

First Presbyterian Church

January 13, 2019

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

“When all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized, the heaven was opened, 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.’” Luke 3: 21-22

WE ASSEMBLE TO WORSHIP GOD

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARIES

Brightest and Best
Larghetto

L. Smith
G.F. Handel

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

One: This is the day the Lord has made.
All: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

The Chimes
Psalm 118:24

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Chip Hutchison, Stewardship update

CHORAL INTROIT (Hymnal 401, v.1)

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We have been claimed by the God who calls us children.

All: **We, the redeemed, have been called by name.**

One: As with the ancients before us, God promises to pass with us through troubling waters.

All: **We will not fear, for God is with us!**

One: Through God’s saving grace, the waters that tested us, are now the waters that wash us and nourish us.

All: **Great is the Fount of Every Blessing, ever flowing, ever redeeming, ever claiming us as God’s children.**

One: Let us pray...

*OPENING PRAYER WITH 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.

*OPENING HYMN 484

Out of Deep, Unordered Water

RUSTINGTON

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we are a part of a tremendous legacy of faith. For generations, those who have gone before us have lived, loved, and sacrificed so that we may come to believe in your Son, as our Savior. Our truest sense of life is found in following his will and his way, yet each and every day we feel the pull of the world around us that promotes greed, self-indulgence, insecurity, violence, vanity, and lust. In earnest, we seek to stand firm against its gravity, but often its pull is too strong or we are too weak. Forgive us when we fail. Redeem us from our mistakes and our sin. Empower your Spirit within us that we may walk more faithfully and more graciously, with the strength and compassion of Christ. Amen.

- A Moment for Silent Confession -

*KYRIE ELEISON

Merbecke

**Lord, have mercy upon us;
Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

*RESPONSE (Hymnal 475, v.1)

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of God’s unchanging love.

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

CHILDREN’S SERMON

(All children through 3rd grade are welcome in Children’s Church)

FIRST READING

Luke 2: 21-40 (Temple Dedication) (Pew Bible, page 55)

PSALM 29 (Hymnal 259)

The God of Heaven

GLORY

SECOND READING

Luke 3: 1-22 (Baptism) (Pew Bible, page 56)

THE SERMON

“Just Another Face in The Crowd” Rev. Richard W. Carr, III
Sermon Series: “The Life of Christ”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, and delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

HYMN OF RESPONSE 482

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Jesu, Our Hope, Our Heart’s Desire

K. Lee Scott

*RESPONSE: *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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

*CLOSING HYMN 463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymnal 545, v.1)

Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace

LAND OF REST

Lord, bid your servant go in peace; your word is now fulfilled. These eyes have seen salvation’s dawn, this child so long foretold.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

I Will Love Thee, O My Strength

J.A. Streicher

Visitors...WELCOME to First Presbyterian Church! We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us and pray that you will discover anew God’s love for you today. Please sign the Friendship Register that is passed along the pew at the beginning of the service. We hope you come again

Childcare Today: Clair Britt

Children's Church Today: Meredith Briggs, Susan Roberson, Tara Park

Children's Sermon Jan. 13: Meredith Briggs **Jan. 20:** Mickey Johnson

Counters for Jan. 20: Tom Hickman, Michelle Elston

Acolytes Jan. 13: Lee Goodner

Jan. 20: Riley Elston

Please remember the following in prayer: Health Concerns (Members): Bill Kayser, Beth Easley, Joe Hardy, Worth Kendall, Mary Tice, Bonnie Carr, Sandy Johnson, John Granacher, Brian Black, Colleen Lathan, Audrey Moore.

The Flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of his parents by Don Rogers.

Youth Event: Jan. 27 at 4:00 pm, parents, bring your youth to Adventure Air (behind Chick-fil-A on Cherry Rd). Come inside to sign a waiver, Mimi and Heather will stay with the kids while they play until 5:00 pm. We will take them to Luigi's for dinner next door and parents will pick them up from the restaurant at 6:30. They will need to bring money for dinner.

Ladies Night Out will meet at Luigi's on Thursday, January 17 at 6:00 pm. Please make plans to join us for great food, fun and fellowship. Make your reservations by putting the blue pew card in the offering plate or call Linder Tucker at 366-5878 by January 16.

Help for Hope: For our January contribution to Project Hope, please consider bringing **one or more cans of soup** to benefit the clients. It doesn't have to be name brand; store brand is fine. Large cans, small cans, or individual servings are all needed. Vegetable, chicken noodle, tomato, any and all flavors are useful. Bring in your contribution and leave it in the narthex by **January 20.** All food collected will be taken to the HOPE House the next week. Your contributions are appreciated by the Mission Committee and more importantly, the recipients who need it most. So please bring in your cans of soup on or before January 20!

Flower Calendar: Please consider donating flowers for the Sunday morning worship service. To reserve a date, see the Flower Calendar in the hallway.

This Winter/Spring we are beginning a new sermon series that will use all four of the Gospel accounts to follow the life of Christ from his birth to his ascension. If you are interested in taking a deeper look at the major events in Jesus' life, this series is for you.

