



TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)

Lizzy Tobener

*(Afterward, children in kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be dismissed to Kids-4-God.)*

GOSPEL READING

Luke 3:15-22 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Baptism of Jesus

Rev. Mark Hults

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### RESPONDING

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters  
*Emerson Barat, horn; Norah Barat, orff*

The Sacred Harp

\* 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.*

Hymn 606

\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

\* THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Gluten-Free Bread)

PRAYER

### SENDING

\* HYMN 482

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

J. Dunstable

## TODAY IN WORSHIP

**WORSHIP LEADERS:** Mark Hults, Fred Lundy, Elisa Neale-Tobener, Scott Stuart, Lizzy Tobener

**ELDER ON DUTY:** Susannah Peddie

**ACOLYTE:** Grace Berger

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST:** Mitch Rorick

**CHAPEL USHER:** Rose Anna Rutledge; **SANCTUARY USHERS:** Young Adult & Family Ministry

**A/V TEAM:** Owen Best, Alex Conerly, Zack Conerly, Frank Counts, John Rayl

**THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Howard Patton by Emily Patton.

**THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Florence and Armin Wagner by Eric A. Wagner.

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**Thank you for joining us in worship today.** We pray that you experience Christ's presence in our midst and that His presence will sustain you in the week ahead. Visitors are welcome to participate in the worship and the work of First Presbyterian Church. You can find a "Three Steps to Membership" card with information about how to join the church in the pew racks. If you feel a call to commit your life to Jesus Christ and His Church, please speak to the pastor or an elder after worship.

**Prayer of Belief:** *Lord Jesus Christ, I admit I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment, and offering forgiveness. I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior. Amen.* (If you are saying this prayer for the first time today, please let the pastor or elders on duty know.)

**Let Us Remember in Prayer and Correspondence:** Marilyn Ast, Leon & Jayne Fox, and Carol Hayes-Christiansen. Our men and women in the services: Ashley Dace, Matt Gowdy, Brian Hill, and Dan Williams; and first responders: Nick Gonzalez and Paul Samala.

### Leadership

Rev. Mark Hults  
Pastor

Carol Israel  
Clerk of Session

Dink Henderson  
Treasurer

#### Session

Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027
Fleetwood Fleming	Pam Bailey	Rachel Coffey
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Heather Mears	Perry Foote	BarBee Geiger
Joe Mueller	Andy Greer	Evelyn Lewis
Elisa Neale-Tobener	Margaret Lingg	Coleen O'Brien
Geoff Spiegel	Susannah Peddie	Rose Anna Rutledge
Alexis Vellis	Dick Rauber	Eileen Stephens
Sarah Whitfield	Steve Walker	Rick Young

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Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027
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# 375 Shall We Gather at the River

1 Shall we gath-er at the riv-er, where bright an-gel feet have trod,  
2 On the mar-gin of the riv-er, wash-ing up its sil-ver spray,  
3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv-er, lay we ev-ery bur-den down;  
4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv-er; soon our pil-grim-age will cease;

with its crys-tal tide for-ev-er flow-ing by the throne of God?  
we will walk and wor-ship ev-er, all the hap-py gold-en day.  
grace our spir-its will de-liv-er, and pro-vide a robe and crown.  
soon our hap-py hearts will quiv-er with the mel-o-dy of peace.

## Refrain

Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er;

gath-er with the saints at the riv-er that flows by the throne of God.

A Baptist pastor wrote this hymn while seated at his parlor organ. Created as an alternative to gloomy "river of death" hymns, it is a celebration of the "pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb" (Revelation 22:1 KJV).

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Isaiah 43:1-7 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup>But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. <sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup>For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. <sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup>Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; <sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— <sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Luke 3:15-22 (NRSV)

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." <sup>18</sup>So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, <sup>20</sup>added to them all by shutting up John in prison.

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

BAPTISM

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# Baptized in Water

C Am Dm G F G C

1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

Em Am Em F G C Am F C/G

blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing the  
 tomb with Christ our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
 sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's

Am G C G/B Am G7 C

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.  
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.  
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

Each stanza of this compact and carefully constructed text about baptism begins with allusions to John 3:5 and Ephesians 1:13. The interplay of constant and changing lines accentuates each added image. It is set here to a Gaelic tune first transcribed in the 19th century.



## Ministries

At **First Presbyterian Preschool**, children are fully prepared for school in a caring, Christian environment. Classes are offered 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Early Childhood Accredited.

Our **Children and Youth Ministries** provide a multi-generational approach of Christian example as the church family comes alongside parents to lead children to become fully devoted disciples of Jesus Christ.

**Nursery Care** during worship for children 6 weeks through pre-kindergarten. Contact: Jenna Mueller - [jdmueller2009@gmail.com](mailto:jdmueller2009@gmail.com)

Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade children are released from worship for **Kids-4-God** to spend time growing their faith. After the service, families meet in Gordon Hall. Contact: Evelyn Lewis - [citytr122@gmail.com](mailto:citytr122@gmail.com)

**LOGOS** is a mid-week ministry with worship arts, Bible time, recreation, and family dinner for students age 3 through high school. Contact Bev Vloedman to RSVP for 6 p.m. dinner at [dvoloedman@aol.com](mailto:dvoloedman@aol.com).

**Youth Connection** meets for fellowship and food with Bible study and mentoring for students in grades 6-12.

Our **College Ministry** seeks to launch students into a life of pursuing Christ, trusting in Him, and growing with others. Join us for Sunday worship & lunch and Tuesday Bible study. Bring a friend!

