

The Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship
Baptism of the Lord Sunday, January 8, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Chants de Noël
Merynda Adams, harp

arr. Darhon Rees-Rohrbacher

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Exciting God, Glorious God,
baptize us with wonder.
Wise God, Righteous God,
baptize us with justice.
Holy God, Covenant God,
baptize us with love.
Let us worship God!

*HYMN 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Handbell Ensemble

LITANY OF CONFESSION

Timeless God, you cast light into sin's shadow places
and call us your beloved. Forgive us
when we still linger in the shadows;
when we treat others in hurtful ways;
when we speak ill of your friends.
As he knelt in the waters of Jordan,
you proclaimed Jesus as your Son,
pointing to him as the way to you. Forgive us
when we put ourselves ahead of him;
when we think he is no longer needed;
when we fail to see him in the broken of our world.
You would have us, baptized and blessed in your living waters,
be your servants in our time. Forgive us
when we fail to welcome the stranger;
when we refuse to forgive as we should;
when we believe we are too good to kneel down
and tie the shoes of the lost, the least, the last, and the little.
Forgive us, O God, and make us new again.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Glory to God

by Chris Fortin

Musical notation for the hymn 'Glory to God'. It consists of two staves of music in the key of E major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody starts on a whole note E, followed by quarter notes G# and A, and a dotted quarter note B. The lyrics 'Glo - ry to God!' are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody with quarter notes C# and D, followed by quarter notes E and F#, and a dotted quarter note G#. The lyrics 'We are for - giv - en. Ho - san - na in the' are written below. The third staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody begins with a dotted quarter note G# and a quarter note A, followed by quarter notes B and C#. The lyrics 'high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!' are written below. The piece ends with a double bar line. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: E, B/D#, C#m, E7/B, A, F#m, G#m7, C#m7, A, B7, E.

THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
and also with you.

I invite you to turn and greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Stacy Currie, Director of Children and Family Ministry

Let the Children Come

by Helen Kemp

**Let the little children come to me.
Let them come and gather at my knee.
Let them come, dear friends, for don't you see,
this is how God's kingdom ought to be?
This is how God's kingdom ought to be.**

(Children ages preschool–grade 5 are invited to attend Sunday School. Middle School students are invited to attend Bibles & Bagels. Nursery care is available for children ages 2 years and younger.)

*HYMN 288

Spirit of the Living God

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 3:1-17 (pp. 2-3)

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Remember Who You Are

Dennis Jones, Pastor

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Maureen Paterson, Associate Pastor

OFFERTORY

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
Merynda Adams, harp

arr. Burton

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow

HYMN 606

**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.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
INVITATION

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SERVING THE BREAD AND FRUIT OF THE VINE

SPECIAL MUSIC

O Holy Night
In the Bleak Mid Winter

arr. McDonald & Wood
arr. Woods

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN 156

Sing of God Made Manifest

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

We Three Kings
Merynda Adams, harp

arr. Robinson & Whiting

**Those who are able are invited to stand.*

Masks optional but welcome for all gatherings here at BRPC.

Please join us for fellowship in Westminster Hall immediately following worship.

Flowers

The Flowers are given to the glory of God:

~In honor of Cynthia "Meme" Wynant's 90th birthday on January 9, 2023 with love from Caitlyn, Bryan and Nancy.

The flowers that grace our sanctuary each week are gifts from members of the congregation. Flowers may be given in memory or in honor of someone or to celebrate an occasion and cost \$42 per pier. There are openings in January. If you would like to donate an arrangement, please contact our flower coordinator Ellen Johnson at (908) 285-1638 or email her at flowers@brpc.org.



Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 8

Early Bible Study, 8:30 a.m., Church House Parlor & via Zoom
Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Streamed Live, 10:00 a.m.
Bibles & Bagels, 10:15 a.m., Church House Library
Sunday School, 10:15 a.m., Westminster Hall
Confirmation Class, 11:00 a.m., Church House Parlor
Fellowship Time, 11:00 a.m., Westminster Hall
Small Group Bible Study, 11:15 a.m.
Vedic Prayer Group, 3:00 p.m., Church House Parlor
Middle School Fellowship, 5:00 p.m., Youth Center
Sr. High Fellowship, 7:00 p.m., Youth Center

Monday, January 9

Shelter Friends, 12:00 p.m., Church House Parlor
Walk & Talk Group, 2:00 p.m.
Trustees, 7:00 p.m.
Mission Council, 7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Committee, 7:30 p.m.
Meditation Group, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 10

Meditation Group, 8:30 a.m.
Oak Tree Quilters, 9:00 a.m., Geneva & Middle Rooms
Children's Mid-Week, 4:15 p.m., Westminster Hall & Sanctuary
Alpha Bell Choir, 6:15 p.m., Knox Room
Scout Troop #351, 7:00 p.m., Youth Center
Adult Small Group, 7:15 p.m.
Knox Bell Choir, 7:30 p.m., Knox Room

Wednesday, January 11

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Church House Parlor
Worship & Music Council, 7:00 p.m.
Cemetery Heritage Committee, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 12

Meditation Group, 8:30 a.m.
Seeking Strength in Troubled Times, 9:15 a.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Knox Room & Sanctuary
Seeking Strength in Troubled Times, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, January 13

Saturday, January 14

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