

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 9, 2022

Baptism of Our Lord

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

Voluntary in E Minor

John Stanley

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING the PEACE**

INTROIT

Joy to The World (vs. 3)

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

LITURGIST: Chris Dunn

Leader: Come celebrate what God has done for us!

People: We come ready to be renewed and welcomed into community.

Leader: The God of our baptism says, "I have called you by name, you are mine."

People: A voice speaks out, "You are my beloved child with you I am well pleased."

Leader: Baptized into Christ Jesus, we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

People: We come to worship God with thanksgiving and praise.

***HYMN #408**

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Sweet, Sweet, Spirit

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: Come to God with open and contrite hearts ready to receive the Good News of God's forgiveness and welcomed embrace. Come honestly as we confess our sin.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Lord Jesus Christ, yours is a baptism of Spirit and fire, but we confess we are not worthy of your love and acceptance. We have failed to bear the fruit of repentance, but have been worthless chaff, good for nothing. Forgive our sins, Lord, and call us anew. See us through every trial, whether of water or flame, that we might give you glory and honor, and tell the coming generations of the greatness of your redemption. Hear now our silent prayer.

***SILENT PRAYER**

***DECLARATION OF PARDON**

Leader: Christ is our peace who has made us one!

People: Christ has broken down the barriers of separation!

Leader: Christ has promised reconciliation!

People: So we will live as whole and reconciled people!

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

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*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,
whose grace has pardoned me and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.*

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. (3X)

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

ANTHEM

Know My Heart

Benjamin Harlan

GOSPEL READING

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

SERMON

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RENEWAL OF BAPTISM

Introductory Words

Renunciation and Affirmation

Do you renounce evil, and its power in the world, which defies God's righteousness and love? **I do renounce it.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that separate you from the love of God? **I do renounce it.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior? **I do.**

Do you intend to be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word, and showing his love to your life's end? **I do.**

Minister: Do you believe in God the Father?

PEOPLE: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

Minister: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

PEOPLE: I believe 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.

Minister: Do you believe in God the Holy Ghost?

PEOPLE: 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.

Thanksgiving over the Water

Touching the Water (*Down to the River to Pray*)

(Come forward, dip your hand into the water, renew your baptismal vows, be blessed and give thanks.)

Blessing and Prayer

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory

Peace Reigns Within

Gerald Peterson

*Doxology (Unison)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***HYMN #688**

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

Morecambe

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

The Lord Bless & Keep You

Peter Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord lift His countenance upon you; and give you peace, and give you peace, the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you, be gracious, the Lord be gracious, gracious unto you.

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

Chorale Postlude

Roger Wilson

USHERS: Terri McNamara and Bob Callecod.

IN OUR PRAYERS: All those adversely affected by the Covid-19 and its various strains, Mickey Cochrane, Leon Wang, Scotty's friends: Jackie & Paula, Michelle McDonald & family, Daisy Boyer & family, Lee Liebetreu's family, Ann Titus, the PNC, Mary Frances & Bill Moss, Jason Sybert, the LGBTQIA+ Community, all victims of abuse, racial inequalities, and those picking up and trying to recover from surgery and loss.

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. There are no closed doors here.

Christ Welcomes All Here!

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There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

1. There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord; there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord. **Refrain.**

Refrain: Sweet holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

2. There are blessing you cannot receive till you know him in his fullness and believe; you're the one to profit when you say, "I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."

Refrain.

Down to the River to Pray

Refrain: As I went down in the river to pray Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown Good Lord, show me the way

1. O *sisters**, let's go down, Let's go down, come on down, O sisters, let's go down,
Down in the river to pray. **Refrain:**

***Brothers, *fathers, *mothers, *sinners** (after the refrain is sung replace the bold word with the next word listed here with an *asterisk.)

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

1. Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth; through all its pulses move; stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.
2. I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay, no angel visitant, no opening skies; but take the dimness of my soul away.
3. Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King; all, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength and mind! I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling. O let me seek thee, and O let me find!
4. Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh. Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear, to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh. Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.
5. Teach me to love thee as thine angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame; the baptism of the heaven descended Dove, my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

Week of January 9 thru January 16

SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service – w/Communion
	11:30 a.m.	Sunday Conversations in the Green Lounge
MONDAY		OFFICE IS CLOSED EVERY MONDAY
	4:30 p.m.	Kindred Spirits in the Green Lounge
TUESDAY	1:00 p.m.	Tuesday Book Group in the Green Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	A.A. in the Fellowship Hall
WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sorting Clothes in the Deacons' Shop
	12:00 p.m.	BULLETIN DEADLINE EVERY WEDS.
	1:00 p.m.	Budget Meeting
	5:30 p.m.	Lectionary Bible Study via Zoom
	7:00 p.m.	Trustees Meeting in the Fellowship Hall
		Outreach Meeting in the Green Lounge
THURSDAY	9:30 a.m.	Deacons' Shop is open to the public (masks required)
	5:30 p.m.	Worship Meeting in person
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (must be vaccinated)
SATURDAY	11:30 a.m.	MLK Weekend – Food drop off location
SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Sunday Conversations in the Green Lounge
	11:30 a.m.	MLK Weekend – Food drop off location

Nursery Care is provided during the worship service & Sunday Conversations. Araya Musselman, a sophomore at BGSU, will be taking care of the children and providing a small Sunday School lesson. There will be activities that are provided as well as time to play in the nursery. Snacks will be provided for the children.

