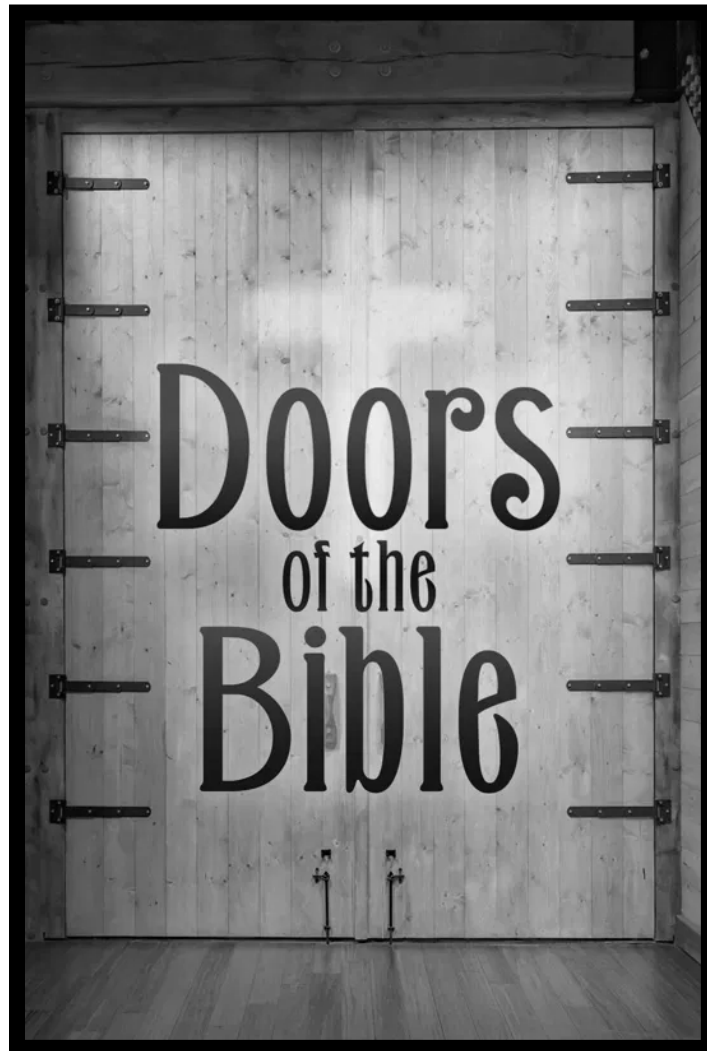


St. John's Sinking Valley

March 9, 2025



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The Announcements/Birthday Celebrations/Anniversary Recognitions

Organ Prelude –

Lighting of Candles: Acolyte –

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship –

***The Opening Hymn –**

Shine, Jesus, Shine

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

*** The Gloria Patri**

*** Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Liturgy of the Word – Remington Fleck

Today's Old Testament Lesson comes from the book of Genesis

Genesis 6:13-17

13 So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. 14 So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. 15 This is how you are to build it: The ark is to be three hundred cubits long, fifty cubits wide and thirty cubits high. 16 Make a roof for it, leaving below the roof an opening one cubit high all around. Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle and upper decks. 17 I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish.

Genesis 7:13-16

13 On that very day Noah and his sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth, together with his wife and the wives of his three sons, entered the ark. 14 They had with them every wild animal according to its kind, all livestock according to their kinds, every creature that moves along the ground according to its kind and every bird according to its kind, everything with wings. 15 Pairs of all creatures that have the breath of life in them came to Noah and entered the ark. 16 The animals going in were male and female of every living thing, as God had commanded Noah. Then the Lord shut him in.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Today's New Testament Lesson comes from the book of Revelation

Revelation 3:8

8 I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

***The Gospel Response –**

Thy Word

*L: The Holy Gospel according to John

*C: **Glory to you, O Lord**

Matthew 24:36-39

36 “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 37 As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; 39 and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

L: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Message-

The ARK Door

Hymn-

O Jesus I Have Promised

Celebration of Dedication/Baptism

Parents: Rylee Jean Fleck and Caiden James Bonsell

Child: Braxton Lee Bonsell

Order of Dedication / Baptism

Covenant of Parents

Covenant of Congregation/Family

Leader: Will you, members of this congregation/family, be faithful to your calling as members of the body of Christ, so that **Braxton** and all other children in your midst may grow up in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ?

Family: We will.

Leader: God has entrusted you with a magnificent responsibility. Do you accept this responsibility?

Parents: We do.

Family: We will help you.

Leader: God has given you the gift of life. Will you protect and nurture this gift?

Parents: We will.

Family: We will help you.

Leader: God expects you to teach a child through the example of a godly life. Will you strive to live lives consistent with God’s Word before **Braxton**?

Parents: We will.

Family : We will provide godly examples before Braxton as well.

Leader: A child is like a clean slate: it knows no right or wrong. Do you dedicate yourselves to the teaching of the ways of Christ to **Braxton**?

Parents: We do.

Family: We will assist you.

Prayer

Congregations Profession of Faith in Jesus Christ

L: I ask you, as the body of Christ, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, to reject sin and confess our faith, as we do so in the words of the Apostle’s Creed.

***Apostle’s Creed**

Words of Dedication/Baptism

Prayer of Blessing

C: God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for providing a way of freedom for your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon **Braxton**: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence. In the mighty name of Jesus, Amen.

*Closing Hymn-

I Love To Tell The Story

*St. John's Mission Statement

L: As a reminder of God's goodness to us, we proclaim the Mission of our church together. Collectively,

C: We praise God for all His bountiful blessings. We desire to grow together in faith and love, acknowledging that we are a family, a congregation, and a community.

