

Baptism of the Lord

January 8, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you. If you are visiting with us, please introduce yourself to the pastor following the service.

*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Friendship pads and pass them back to the center aisle.

Our Approach to God

Prelude "Fairest Lord Jesus" arr. A.D. Miller

The Call to Worship (Psalm 29:1-4)

Praise the Lord, you heavenly beings;

praise his glory and power.

Praise the Lord's glorious name;

bow down before the Holy One when he appears.

The voice of the Lord is heard on the seas; the glorious God thunders, and his voice echoes over the ocean.

The voice of the Lord is heard in all its might and majesty.

*The Hymn of Praise "To God Be the Glory" 485

*The Call to Confession

As we praise God's glory, power, might, and majesty, may we also be reminded of God's great holiness and our own lack of holiness. Let us not deceive ourselves in believing that we are without sin. But let us confess our sins to God and one another.

*The Prayer of Confession

Lord, you showed us true humility by becoming one of us,

yet too often we practice pride.

You cried alongside your friends,

yet too often we rush past the pain of others.

You loved those who were weak, despised, or cast out,

yet too often we only love those who are strong, respected, or popular.

You freely forgave and healed,

yet too often we hold grudges and cause pain.

You lived a perfectly holy life,

yet too often we do not yearn for righteousness.

You prayed that we who believe in you should be united with each other and you,

yet too often we focus on the differences that separate us from other believers.

You were mocked, whipped, and even killed for us,

yet too often we deny you.

You call us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world,

yet too often we blend into or hide from our culture.

Forgive us, Lord, so that we will shine with your glory. In Jesus' holy name, Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon(based on Acts 10:43)

Scripture tells us that all the prophets testify about Christ that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. Friends, believe this good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

*The Gloria Patri 579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

The Anthem "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song" by David Ashley White
Chancel Choir

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Old Testament Reading Isaiah 42:1-9 page 783 OT

The New Testament Reading Acts 10:34-43 page 173 NT

The Gospel Reading Matthew 3:13-17 page 4 NT

The Hymn "When Jesus Came to Jordan" 72

The Sermon The Baptism of Jesus Rev. Ruth Estell

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostle's Creed(Traditional) 14

*The Hymn "O Christ the Great Foundation" 443

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

Our Father who art 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory "Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning" arr. Alan Bullard

*The Doxology

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

*The Prayer of Dedication

*The Charge and Benediction

*The Congregational Response *Here I Am Lord* 525

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

*Postlude "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" arr. Christopher Tambling

* Congregation Standing – for those who are able.

Liturgist: Karen Schadel

Ushers:

Greeters: Pete & Ginny Brucker

2023 Directory



If you have changed your address or phone number this year, or do not wish to have your information in the directory, please let the office know as soon as possible. We are updating the directory and hope to have available by mid- February.

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Thank you to everyone for the massive prayers, the cards, the letters and the phone calls during Adam's illness and upon his death. They were most appreciated by Adam, our family and maybe most of all, myself. While I now live on the west side of the state, it is still comforting to know that my Second Presbyterian family has remembered us in the most needed way.....through prayer. Blessings to all of you and thank you again for all your thoughtfulness. ~ Carol Wells ~

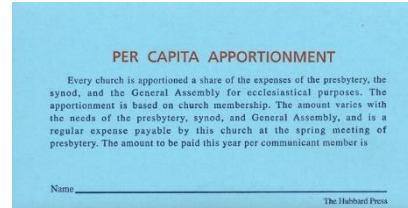


Annual Meeting of the Congregation & Corporation

The Session has set the date for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of Second Presbyterian Church for Sunday, January 15, 2023 following the worship service. Any business of the congregation and the corporation can be conducted during this meeting.

Stewardship

We have received 38 Estimates of Giving for 2023. If you have not already done so, please turn in your **yellow 2023 Estimate of Giving slip** either mailing it to the church or dropping it in the collection box. We are working on the budget for 2023 as many of the programs at the church depend upon your estimate of giving. Thank you for your faithfulness.



Per Capita

As fewer people use boxes of offering envelopes, we will place articles in the newsletter if there are special envelopes in the offering boxes. The special envelope for January is the Per Capita envelope. Per Capita is part of being a Presbyterian and connecting to the Presbyterian Church as a whole; it is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. The total 2023 Per Capita for our church is \$7,949.00, which equates to **\$29.77 per member** (not per household). This goes to General Assembly, Synod of the Covenant, and the Presbytery. If each member pays their Per Capita amount above their regular giving, then pressure on our budget is reduced. Please mark Per Capita on your check or envelope.

Inclement Weather Policy

When Saginaw Township Schools have been closed due to inclement weather (snow, ice, temperatures, etc.), any church programming for that day will also be cancelled. This includes any activity of the church or outside groups that use church facilities. Examples are (but not limited to): Session, Committee meetings, Choirs, Bible Study, Women's Circle, Community events.



- Sunday January 15, we will welcome Rev. Ted McCulloch to our pulpit.
- The church office will be open Monday – Thursday, but the hours may fluctuate as Sonia will again be on Jury Duty. Folks needing congregational care should contact the office at (989) 792-1023 and the appropriate individuals will be contacted. Voicemails and emails will be monitored when the office is closed.