

Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded



January 15, 2023
The Baptism of Jesus

Welcome to worship this morning!

Bulletin Cues: **Bold** indicates congregational response, * indicates please stand, if able
Bathrooms are located down the hall, around the corner to the left. A family bathroom is located in the hallway on the right hand side (next to the Kidz Klub).

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In baptism God claims us and names us Beloved.

In baptism Christ joins us to himself and to one another.

In baptism the Spirit is poured out upon us.

We remember our baptism and praise the Holy One.

OPENING HYMN GTG 475

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

vs. 1-3



1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

CALL OF CONFESSION

Nothing can be hidden from the Holy One, maker of earth and heaven,
whose wisdom is endless and whose mercy is great.
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, you claim us and call us, support and uphold us,
you save us and free us from all that holds us back.
Yet we slip into old habits, worshiping non-entities that claim our attention,
Disregarding our impact on the earth and on our neighbors.
Forgive us. Meet us again at the water so we know we belong to you forever.**
Silence for reflection

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Those who trust in God will renew their strength.
They will run and not be weary, they will walk and not grow faint.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **Amen**

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Saving God, source of our calling, your Word is full of power and glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that we may receive your grace and live as your beloved children, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 42:1-10

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Holy One, who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the Holy One, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;

I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the Holy One, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 29

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

**The voice of the Holy One is powerful;
the voice of the Holy One is full of majesty.**

The voice of the Holy One breaks the cedars;
the Holy One breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

God makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Holy One flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the Holy One shakes the wilderness;
the Holy One shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**The voice of the Holy One causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare; and in God's temple all cry, "Glory!"**

The Holy One sits enthroned over the flood;
the Holy One sits enthroned as ruler forever.

**May the Holy One give strength to the people!
May the Holy One bless the people with peace!**

SPECIAL MUSIC

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

all verses

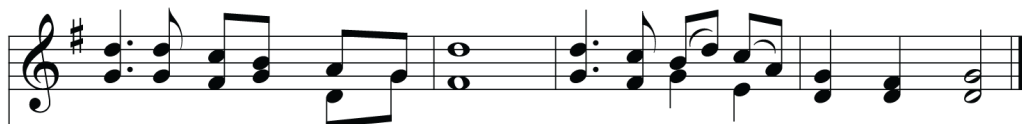
1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Savior,

hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father and Mother in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your 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 let us not be led into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN GTG 485

We Know that Christ Is Raised

vs. 1, 2, 4



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.
The u - ni - verse, re - stored and whole, will sing:



Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia!


BLESSING AND CHARGE

Beloved children of God, receive the gift of the Holy Spirit,
The grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of the Beloved forever.
As Jesus called the first disciples, so he calls us this day:
Follow me. **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Today, we welcome Jeannie Thompson, director of youth programming and community outreach at the women’s shelter. She will speak about the Women’s Shelter & Support Center’s goals after worship today.

Jeannie’s background is in mental health nursing, working in adolescent mental health and clinical psychology. Jeannie began volunteering at a domestic violence center in North Iowa. She eventually went on staff with that agency. She has been an advocate for victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault for more than 30 years. She is a foster/adoptive parent, has four children, five grandchildren, one great-grandchild and two cats, Faith & Hope. (Hope is the naughty one.)



ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

Annual Report/ Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 22, after worship, will be the Annual Congregational Meeting. Plan to attend as CPC will look back on the past year, recognize leaders that have completed their term, vote for the new class of elders and deacons as well as amend the by-laws, and look forward to the year ahead. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

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Church Staff		Serving in Worship Today	
Pastor	Rev. Jan Wiersma	Liturgist	Sue Chipman
Choir Director	Meg Cain	Special Music	CPC Choir
Handbell Director	Judy Kereakos	IT Support	Louis Bouchard
Pianist	Glenna Muir		
Custodian	Nancy Sanford		
Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch		

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Sunday, January 15

9:30 am Worship - Onsite and Online

10:30 am Women's Shelter Forum

2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Tuesday, January 17

12:00 pm Bulletin Information Due

12:00 pm Conference Call *

7:00 pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network

Wednesday, January 18

6:30 am No Prayer Group

7:00 pm CPC Choir

Thursday, January 19

5:30 pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios

Friday, January 20

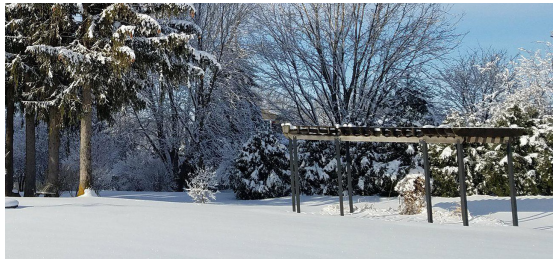
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Judy Leal
Jane and Ed Burgstaler family,
especially daughters Jenny
and Elissa

Connie Holst
MariLynn Johnson
Vera Atkinson's daughter, Teresa
Shannon Cisewski
Judy Robb's brother, Dan
Ron Murray
Dick and Nancy Massaro

*To be added to the prayer list,
please contact Pastor Jan at
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Online Worship:

Sundays 9:30 – 10:30am

<https://meet.google.com/vao-wjef-cbe>

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* Tuesday's Conference Call

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