is with us even now, gathering the lost into light of everlasting love and faithfulness.

People: Praise God, who accepts and uses our very human lives in the unfolding story of salvation and new life! Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Silas Samson

PRAYER RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER

Children may go to their Sunday School Classes

SERVICE OF PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM

“We were baptized in Christ Jesus”

Chancel Choir

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 121: 1-8

Merlyn Jagga

L: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God

****THE GOSPEL READING:**

Matthew 24: 36-44

Rachel Dhanraj

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

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE:

“God Watches”

Mr. Silas Samson

SERVICE OF COMMITMENT

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MUSICAL SELECTION

Telugu Chancel Choir

****The Doxology “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

UMH #95

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

SENDING FORTH

****HYMN**

“Take Time to Be Holy”

UMH #395

****DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Mr. Silas Samson

Minister: Go forth and proclaim the good news:
God calls us by name
and fashions us for glory.

People: **We go as people washed clean
in the waters of our baptism.**

Minister: Go forth and live the good news:
the Holy Spirit blesses us
and seals us in God’s love.

ALL: **We go as people blessed by God,
that we might be a blessing to others.**

****BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *“Let the Beauty of Jesus Be Seen in Me”*

*Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me...
All His wondrous compassion and purity.
O Thou Spirit divine, all my nature refine
Till the beauty of Jesus be seen in me!*

POSTLUDE

Peter Kotiah

Welcome Visitors, online members and friends. We are glad you chose to worship with us today. We trust you will experience the presence of God in our worship. May God’s blessings be with you always!

SHEPHERD’S TABLE

We will be serving at Shepherd’s Table in Silver Spring on Sunday January 29, 2023 at 5:00 PM. Volunteers are needed! Please Register in advance, at <https://shepherdstable.volunteerhub.com>. Registration is mandatory. If any problems, please contact Mindy Hofmann at 301-585-6463 ext. 217. Please confirm registration to Paul Hanreeder at 301-460-1761 or at church. New MFIUMC Team T-shirts are available for volunteers. Face masks should also be worn.

**Even if you are coming early, could you kindly leave the Upper Level parking for the elderly and handicapped. Rest of the members, please try and use the lower level parking.
Thank you!!!**

We like to express our thanks and appreciation to **Mr. Silas Samson**, for bringing God’s message to us.

Bereavement Notice

Pastor and the church family express our Christian sympathy and prayers to Mrs. Vijaya Henry, children and their families, in the passing away of **Mr. Sikendar Medapally Henry** on January 04, 2023. Mr. Henry is survived by two brothers and two sisters, their families and host of relatives and friends. May God’s comforting arms surround the bereaved family and friends.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Altar flowers are presented to the Honor and Glory of God!

Two sets of altar flower are placed to celebrate the life of **Mr. Sikendar Medapally Henry**, by his loving Medapally family.

Sunday, January 15th - 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany with Holy Communion Service at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Samuel Honnappa will be our preacher.

PRAYER SUPPORT FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Mr. Sandeep Keshiah, Mr. John Punith, Mr. Scott Whittemore
(Liz Roth's cousin), **Dr. T. Vishwas Rao Jude, Dr. Prabha Clarence, Mr. Moses Peram**
(Kalyani Bezwada's brother), **Mr. Paul Jerome Kola, Mr. Anil Keshiah, Mrs. Pauline Robinson** and her son, **Mr. Anthony Robinson, Mrs. Victoria Jaipal, Mrs. Stella Samuel, Mr. Sherlock Ratanjee, Mr. Raphael Neville Victor, Mr. Richard McMullen, Mrs. Esther Cornelius and Mrs. Asuntha Francis** (Mrs. Rachel Samuel's sister).
CHILDREN RECEIVING CARE AT HOME: Elysia Durgam and Abigail Channuri.

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Office hours 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday thru Friday, www.mfiumc.org

Our attendance for December 31, 2022

Attendance: Adults 78 Youth 08 Children 06 = 92 Tithes and Offerings = \$2,786.00

Our attendance for January 1, 2023

Attendance: Adults 88 Youth 08 Children 06 = 102 Tithes and Offering = \$9,326.00

Worship Leaders

Liturgist: Sujay Polimati; **Readers:** Merlyn Jagga & Rachel Dhanraj; **Acolyte:** Aeril Polimati

“We were baptized in Christ Jesus”

Jesus came to John the Baptist, at the river Jordan, then
John said “I am not so worthy, to hold sandals of this Man.”
When the sinless One was baptized, God was pleased by His own Son;
Holy Spirit came upon Him, like a dove.

We were baptized in Christ Jesus,
We were baptized in His death;
That as Christ was raised victorious,
We might live a brand new life.
And if we have been united in a dreadful death like His,
We will all be reunited, for He lives.

“Go and make disciples,” Jesus says to us;
“Baptize them in My Name, I’m with you always.”

In the water and the witness, in the breaking of the bread,
In the waiting arms of Jesus, Who is risen from the dead;
God has made a new beginning from the ashes of our past;
In the losing and the winning, we hold fast.

“Go and make disciples,” Jesus says to us;
“Baptize them in My Name, I’m with you always.”

Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son,
Glory to the Holy Spirit, ever Three and ever One;
As it was in the beginning, glory now resounds again
In a song that has no ending. Amen.

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