**Young Adult & Family Ministry (YA&FM)** is for marrieds and singles, with or without kids, in grad school or in vocation. We gather for Bible Studies and to get to know each other better and would love the chance to do life with you.

With choirs for ages three and above, our **Music Ministry** welcomes everyone to sing or ring and to dedicate their music to God. Our concert season includes Concerts for a Cause, which support local and global mission partners.

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Glorify God  
Make Disciples of Jesus Christ  
Meet Human Needs



## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, January 12, 2025

- Baptism of the Lord**
- 8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion - Iona Chapel
  - 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover: John 16 - Serendipity Rinonos - Library
  - 9:30 a.m. Multiply Sunday School: Genesis 5 - Room 201
  - 10:45 a.m. Nursery Care - Rm 204
  - 11:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion - Sanctuary
  - 11:20 p.m. Kids-4-God - Rm 217
  - 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time - Gordon Hall
  - 12:00 p.m. College Cafe - Serving Room
  - 12:15 p.m. Youth Connection - Room 211
  - 4:00 p.m. Human Trafficking: Finding Freedom - A Concert for a Cause: Anew - Sanctuary

### Monday, January 13, 2025

- 10:15 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study - Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Christian Education Meeting - Room 217

### Tuesday, January 14, 2025

- 10:00 a.m. Budget & Finance - Parlor/Zoom Meeting
- 2:15 p.m. Staff Meeting - Parlor
- 4:30 p.m. Property Committee - Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting - Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. College Trajectory Bible Study - Gordon Hall

### Wednesday, January 15, 2025

- 3:45 p.m. LOGOS
- 6:00 p.m. LOGOS Family Time
- 6:30 p.m. Jubilate Ringers - Bell Room 215

### Thursday, January 16, 2025

- 7:00 a.m. YA&FM Men's Breakfast - Bagel Bakery
- 6:00 p.m. Carol Ringers
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

### Friday, January 17, 2025

### Saturday, January 18, 2025

### Sunday, January 19, 2025

### Encouragement Sunday

*Make a Joyful Noise Sermon Series: Jesus*

- 8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion - Iona Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover: John 17 - Don McGarity - Library
- 9:30 a.m. Multiply Sunday School - Genesis 6 - Room 201
- 10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir - Sanctuary
- 10:45 a.m. Nursery Care - Rm 204
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### With Gratitude

Thank you to the team of people who came out on Monday to help us put away the Advent and Christmas decorations: Lorraine Barber, Nancy Carswell, Tony Cogdill, Breezy Dowling, Maralyn Foote, Chris Hamilton, Fred Lundy, Jane Morris, John Rayl, Bob, Kathryn, Sophia, & Cora Richardson, Sandra Roberts, Tim & Mary Lou Schubert, and Dan Williams. We appreciate your time and service!



### Concert for a Cause - TODAY

Sunday, January 12 at 4 p.m., join the Dance Alive National Ballet, Anew, a festival chorus, and instrumentalists for a concert highlighting the struggle, freedom finding, and the journey to restoration for those impacted by human trafficking. Come to this event to be moved and engaged in our community, but also to find hope.



### LOGOS help wanted:

Do you love God, love children, and have a talent to share? Recreation time with the kindergarten - 5<sup>th</sup> grade LOGOS kids from 3:45-4:15 pm on Wednesdays could use your help. Crafts, games, paper airplanes or other construction are examples of activities. Active play in the North courtyard will be an option, if we have enough adult supervision. If you feel called by God to get to know the next generation of faithful Presbyterians, we have a place for you. Please talk with anyone on the LOGOS committee: Bev Vloedman, Evelyn Lewis, Margaret Dowling, Jessica Berger, Megan Conerly, and Megan Greer- or call the church office and we will be happy to tell you more.



### Year-End Contribution Statements

Statements will be sent upon request after January 15. Please email or call Trudy Bonerba and specify if you prefer email or regular mail.



### Encouragement Sunday

Next week, Sunday, January 19, members of the Congregational Care committee will hand out blank cards as you enter the sanctuary. The purpose of the card is to send encouragement to anyone in the congregation. Committee members will be in Gordon Hall after the service to address and mail cards. Additional cards will be available.



### January is a Great Time to Join a Choir at First Presbyterian Church!

There are choirs and handbell groups for a variety of ages. Please contact Mitch Rorick with questions or to find the right group for you.



### Ministry Dates

- Sunday, January 12 - College Cafe
- Tuesday, January 14 - Trajectory College Bible Study
- Wednesday, January 15 - LOGOS, Joyful Ringers, and Jubilate Ringers
- Thursday, January 16 - Carol Ringers and Chancel Choir



### Make a Joyful Noise

Next Sunday, January 19 begins a new sermon series that will highlight aspects of our worship as seen in familiar hymns and scripture: Jesus, Grace, Hope, Church, and Adoration. Join us for worship at 8:30 or 11 a.m.

*Children's worship guides are available at all entrances.*

## Online Contributions



Visit our website, [www.1stpc.org](http://www.1stpc.org), to make an online donation. Click the GIVE button at the top of the page. You can contribute to the General Budget or use the drop-down menu, change to Other, and specify the designated ministry in the memo section. Text contributions, bill pay through your bank, and electronic funds transfers are also options. Contact Trudy Bonerba.



T-Coil installed in the sanctuary, and Hearing Assist devices available in the Narthex.

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