

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**January 9, 2022
10:00 a.m.**



At the beginning of his public ministry, Jesus presents himself to John to be baptized in the Jordan. This is a Trinitarian event: as Jesus emerges from the water, the Holy Spirit descends from heaven as a dove, and we hear a voice naming Jesus as God's beloved Son. In ancient Christian tradition, the Baptism of the Lord is closely connected with the Epiphany as both are manifestations of God's saving purpose through Jesus Christ; accordingly, these festivals are adjacent to one another in the Christian calendar. The Baptism of the Lord also foreshadows the season of Lent, as the Gospels tell us that Jesus was driven into the wilderness for forty days after his own baptism.

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Three Hymn Preludes

Carl Bingle, FPC Organist

G. Macchia

To God Be the Glory, Shall We Gather at the River?, My Faith Looks Up to Thee
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

G. Martin

Pastor's Greeting and Words of Welcome

Prelude

When I Consider the Heavens (Psalm 8)

Alfred Fedak

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 29)

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

People: **Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

**The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"**

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;

the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

May the Lord give strength to his people!

May the Lord bless his people with peace!

*Opening Hymn #2

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

*Prayer of the Day

Remembrance of Baptism

Invitation

Confession of Sin

The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
Prepare the way of the Lord! Repent, for the kingdom of heaven
has come near. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us captive. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace. Amen.

Thanksgiving Over the Water
Assurance of Pardon

As a voice from heaven said to Jesus,
So, in Christ, God speaks to us;
You are my child, my beloved;
with you I am well pleased.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

***Response - Hymn #56 – To God Be the Glory**

A Time With Young Disciples

Hymn: *Bless These Children, Lord, We Pray*

(to the tune of "Seek Ye First", words by Andrew Long)

Bless these children, Lord, we pray; and walk with them every day.

Teach us to hear them and cherish what they say:

Children will show us the way.

THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer For Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 43:1-7 (Old Testament, page 672 in pew Bibles)

Anthem

Living Water, Guiding Spirit

Just as the deer longs for the water,
My spirit longs for you.
Just as the deer longs for the water,
My spirit longs for you, my God.

Just as the deer longs for the water,
My spirit longs for you.
Just as the deer longs for the water,
My spirit longs for you, my Lord.

Martin & Adams

Living water flow in me.
Refresh my soul with Your truth and grace.
Make in me Your vessel pure,
A heart to hold Your praise.

Just as the wind blows through the forest,
Move through my life today.
Just as the wind blows through the forest,
Move through my life O Lord, I pray.

Guiding spirit blow through me.
Refresh my soul with Your truth and grace.
Lift me up where eagles fly.
Teach me a higher way.
Teach me O Lord, I pray.

Second Scripture Lesson

Matthew 3:13-17, 4:1 (New Testament, page 3 in pew Bibles)

Sermon

"God's New Year's Resolution"
Rev. Dr. Andrew Philip Long

***HYMN #564**

Just a Closer Walk With Thee

WE RESPOND TO GOD

COMMUNITY CONNECT

At this time in worship we share information on how you can connect even better with the community at FPC Watertown. During this time we also share our joys and concerns, as well as any other relevant information to our life together.

Offering



Donations can be made by either scanning the QR code from the Venmo app or by searching for **@First_Pres_of_Watertown**.

The OFFERTORY

What Faith Can Do

Scott Davis & Scott Krippayne

David Elmer, soloist

Everybody falls sometimes
Gotta find the strength to rise
From the ashes and make a new beginning
Anyone can feel the ache
You think it's more than you can take
But you are stronger, stronger than you know

Don't you give up now
The sun will soon be shining
You gotta face the clouds
To find the silver lining

I've seen dreams that move the mountains
Hope that doesn't ever end
Even when the sky is falling
I've seen miracles just happen
Silent prayers get answered
Broken hearts become brand new
That's what faith can do

It doesn't matter what you've heard
Impossible is not a word
It's just a reason for someone not to try
Everybody's scared to death
When they decide to take that step
Out on the water
It'll be alright
Life is so much more
Than what your eyes are seeing
You will find your way
If you keep believing

I've seen dreams that move the mountains
Hope that doesn't ever end
Even when the sky is falling
I've seen miracles just happen
Silent prayers get answered
Broken hearts become brand new
That's what faith can do

Overcome the odds
You don't have a chance
(That's what faith can do)
When the world says you can't
It'll tell you that you can!

I've seen dreams that move the mountains
Hope that doesn't ever end
Even when the sky is falling
I've seen miracles just happen
Silent prayers get answered
Broken hearts become brand new
That's what faith can do
That's what faith can do

Even if you fall sometimes
You will have the strength to rise

***THE DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Invitation to The Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise.

O God of mercy and might...

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven
and with all the fruitful of every time and place, who forever sing to the
glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord. God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory;

hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ...

...With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you to be a living
and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again!

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and
upon these your gifts of bread and wine...

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now as Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Our Father, who are in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution
Communion of The People
Prayer After Communion

***Closing Hymn #16**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

***Blessing and Benediction**

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please safely share some sign of Christ's peace with your neighbor.

During this time of public concern over health and wellness, please be respectful of those who may want to avoid physical contact while share The Peace; flashing the 'peace sign' is a perfectly appropriate way to share Christ's peace. 'Fist bumps,' 'elbow bumps,' or slick dance moves can also extend Christ's peace to your neighbors.

Postlude

Trumpet Recessional for Organ

Alfred Fedak

Today's **Radio Broadcast** is a gift of appreciation for the dedication shown each day by the staff of First Presbyterian Church.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING: Sunday, February 13th, after worship, in FH.

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Happy Birthday to:

January 9 Dawson Allen
 January 10 Sherri Bergman
 January 12 Emily Russo

We Pray for...

Mary Lynn, Joanne, Jeff, Michael, Brian, Janaine & Family, Josh I., Deanne, Mary, Gini, Tom, Linda & Ken, Shane, Gerda, Ed, Robert, Jamie, Mark, Barbara, Annie, Midwest Tornado Victims & Communities, Fort Covington Presbyterian Church, the sick, all essential workers, students & teachers, medical professionals, all serving in the military, NNY Presbytery, Synod of the Northeast.

THIS WEEK

Outreach Committee Meeting, TODAY, After Worship
Worship & Music Committee Meeting, Monday, January 10th, 5:00 p.m.
Discipleship/ Membership Committee Meeting, Tuesday, January 11th, 10:00 a.m.
Staff Meeting - Tuesday, January 11th, 12 noon
Facilities Committee Meeting - Wednesday, January 12th, 8:30 a.m.
Session Meeting - Thursday, January 13th, 5:00 p.m.
Adult Handbell Rehearsals - Thursday, January 13th, 6:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Thursday, January 13th, 7:30 p.m.

You are invited to an information session following worship on January 16, 2022, in Fellowship Hall for the purpose of discussing FPC offering a meal to the church and wider community. This was a well-loved program in the past, and there has been significant renewed interest in bringing this important ministry back.

*What should it look like in a COVID world?
 Do we have enough volunteers?
 Should it be once a month? Twice a month?
 Do we have partners that might want to serve with us?*

These questions and more will be explored in this casual session!

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