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*Following Christ
So All May Thrive*

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January 13, 2019

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

January 13, 2019

10:00 A.M.

Thank you for silencing your electronic devices.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S GRACE

GATHERING MUSIC

In Thee Is Gladness
O Morning Star How Fair and Bright

arr. Greene
Nicolai

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Hark the Glad Sound

Haweis

INTROIT

Chapel Invocation

Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

[verses from Psalm 29]

L: The Lord's voice is over the waters; the glorious God thunders!

P: The Lord's voice is strong; the Lord's voice is majestic.

L: The Lord sits enthroned over the floodwaters; the Lord sits enthroned—king forever!

P: Let the Lord give strength to his people! Let the Lord bless his people with peace!

*HYMN

Baptized in Water

#482

CALL TO CONFESSION (Leader)

[based on Psalm 103]

The Psalmist reminds us that "the Lord is compassionate and merciful, very patient, and full of faithful love. God doesn't deal with us according to our sin or repay us according to our wrongdoing." It is to this God we open our hearts today, admitting our need of God's renewing grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

We admit, O God, that we sometimes waver in our faith when we do not readily see, hear, or feel evidence of your presence in our lives. We long for some sign that you haven't abandoned or given up on us! Forgive our lack of faith and graciously enable us to trust more deeply in you who have claimed us as your own! Hear us as we ask for your mercy in Jesus' name. Amen.

TIME FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

WORDS ASSURING US OF GOD'S GRACE (Responsive): [based on Psalm 103]

L: "As far as east is from west...

P: that's how far God has removed our sin from us"!

L: Praise God for such compassion and mercy!

P: Praise God for the Lord's faithful love and unfailing grace!

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

*RESPONSE *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* #582

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

L: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

P: And also, with you.

Please welcome your neighbors, sharing the peace of Christ with them.

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

A MOMENT WITH OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

How, O Lord, can we live faithfully unless we understand your Word? How can we understand your Word without the help of your Spirit? Come in power among us so we may understand and live to your glory! Receive our prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

(CEB, below)

But now, says the Lord— the one who created you, Jacob, the one who formed you, Israel: Don't fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. 2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; when through the rivers, they won't sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you won't be scorched and flame won't burn you. 3 I am the Lord your God, the holy one of Israel, your savior. I have given Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in your place. 4 Because you are precious in my eyes, you are honored, and I love you. I give people in your place, and nations in exchange for your life. 5 Don't fear, I am with you. From the east I'll bring your children; from the west I'll gather you. 6 I'll say to the north, "Give them back!" and to the south, "Don't detain them." Bring my sons from far away, and my daughters from the end of the earth, 7 everyone who is called by my name and whom I created for my glory, whom I have formed and made.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. † **People: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM*Deep Waters*

Chopin

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 3:21-22

(CEB, below)

21 When everyone was being baptized, Jesus also was baptized. While he was praying, heaven was opened 22 and the Holy Spirit came down on him in bodily form like a dove. And there was a voice from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. † **People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON*You Who*

Rev. Rebecca Taylor

MOMENTS OF SILENT REFLECTION**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD****JOYS & CONCERNS****PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

(traditional, page 35)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name, thy kingdom come, thy 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 lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE*Amen*

Dietsch

OFFERING

Offertory *Climbin' Up the Mountain* arr. Fettke

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

WORDS AFFIRMING OUR FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

*HYMN *I Will Come to You* #177

*BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Nunc Dimitus* Luvaas

POSTLUDE *Nativity Carol* Callender

L = Leader

P = People

*indicates that one is invited to stand in body or spirit

Hymnal: # indicates the hymn number in *Glory to God*

Bibles: NIV — *The Holy Bible: New International Version (pew racks)*; CEB — *The Common English Bible*

*** THE LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE NEXT WEEK ***

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; I Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

Questions for Reflection

How may I live in the power of the Holy Spirit this day? What in my life is like chaff that the Holy Spirit burns away in order for me to live as a free and faithful child of God?

Household Prayer: Morning

Loving God, we begin this new day in the sure knowledge that you have claimed us as your children. In all that we do, keep us mindful of actions that are pleasing in your sight. In all that we say, make us attentive to the witness we give to your love. Let our lives be an example to all whom we encounter, living as daughters and sons of God who follow in the path of Jesus, our Lord and our brother. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

As evening comes and we end the labors of this day, we thank you, Lord Jesus, that you have been our companion. If we have disregarded your fellowship, forgive us. Where we have strayed from your path, correct us. Let us rest this evening as children of God, sheltered in the love of those who belong to your holy family of grace. Amen.

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THE TEXTS IN BOLD will be used in worship next Sunday; please read them during the week and pray that God's spirit will help and guide us all as we encounter God's word!