*Benediction—

The Dismissal from Worship on the Bells

*Extinguishing of Candles – *Let us look ahead with great anticipation to a New Year of God's Glory!*

Organ Postlude –

Prayer Requests For: Ellen, Lori, Kathy, Brandon, Emily, Craig & Michelle, Gwen, Mikey, Terry, Jamie, Joe, Joyce, Georgette, Barb, John, Cody, Bob, Dave, The Lardieri Family, The Brua Family, Jim, Matt, Elaine, Ernie, Jaxon, Judy, Mary, Mike, The Kost Family, Bonnie, Janet, Sally, Jeff, Brian, Judy, Tom, Jason, Joyce, Albert, Carly and Justin, Jaclyn, Bob, Sr., Jill, Lana and Andrea, Kelsi, Fred, Sr., Kathy, Ken, Mary Lou, Curt, Sue, Kim, Wendy, Linda, Mark, Peggy, Sarah, Dalton, Nico, Michael, First Responders, Members of our Military and their families, Cancer treatment patients and the congregation of St. John's Lutheran Church.

If you would like anyone added (or if someone can be removed) please let Carey Williams (brooke2235@yahoo.com) know. Thank You.

Pastoral Care – For anyone needing pastoral care, Drew Baker is our Worship Leader. Please feel free to contact him at 814-932-4085. Drew's Email: jesus2thevalley@gmail.com

Prayer Chain – There is a prayer support chain in place. If anyone would like to commit to praying and being part of the chain, please contact Charlene Detwiler or Drew Baker. In addition, if you have someone to be added to the prayer chain, please let Charlene or Drew know.

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Reader/Offering Schedule

March	Reader	Count Offering
3/2/25	David Lang	Heidi Shetler Randy Turiano
3/9/25	Remington Fleck	Heidi Shetler Randy Turiano
3/16/25	Chad Pedersen	Heidi Shetler Randy Turiano
3/23/25	Lori Cushion	Heidi Shetler Randy Turiano
3/30/25	Madison Coleman	Heidi Shetler Randy Turiano

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday - Thursday, April 17th – 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday – Friday, April 18th – 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday – Sunday, April 20th – 9:30 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Flowers – Order forms for Easter Flowers are on the back table. All orders are due to Linda Lykens by **Sunday, March 16th**.

4th Annual Pie & Praise – March 29, 2025 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Basket Donations for Pie & Praise – We are looking for basket donations for our 4th Annual Pie & Praise. If you are interested in donating a basket, please see Heidi Shetler. Donations need to be dropped off the Sunday, March 23rd. If you have any questions, please call/text (814) 327-1995, or see Heidi. Thank you in advance for your help!!!!

Pie Donations – We also need pies!!!! If you are willing to donate your favorite pie to be auctioned and/or served, please sign up on the table at the back of the church. Thank you for your help in making our 4th Annual Pie & Praise a success. Any questions, please see Charlene Detwiler.

Good Samaritan Fund – March – This month we are collecting for the Northern Blair Backpack Program. The Northern Blair Backpack Programs is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization running the **Blue Devil Backpack Program** for the Bellwood Area School District, and the **Golden Eagle Backpack Program** for the Tyrone Area School District. The Northern Blair Backpack Programs is supported through donations from individuals and businesses, and volunteered time to order food, receive shipments, and pack the bags. The average cost is around \$3 a week or \$100 a year per child. If you have questions or would like to volunteer to help, please email us at NBbackpacks4kids@gmail.com. Please prayerfully consider helping this important mission.

REMINDER - Good Samaritan Fund Recipients – The Good Samaritan Fund was established to help anyone in need. If you know of anyone (individuals/families/missions), please pick up a form on the back table, complete it and put it in the offering plate or in the basket on the back table.

Annual Joint Church Picnic - August 17, 2025 - Please mark your calendar for Sunday, August 17th for the Annual Joint Church Picnic with the Sinking Valley Presbyterian Church. *If you are interested in the planning, please fill out the sign up form on the back table.*

Sunday Evening Bible Study – Adult Bible Study will continue to meet Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Drew Baker (814-932-4085), or Jerry & Heidi Shetler (814-327-4808 / 814-686-2347).

Favorite Hymns – If you have a favorite hymn, please be sure to put it on the list on the back table.

We Care Meals - We Care Meals, providing free meals for people in the Community on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month, some recipients are elderly, young, home bound, recovering from illness or accident, or just could use a good meal and a smiling face delivering the meal. If you know of “**ANY ONE**”, please contact Jeanne Fleck.

UPCOMING DATES

Events / Meetings / Special Services

March 29th – 4th Annual Pie & Praise – 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

April 17th – Maundy Thursday Service – 7 p.m.

April 18th – Good Friday Service – 7 p.m.

June 14th (tent.) – Strawberry Festival

**August 17th – Annual Joint Picnic w/ Sinking Valley
Presbyterian**

October 4th (tent.) - FallFest

December 21st (tent.) - Christmas in the Valley

December 24th – Christmas Eve Service

We Care Meals

January 11, 2025	~	January 25, 2025
February 8, 2025	~	February 22, 2025
March 8, 2025	~	March 22, 2025
April 12, 2025	~	April 26, 2025
May 10, 2025	~	May 24, 2025
June 14, 2025	~	June 28, 2025
July 12, 2025	~	July 28, 2025
August 9, 2025	~	August 23, 2025
September 13, 2025	~	September 27, 2025
October 11, 2025	~	October 25, 2025
November 8, 2025	~	November 22, 2025
December 13, 2025	~	December 27, 2025