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!

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 ~ ~ ~

*For those who are able, please stand.

^{*}HYMN # 272 "God of the Sparrow"

- 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.

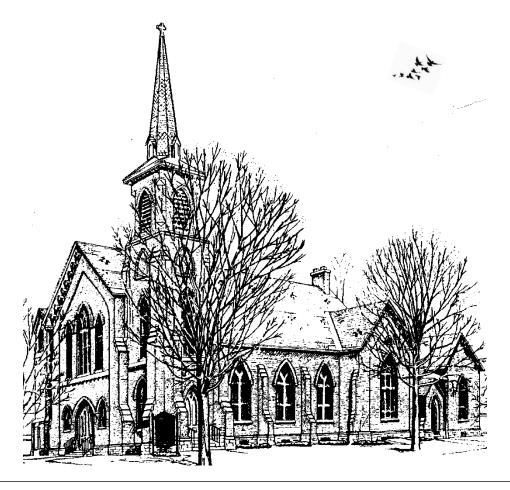
Remember in Your Prayers & Correspondence

Howard Rose; Anthonia Todd

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First Presbyterian Church Baldwinsville, NY

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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

*PASSING OF THE PEACE:

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share signs of peace with one another.

WE HEAR AND REFLECT ON GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 1:1-8

Liturgist

red Bible p.1, black Bible p.1

MUSICAL OFFERING

EPISTLE READING Acts 19:1-7 Rev. Kirsty Dickson-Maret

red Bible p. 1352, black Bible p. 139

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:4-11 *Rev. Kirsty Dickson-Maret*

red Bible p. 1214, black Bible p. 34

SERMON "We Have Not Even Heard..." Rev. Kirsty Dickson-Maret

WE OFFER OUR LIVES TO GOD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

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

*HYMN # 504 "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

This is the joyful feast of the people of God! People will come from north and south and from east and west to sit at table in the kingdom of God. According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. This is the Lord's Table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast that he has prepared.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: We glorify your name and lift our voices in joyful praise.

Praise to you, O God, for all your works. You created the world and called it good and made us in your image to live together in love. You made a covenant with us, and even when we turned from you, you remained ever faithful.

Therefore with all creation we sing your praise:

A: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

L: Thank you, O God, for sending us your Son. He lived among us and told your story. He healed the sick and welcomed sinners.

He shared our pain and died our death, then rose to new life that we might live, and all creation be restored.