OUR STAFF

Rev. Rebecca Taylor, Pastor
Debbie Hunter, Interim Director of Music
Hunter Peterson, Interim Musician
Michelle Sandberg, Interim Musician
Lynn Waterfield, Interim Musician
John Lasher, Percussion

Marilyn Dunkle, Office Manager
Betsy Griffin, Financial Secretary
Kyle Brecht, Property Manager
Ben Check, Night Custodian
Jen Neall, Worship Child Care
Terri Shaw, Worship Infant Care

***** OUR WORSHIP SERVICE *****

IF YOU ARE NEW TO OUR CHURCH, and are interested in uniting with this congregation, please speak to Pastor Rebecca or one of our Elders. We would love to have you as a member of our church family. Visitors are encouraged to fill out the pink visitor card found in the pew rack.

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS, BULLETINS, Children's Activity Bulletins, and hearing assist radios are available from the ushers.

THE PRAYER REQUEST FORM is located on the lecterns at the back of the sanctuary. Please fill in your concerns prior to worship.

WE WELCOME AND THANK Barb Phillips, today's liturgist, Vickie Eggleston for providing the Children's Sermon.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL are given to the glory of God and in memory of parents, James and Mary Gavaghan and Doris and Even E. Christy, by Coleen Christy.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE is an ancient tradition of acknowledging the unique fellowship we have in Christ Jesus. Please take this opportunity to share the peace of Christ by whatever means you and the one you are greeting are most comfortable; a handshake, a hug, or a simple verbal greeting.

A MOMENT WITH OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES — From babes in arms to elementary school age children, we welcome the children forward to the chancel at this time. Parents should feel welcome to accompany younger children. After sharing and a closing prayer, children age 5 and younger may go upstairs for childcare or return to their seats with their parents.

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP — Our church welcomes children and families in worship. Nursery care is available on the second floor for infants and very young children. Elementary aged children are encouraged to be part of the service and are welcome to use the worship kits and books located in the back of the sanctuary. Silent pagers are available from the nursery and Terri will be happy to arrange notification of your child's needs.

*** EVENTS ***

SUNDAY SCHOOL – The Adult Sunday School Class meets at 9:00 A.M. in the Craft Room. All are welcome! The study is from the Book of Genesis.

DAVID LA MOTTE – Warren Concert Association is sponsoring David LaMotte in concert in our sanctuary on Saturday, February 23, 2019. David LaMotte is a veteran of 12 CD's and 3,000 concerts in all 50 states and on 5 continents. He is an award-winning songwriter, author, public speaker, and founder of an international non-profit. David will also be a guest at our morning worship service on Sunday, February 24.

** ANNOUNCEMENTS **

HOPEFUL LIVING – The first quarter of Hopeful Living is coming – and should be here soon. We apologize for the interruption in service.

DONATIONS AND GIFTS – The following donations have been received:

- to the Sharing Place in memory of Grace (Penny) Krespan

HELP LEAD OUR MUSIC MINISTRY - First Presbyterian Church of Warren, PA seeks a dynamic, creative leader or leaders for our Music Ministry. Our team leader will chart the musical direction for our church for both worship and special events. We have a Sanctuary Choir and a Scotland Handbell Choir that require music selection, rehearsal and worship service direction as well as accompaniment. Available is a grand piano and a 1956 Casavant Pipe Organ. The organ was built and is regularly serviced by Parsons Pipe Organ Builders of Canada and is renowned through the area. For additional information, please contact Lynn Sears, Personnel Chair at (814)730-9479 or thesears4@msn.com. A résumé may be sent to the above email address or to First Presbyterian Church 300 Market St. Warren, PA 16365 Attn: Lynn Sears

Exciting News! The Deacons and Shepherds will be joining together in God's ministry as we begin the new year. Our goal is to strengthen the relationships within our congregation while providing opportunities for all to participate in ways which match individual strengths and preferences. Fellowship Hour is one of these opportunities.

There will be a sign-up sheet in Communications Hall for individuals or groups of people willing to host a Sunday Fellowship Hour. **Fellowship** is the emphasis of this time together. This is a great chance to work with someone else. Maybe you are willing to bake cookies, but don't want to host; maybe you are happy to set up, but would rather not be responsible for food preparation. If cost is a concern, you may be reimbursed up to \$25 for purchases made for Fellowship Hour. Simple snacks are welcome! Stay tuned for more opportunities to serve God, so that all thrive!

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. (1 Corinthians 10:31)

This Week's Servers:

Next Week's Servers (January 20, 2019)

Liturgist	Barb Phillips	Liturgist	Mark Phillips
Children's Sermon	Vickie Eggleston	Children's Sermon	Jane Strohmeyer
Secure Offering	Georgeann Chamberlain	Secure Offering	Georgeann Chamberlain
Coffee Hour	Barb & Mark Phillips	Coffee Hour	Joanna & Gloria
Flower Delivery	Joyce Hill	Flower Delivery	Rene' Pring
Attendance January 6	78		

Breaking News! Please take note!

