

The Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship
Baptism of the Lord, January 12, 2025 - 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Psalm 139
Knox Bell Choir

by Fred Gramann

CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy Triune God, author of community,
come baptize us.

Remind us what it means to belong to one another.

God who tears the heavens, come baptize us.

Reveal to us your power that ushers in new realms.

God who calls us beloved, come baptize us.

Declare to us your great delight and hold us in your pleasure.

God of vulnerability, come baptize us.

Welcome us into the paradox of strength that comes from weakness.

Together, let us remember this day.

**In the Creator's love we are held, into Christ's body we are baptized,
and by the Spirit's power, we are claimed.**

*HYMN 482

Baptized in Water

LITANY OF CONFESSION

Kate Ballboni

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

Song of Peace

by Chris Fortin



*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.

WORDS OF WELCOME

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Stacy Currie, Director of Ministries to Children and Their Families

(Children ages preschool–grade 4 are invited to attend Sunday School. Grades 5-8 students are invited to attend Bibles & Bagels. Nursery care is available for children ages 2 years and younger.)

*HYMN 163

Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 3:1-22

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Minding Your Own Business

Dennis Jones, Pastor

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Maureen Paterson, Associate Pastor

OFFERTORY

Ring Out, Wild Bells

Words by Alfred Lord Tennyson

Music by Thomas Gibbs

*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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

*CLOSING HYMN 295

Go to the World

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Christ, the Sure Foundation
Organ

by Tom Birchwood

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

Please join us for the EGGstravaganza Brunch and fellowship immediately following worship in Westminster Hall.

Stacy Currie is away for several weeks recovering from knee surgery.

Blessed Are the Dead Who Die in the Lord

Mary Lynne Norris

United with this Congregation
Entered the Church Triumphant

October 15, 2017
January 1, 2025

A Memorial Service will be planned in the future.

Flowers

The Flowers are given to the glory of God.

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 & February. 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 12

Early Bible Study, 8:30 a.m., Church House Parlor & online
Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Streamed Live, 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School, 10:15 a.m., Calvin Hall
Bibles & Bagels, 10:15 a.m., Church House Library
Eggstravaganza Brunch Fellowship Event, 11:00 a.m., Westminster Hall
Confirmation Class, 11:30 a.m., Church House Parlor
God's Co-op Pantry Distribution, 4:00 p.m., 12 E. Allen Street
Middle School & Sr. High Bowling Event, 5:00 p.m., Youth Center

Monday, January 13

Pantry Committee, 1:00 p.m., Church House Library
Trustees, 7:00 p.m., online
Mission Council, 7:00 p.m., Church House Parlor
Fellowship Council, 7:30 p.m., online
Meditation Group, 7:30 p.m., online

Tuesday, January 14

Meditation Group, 8:30 a.m., online
Oak Tree Quilters, 9:00 a.m., Geneva & Middle Rooms
Agape Hour for grades Pre-& K, 3:45 p.m., Church House Agape Room
Alpha Bell Choir, 6:15 p.m., Knox Room
Scout Troop #351, 7:00 p.m., Youth Center
Knox Bell Choir, 7:30 p.m., Knox Room

Wednesday, January 15

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Church House Parlor & online
Church Librarians Meeting, 1:00 p.m., Church House Library
Stephen Ministry, 7:00 p.m., Church House Parlor

Thursday, January 16

Meditation Group, 8:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m., online
Seeking Strength in Troubled Times, 9:15 a.m. & 7:30 p.m., online
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Knox Room & Sanctuary

Friday, January 17

Men's Breakfast Group, 7:30 a.m., Blue Café
PEO Group, 9:00 a.m., Church House Parlor

Saturday, January 18

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