
First Sunday after Epiphany

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

January 7, 2024

10:00 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF APPROACH

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 29)

Liturgist

One: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

All: Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.

One: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

All: The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

One: The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare;

All: and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

One: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

All: May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace! Let us worship the LORD!

*HYMN # 272 "God of the Sparrow"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

God of redemption and new life, our gifts are little compared to the gift you gave us -- Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

As He was baptized by John in the Jordan, we were able to share in his baptism and receive the promise of His resurrection.

As we leave one year behind and look with hope to the new year ahead, help us to live lives of gratitude towards You.

Let the gifts of our lives bear witness to your goodness and mercy, your faithfulness and justice, and your steadfast love for all. In the name of Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

HYMN # 326 "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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*For those who are able, please stand.

First Presbyterian Church Baldwinsville, NY

January 7, 2024

- **Today's Ushers:** Bea Boak & Marge Calkins
- **Coffee Hour:** today is hosted by Martha Stevens
- **Choir Practice:** will be held at 9:15 each Sunday morning before Worship.
- **Worship & Music:** Monday, January 8, 10:30 in the Media Center.
- **Session:** Tuesday, January 9, 7 p.m. in the Media Center
- **Mission Committee:** Wednesday, January 10, 12:30 in the Media Center
- **Deacons:** Tuesday, January 16, 7 p.m. in the Media Center
- **Community Dinner:** Thursday, January 18, 4:00 – 5:15, Mid-Winter Picnic! This is a sit-down dinner with Take-out available.
- **The Annual Meeting** of the Congregation and Corporation of First Presbyterian Church, Baldwinsville will be held on Sunday, January 21, 2024 at 11:10 am in the sanctuary.

Remember in Your Prayers & Correspondence

Howard Rose; Anthonia Todd

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Identity Statement

We are a loving family of God, following Christ by practicing our legacy of worship, education, and mission to neighbors.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ and that we may be his body for the world. By your Spirit unite us with Christ and one another until we feast with him and with all your saints in your eternal realm of justice and peace. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament,

A: united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal realm.

L: Send us out in the power of your Spirit

A: to live and work to your praise and glory, For the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it. Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth. Let us offer them with joy in our hearts and a deep sense of gratitude.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY HYMN #592

**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.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

As we return again and again to God in need of God's grace let us now turn to God, confessing the ways we fall short of what he hopes for us. Please join me in our Prayer of Confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

**God whose Spirit hovered over the waters, you have washed us in your mercy, claimed us as your own, bound us in community, and called us to lives of baptismal grace.
Forgive us, O God, for we have not lived as if we were your baptized people.**

We stumble over opportunities for forgiveness. We prioritize our own selfish interests.

We are slow to disrupt the status quo, even when it means ignoring our neighbors' suffering.

Sometimes overwhelmed, we are too quick to throw up our hands and say that there is nothing we can do, without ever asking you exactly what it is that we *can* do, with the guidance of your Holy Spirit. Forgive us, O God, and by your forgiveness, lead us back to your waters of transformation. Amen.

One: Now that we have confessed as a body, let us take the truths that have troubled our hearts to God silently. Let us not be worried about the awkwardness of silence, as we take some time to focus on speaking with our God.

SILENT REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Gloria Patri #579