There are several upcoming events that you won't want to miss as they are significant conversations for the present and future of this faithful congregation! Mark your calendar! If you wonder if these gatherings are for you, the answer is "YES!" Now that we know the **who**, here's the **what** and **when** and **where**:

What: Open Conversation about the **Unglued Church Project** – how is it impacting the congregation and interfacing with its mission and ministry? What is next now that the formal process is complete?

When: Saturday, January 19th, 2019 beginning at 9:00 AM

Where: Memorial Parlor

What: **Annual Meeting** which will feature not only reports but also information about upcoming developments and the opportunity to amend the bylaws of the corporation to phase out the Board of Deacons (but not the office of Deacon!)

When: Sunday, January 27th, 2019 at the conclusion of morning worship with the enjoyment of a winter "picnic"

Where: Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall

What: Gathering to Discern & Discuss a **Way Forward** – let's pray, dream and share together in an open and inclusive conversation about how the mission and ministry of this congregation will be carried out/lived into if the current committee structure is shifted, loosened up, or even dismantled

When: Sunday, February 10th, 2019 at the conclusion of morning worship over the table fellowship of a luncheon [childcare will be provided]

Where: Fellowship Hall

PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY—13

- 9:00 A.M. Finance Team – Library
- 9:00 A.M. Adult Sunday School – Craft Room
- 10:00 A.M. Morning Worship – Sanctuary
- 11:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour – Memorial Parlor
- 11:20 A.M. Shepherds/Deacons Team – Craft Room

MONDAY – 14

- 6:00 P.M. Scouting Groups - Downstairs Classrooms
- 6:30 P.M. Troop 8 – Scout Room

TUESDAY - 15

- 12:00 P.M. AA – Calvin Corner
- 1:30 P.M. Watson Home Communion
- 7:00 P.M. AA (Women’s Group) – Calvin Corner

WEDNESDAY—16

- 9:30 A.M. Cuppa Coffee – Library
- 10:00 A.M. Mug of Conversation – Warren Apartments
- 5:45 P.M. Scotland Bell Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 7:00 P.M. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal – Choir Rehearsal Room

THURSDAY – 17

- 4:30 P.M. Sharing Place Meal – Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 P.M. Session Meeting – Craft Room
- 6:30 P.M. NA – Calvin Corner

FRIDAY—18

- 9:30 A.M. Story Time – Second Floor
- 6:00 P.M. AA (Men’s Group) - Calvin Corner

SATURDAY – 19

- 9:00 A.M. Unglued Church Project Open Conversation – Memorial Parlor

SUNDAY—20

- 9:00 A.M. Adult Sunday School – Craft Room
- 10:00 A.M. Morning Worship – Sanctuary
- 11:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour – Memorial Parlor
- 11:20 A.M. Christian Education Team – Library



FPC Bulletins



FPC Newsletter



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***** JOYS AND CONCERNS *****

Ushers have word of encouragement cards. If you would like to write a word of encouragement to any of the people mentioned, or others on your mind, please raise your hand and indicate how many cards you would like. Fill them out and drop them in the offering plate and we will ensure they are delivered during the week.

Joys:

Concerns:

Our Christian sympathy to Paul and My Ignatius and their family upon the death of Paul's younger brother, John Ignatius, 73, who died in Gibsonia, PA following an accident.
Prayers for Larry Krespan who is undergoing rehab at the Rouse Home
Prayers for Ralph Wade, Carol Hanna's brother, diagnosed with colon cancer & is back at the Rouse
Prayers for Joyce Puleo is undergoing stem cell transplantation through Mid-January 2019 at Hillman's Cancer Center in Pittsburgh
Prayers for Sean Duckett
Prayers for June Carlson recovering from hip surgery at the Rouse Home, Room 705B
Prayers for Calvin Leonard
Prayers of healing for Betty Jane Berdine
Prayers for Lisa Hochberg
Prayers for Emma and Leila
Prayers for Pat Fankhouser
Prayers for Linda Michael, Kay Dolan's sister, receiving cancer treatments
Prayers for Ed Seebeck, who has health concerns.
Prayers for Connie Bartholomew Waxman who is battling cancer
Prayers for Rev. George Johnson
Prayers for Seth
Pray for healing and strength for Katie Rodgers, a teacher at WAEC, who is battling cancer
Prayers for Coleen Christy
Prayers for Andy Slocum
Courage, strength, and faith to all those affected by violent crimes.
Those serving in our military, people struggling with addiction, & those in jail
Let us pray for all the downtrodden and those facing famine and hunger in remote and desolate places. Let the Light of the Lord shine on all peoples in all nations.

***** PRESBYTERY JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS *****

Joys and Concerns:

We acknowledge and pray for the churches and ministerial staff that constitute the Lake Erie Presbytery. This week we pray for the Second Presbyterian Church, Oil City, Rev. Sue Montgomery, Temporary Supply, and J. Herbert Nelson, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.