

First Presbyterian Church

**Welcomes you for Worship
January 13, 2019**

**Rev. David Smith
Minister**



Our Vision

**By the grace of Jesus Christ,
We will strive to share the
Good News with the world,
To nurture our faith, and to
Go into the world sharing
Christ's love and mercy.**

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 2019

10:15 am

Assemble in God's Name

BIBLICAL AND INFORMAL GREETING

*Following brief announcements, the congregation is invited to prepare in silence for worship.
Please use this time to pray, to meditate, or to read the Scriptures for today.*



PRELUDE

“O God of God, O Light of Light”

C. Schalk

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Hank Goehring

The voice of the Lord is over the waters,
and in the temple God's people say: Glory!
The heavens opened, the Spirit descended,
and a voice sounded: This is my Beloved Son.
Do not fear, for the Lord has spoken:
I have called you by name; you are mine.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

***Holy God, you sent your Son to be baptized among sinners, to seek and save the lost.
May we, who have been baptized in his name, never turn away from the world, but
reach out in love to rescue the wayward; by the mercy of Christ our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.***

*HYMN 50 (White Hymnal)

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION



***Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the
body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from
one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to
welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us captive. In your loving-kindness,
have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Fulfill the promises of our baptism
so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.***

PERIOD OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so, in Christ, God speaks to us:
You are my child, my beloved; with you I am well pleased.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.



*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!



*RESPONSE

“Gloria Patri”

No. 579 (Blue Hymnal)

Proclaim God's Word



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



FIRST SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 43:1-7
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

OT Pg. 672



ANTHEM

“Living Water”
Chancel Choir

E. Crocker

I will give to you living water from the well of endless life.
As the deer longs for cooling streams, so do I bring you peace. Peace I bring to you.
Whosoever shall drink of the water I give shall thirst no more, I say.
For I say unto you that the water I give shall be in you a well of endless life, of life! Peace I give to you.
I will give to you living water, to you.



SECOND SCRIPTURE

Luke 3:7-23a
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Christ!

NT Pg. 60

THE CHILDREN’S SERMON

Brad Thomas



PRAISE SONG

“What a Mighty God We Serve”
PresbyPraise



THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“Into the Water”

The Rev. David Smith

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

LITANY FOR THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

In the beginning, darkness covered the deep, and God said: Let there be light.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

Through the words of the prophet, the Lord said:

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

Do not fear, says the Lord; I am with you. I have called you by name; you are mine.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

When Jesus was baptized by John, suddenly the heavens were opened.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

And as Jesus was coming out of the water, the Spirit of God rested on him like a dove.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

And a voice said: You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin
and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I do.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

I will, with God’s help.

Will you devote yourself to the church’s teaching and fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and the prayers?

I will, with God’s help.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM



The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Glory to you, O God—your voice is over the waters, full of power and majesty. . .

. . . who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

INVITATION TO THE FONT

All are invited to come to the font. You may touch the water and take one of the stones.

Many find meaning in making the sign of the cross on the forehead as a reminder of the baptism shared with Christ. You may sign yourself or ask another person to do this for you.



ORGAN MEDITATION “To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord”

D. Buxtehude

“To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord”

J. S. Bach

*HYMN 71 (Blue Hymnal) “Lord, When You Came to Jordan”

GENEVAN

Give Thanks To God

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Let us pray.



THE LORD’S PRAYER (*Traditional, page 16 of the hymnal. We use “debts” and “debtors.”*)

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS (*Visitors, we invite you to share your contact info on a Welcome Card.*)



OFFERTORY “Thou Prince of Peace, Lord Jesus Christ”

J. S. Bach

*DOXOLOGY

No. 592 (Blue Hymnal)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION



God of heaven and earth, you call us to come in humility before you, bringing the offering of our very selves. As you revealed Jesus to be your Son in his baptism at the hand of John, so you claimed our lives in baptism, that we might die to sin and be raised with him to new life. By your Spirit, confirm in our hearts the witness that Christ is Savior of the world and our Lord. Accept all we have and are in the service of Jesus Christ, and strengthen us with your Spirit’s power, now and forever. Amen.

Go In God's Name



*HYMN 492 (Blue Hymnal)

“Baptized in Water”

BUNESSAN

*DISMISSAL AND BLESSING



POSTLUDE

“Carillon”

J-F. Dandrieu

**Indicates those who are able, please stand.*

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN! If you are visiting, we would welcome the opportunity to tell you more about our church family. We invite you to use one of the Welcome Cards you will find in the pew racks to share your information with us.

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory of God by Kathy Buckley in memory of Jerry Buckley.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS:

WORSHIP LEADER: Hank Goehring

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Brad Thomas

JUNIOR CHURCH: Maria Berner

SOUND SYSTEM: John Lee

FLOWER DELIVERY: The Congregation

LIVESTREAM: Isaac Warner

SIP N CHAT: Sharon Slater

USHERS: Nancy & Mike McCartney, Lynn Nelson, Bonita Smith

SPECIAL THANKS TO PRESBYPRAISE AND CHANCEL CHOIR FOR SHARING THEIR MUSICAL TALENTS THIS MORNING!