Sunday Conversations - What makes us Presbyterian? Where did we come from? Led by Rev. David M. Montgomery - Sundays, January 9-30, 2020

11:30 am -12:15 pm in the Green Lounge. Have you ever wondered, "*What makes us Presbyterians unique?*" or "*What things do we have in common with other religions, or denominations?*" **This is for New Members, Visitors, Officers, and All Interested Persons.** We've planned a **four-week series** to examine these questions plus more. Meetings are for **45 minutes** in the **Green Lounge at 11:30 am** (right after worship).

⇒ **Jan 9** - What is the relationship between Judaism, Christianity, Islam? How do we differ from the other world religions? We'll take a look at our Ancestral Tree.

⇒ **Jan 16** -1517 Reformation: Martin Luther and the Cries of the Reformation and John Calvin's Geneva with the Essential tenants of the reformed faith (election of the people of God for service; covenant life with concern for order; faithful stewardship; recognition of our tendency to idolatry and tyranny which calls us to work for the transformation of society)



Officer Training and Retreat - God has called, and our officers have responded by saying "Yes". Please pray for the Elders, Deacons and Trustees as the new officers are installed in worship January 23. **In preparation for their installation there will be an officers' retreat on Saturday, January 22 starting at 9 a.m. here at the church.**

Officers for 2022 thru 2024

Moderator, David Montgomery

Session

- Class 2022 Christina Guenther, Lisa Lawson, Donna Nelson-Been, Terri McNamara
- Class 2023 Dar Bevelhymmer, Lee Liebetreu, Bob Vincent
- Class 2024 Joan Callecod, Carolyn Layne, Gale Swanka

Deacons

- Class 2022 Sandi Carsey, Dave Horger, Jan McLaughlin, Cathy Horger
- Class 2023 Beatrice Guenther, Nancy Hess, Adriane Weisert,
- Class 2024 Scotty Huntington, Doretta Schmidt

Trustees

- Class 2022 Drew Hanna, Terri McNamara
- Class 2023 Bob Callecod, Linda Smith
- Class 2024 Sue Clark, Mike Evans

New Time, Same Place, Great People - Kindred Spirits will meet at **4:30 pm on Monday, January 10 in the Green Lounge**. We will discuss the second half of the Book of Ruth. Going forward Kindred Spirits will meet every second Monday of the month, during the academic year, at 4:30. Any questions, call Julie Smith Maekask (419-247-1794). Hope you can join us!



Join David Montgomery on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. for the Bible Lectionary Series on the scripture that the sermon will be based on the following Sunday. This week's scripture is **Isaiah 62:1-5**. When have you seen someone truly delighted? When did you see bright eyes and joy emanating from someone's face? What a joy! What a blessing! Isaiah tells us that Lord will call us "My Delight Is in Her!" Through Jesus Christ, we have been claimed by God, not taken out of the world for special protection, but claimed by God with the promise that God will always be our God and we will always be God's people- and that is God's Delight! If you'd like to join in this discussion, please contact church office or David.

HEADS-UP! 2021 ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS – Are to be emailed to Tammy in the church office no later than **Friday, January 21st**. **If you chair a committee here at the church**, you are responsible for getting the report to me on time. Thank you.



MLK Day Community Challenge

We invite you to mark your calendars for the upcoming Martin-Luther-King weekend! **On MLK Weekend—15-17 January, FPC Bowling Green is partnering with BGSU's Office of Civic Engagement in a MLK Day**

Community Challenge.

In partnership with First Presbyterian Church in Bowling Green, BGSU's students are planning to coordinate a city- wide donation drive over the MLK day weekend (January 15-17). BGSU's students will distribute fliers (and perhaps bags) throughout the community. They invite us along with residents, organizations, and community groups to join with them over the MLK Day weekend to donate '22 items for 2022' and help ensure that our food pantries and local organizations are equipped to serve members of our community as we enter 2022.

What does it entail for us at First Presbyterian Church?

We will be sending out a list of items to be collected by our church members.

- " **FPC will serve as donation drop-of site during MLK weekend** (Saturday through Sunday), and BGSU's Civic Engagement staff will mobilize BGSU students, faculty and staff, to canvass neighborhoods throughout the city to collect food and hygiene items.
- " **We will need a few volunteers** on each of the weekend days (Sat. and Sun.) from about **11:30 to 4:30pm** to be on hand and/ or help sort the food and supplies that the BGSU student teams will be depositing at FPC.
- " We will need **a few volunteers on the actual National Day of Service on MLK Monday from 11:30-4:30/ 5pm** to staff the building when the student teams finish sorting the donations and pick them up for the area pantries and families in need. Anything that remains after the drive will be dropped off at the Campus Food Pantry.

Finally, the Outreach Team plans **a brief gathering after church on MLK Sunday** to view a video montage about Martin Luther King's legacy followed by an informal roundtable discussion and refreshments.

Please let Christina Guenther know if you can help with this MLK Challenge!

cguenth@bgsu.edu

Your Outreach Team: Elaine Bast, Dani Cookson, Beatrice and Christina Guenther, O'Leo Loki, Michelle McDonald



As you pack away your Christmas decorations this year and decide to retire some items, remember the Jingle Jumble! We are planning on returning with the sale next November. items clearly marked for the Christmas sale can be dropped at the church for storage on the third floor. Funds raised through this event support our Choral Scholars. ~Susan Dunn and Nancy Hess