Worship Service Reminders

- Children 4th grade and up should remain with parents during worship.
- Devices for hearing impaired are available from ushers.
- The worship service is live-streamed in the chapel if you need to leave the sanctuary.
- To respect the sanctity of our Sanctuary and the worship service experience of those around you, please place all cell phones on silent and refrain from texting.
- Please refrain from bringing food or drinks into the sanctuary.
- Recent sermons can be found on our website.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, January 13

10:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Chancel Choir
11:00 am Worship
12:15 pm Ladies Out to Lunch-O Charley's
2:30 pm Bidy Under 7 BB Practice
4:00 pm Bidy 8-9 BB Practice
5:30 pm Junior Boys BB Practice

Monday, January 14

6:30 pm Finance Committee
6:30 pm Cub Scouts
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, January 15

9:15 am Bible Study
5:15 pm Ladies Exercise
6:00 pm Session

Wednesday, January 16

5:30 pm Senior Girls BB Practice
6:00 pm Handbells
6:00 pm Cherub and Covenant Choirs
6:30 pm Senior Boys BB Practice
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 17

3:00 pm Yarns of Love
5:15 pm Ladies Exercise
5:30 pm Girls Mite BB Practice
6:30 pm Men's Fellowship (Church library)

Friday, January 18

6:15 pm Bidy under 7 vs Ebenezer-A @ OAPC
7:00 pm Bidy 8/9 vs OAPC-B @ New Kirk

Saturday, January 19

9:00 am Senior Girls vs. New Kirk @ Mt. Holly
2:00 pm Jr Boys vs St. Johns @ Mt. Holly
12:00 pm Girls Mite vs. Ebenezer @ OAPC
12:00 pm Senior Boys vs. Neely's Creek @ Woodhaven

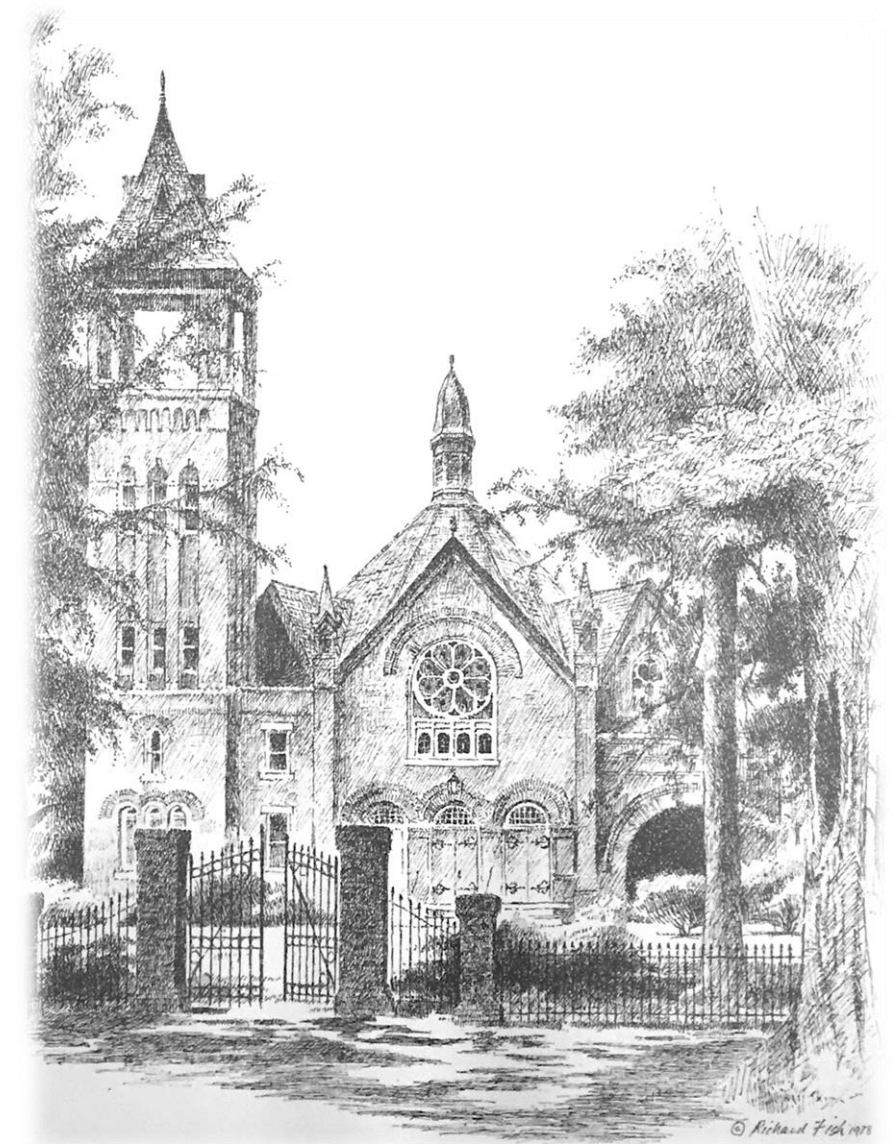
Sunday, January 20

10:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Chancel Choir
11:00 am Worship
12:15 pm Ladies Out to Lunch-Front Porch
2:30 pm Bidy Under 7 BB Practice
4:00 pm Bidy 8-9 BB Practice
5:30 pm Jr. Boys BB Practice

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Offering Envelopes are on the table in the narthex.



First Presbyterian Church

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Organized 1869

We are a diverse family of believers in Jesus Christ, who seek to glorify God by celebrating and sharing God's renewing and transforming love as we:

Worship the living God with joy and thanksgiving

Teach the Word of God to deepen our faith and grow in our love of Christ

Serve others through sharing our unique gifts of the Holy Spirit

Fellowship with one another to energize our life together as a congregation

Nurture and Embrace all of God's children.

Rev. Richard W. Carr, III - Minister
Rev. Dr. Craig Butler - Marriage and Family Minister
Dr. Donald M. Rogers - Director of Music
Janet Miller - Organist
Mickey Johnson - Handbell Director
Julia M. McCallum - Cherub Choir Director