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US DOWNSTAIRS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AFTER WORSHIP FOR SIP N

CHAT. We also invite you to take part in the life of this congregation by participating in any activity that can help you on your spiritual journey. Regular Sunday activities are:

9:00 – Sunday School

10:15—Worship Service

11:30—Sip N Chat in Fellowship Hall

THERE WILL BE A MEETING AFTER WORSHIP FOR SHEPHERDS in the library to plan the February congregational lunch.

THE CPR/AED TRAINING WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE BELL ROOM BEGINNING ABOUT 20 MINUTES AFTER WORSHIP.

DID YOU MAKE A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TO BLESS OTHERS? Consider blessing others with your musical gifts by joining one of the church music groups.

PresbyPraise (children): Sundays from 9 to 9:15 in the Chapel

Glorify! (youth): Right after the service in the Chapel

Westminster Bells (youth and adults): Wednesdays from 5 to 6 in the Bell room

Joyful Hearts (women's gospel chorus): Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7 in the Chapel

Chancel Choir (youth and adults): Wednesdays from 7:15 to 8:15 in the Chapel

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: On February 3rd, after worship, the youth will host the Souper Bowl of Caring in fellowship hall. This annual event brings the conversation of hunger and food inequity to the forefront of our minds. Our church participates by providing a soup lunch to the community and congregation. The youth are again asking for donations of soup to be served on this day. We will ask for a monetary donation at the meal to benefit our local food banks. All funds raised remain local. If you would like to donate soup, there is a sign-up sheet on the small bulletin board at the foot of the main stairwell. Any questions can be directed to Brad.

HELP DEFRAY THE COST OF PER CAPITA. Per Capita is a per member apportionment the church makes to the denomination to support expenses at the local, regional and national level. This year's per capita is \$30.56. Please consider a donation to help with this \$6700 line-item in the budget. Please mark your contribution "per capita".

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO VOLUNTEER IN 2019? You can start by volunteering to help with the community meal for one hour, two hours or even longer if you wish. The next meal is Tuesday, January 22nd. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board at the foot of the stairs. If you forget to sign up, you are always welcome to stop by and see what needs done or to sit down and enjoy the lunch. The menu is pulled pork sandwiches, chicken noodle soup, fruit and dessert.

WOULD YOU LIKE AN 8-FOOT TABLE? The church is replacing the old, heavy wooden tables with lighter plastic tables. Please let Bob Gray know if you would like one of the old tables.

REDUCING EXPENSES & OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT! We are printing fewer bulletins and inviting those worshipping to share.

THE 2019 FLOWER CALENDAR HAS BEEN POSTED. You can sign up to purchase flowers for a Sunday. The cost is \$15. Please email or call the office with the message you would like to appear in the bulletin for that Sunday. The next available Sundays are January 27, February 3, 10, 17 and 24.

THE SIP N CHAT HOSTING SIGN UP FOR THE FIRST SEVERAL MONTHS OF 2019 IS POSTED. Simple snacks are fine.

WELCOME AND PRAYER REQUESTS CARDS, AND DONATION ENVELOPES ARE IN THE PEW RACKS.

PARENTS, WE HAVE BAGS WITH COLORING AND DRAWING SUPPLIES FOR CHILDREN TO USE DURING WORSHIP. These are in the narthex (the entryway to the sanctuary) on one of the pews. Ushers can help you locate these. Included are a children's bulletin and a coloring page.

HAVE INPUT FOR OUR CHURCH LEADERS? *Open Line to Session* cards can be found on the table at the top of the main stairwell. Cards must be signed when providing input.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING DATES:

JANUARY 13TH, 20TH FROM 1-3PM FOR 6TH THROUGH 12TH GRADE

JANUARY 20TH FROM 6:30-8PM FOR HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE

SPECIAL EVENTS!!!

Youth Bowling Night - January 26th (6th-12thgrade) 6-8PM - Join us at Pastime Lanes in Downtown Marietta for a night of Bowling. Everything is included: the lanes, the shoes, even the ball! We will meet at Pastime at 6PM and there will of course be plenty of food for all! This event is for all students in 6th - 12th grade.

NEW YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE AND OFFERINGS

Youth Group for 6th through 12th grade – Sundays 1 to 3pm

Fellowship, music, lessons and group games

High School & College Group – Normally biweekly, Sundays 7 to 8:30pm at FPC

Off weeks we will look at some off-campus locations

Signups for volunteers are located on the bulletin board by the Wooster Street entrance

ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY 13 - 20

Sunday

9:00 – Adult SunSch
9:00 – Presby Praise
9:15 – Children/ Youth
Sunday School
10:15 – Worship
11:30 – Sip N Chat
11:30 – Shepherds Meeting
12:00 – CPR/AED Training
1:00 – Youth Group

Monday

Tuesday

5:00 – Book Club
5:00 – Glorify! Combo
7:00 - Session

Wednesday

3:20 – Scholars on Fourth
5:00 – Westminster Bells
6:30 – Joyful Hearts
7:15 – Chancel Choir

Thursday

5:30 – Girl Scouts
7:00 – AA

Friday

Saturday

8:00 – Men's Fellowship
9:00 – AA
10:00 – SDA Church School
& Worship
12:00 – SDA Fellowship

Next Sunday –

Scriptures
Isaiah 62:1-5
1 Corinthians 12:1-6
Sermon – “Gifts a Plenty”