

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2016

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music
Concerns of the Church

Prelude "Prière" Wagner

* Call to Worship Ps. 29; Luke 3:21-22

The voice of God resounds upon the water.

The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.

The Son of God is named, "Beloved."

And all who worship shout out, "Glory!"

Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.

Let us worship God in holy splendor.

*Hymn 482 "Baptized in Water"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

***in baptism you grafted us into the body of Christ,
promising forgiveness and new life.***

But we fail to live as forgiven people.

We keep destructive habits and hold grudges.

We allow our past to hold us hostage

and are reluctant to welcome a new start.

In your loving kindness, have mercy on us and free us from sin.

Remind us of the promises you have made to us in baptism

so that we may live as your people,

claimed in the waters of promise.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response 137

He came down that we may have light . . . hallelujah forevermore!

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (NT, p. 60)

Psalter: Psalm 29 (Hymn 10)

A Time with Children

Anthem

Second Lesson: Isaiah 43:1-7 (OT, p. 672)

Sermon: "Getting Through the River"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 463 "How Firm a Foundation"

* Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows (Hymnal, p. 21)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

"Litany"

Callahan

* Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 490 "Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

“Trumpet Tune”

Wagner

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* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given by Betty Keen to the glory of God and in honor of her husband, Don.

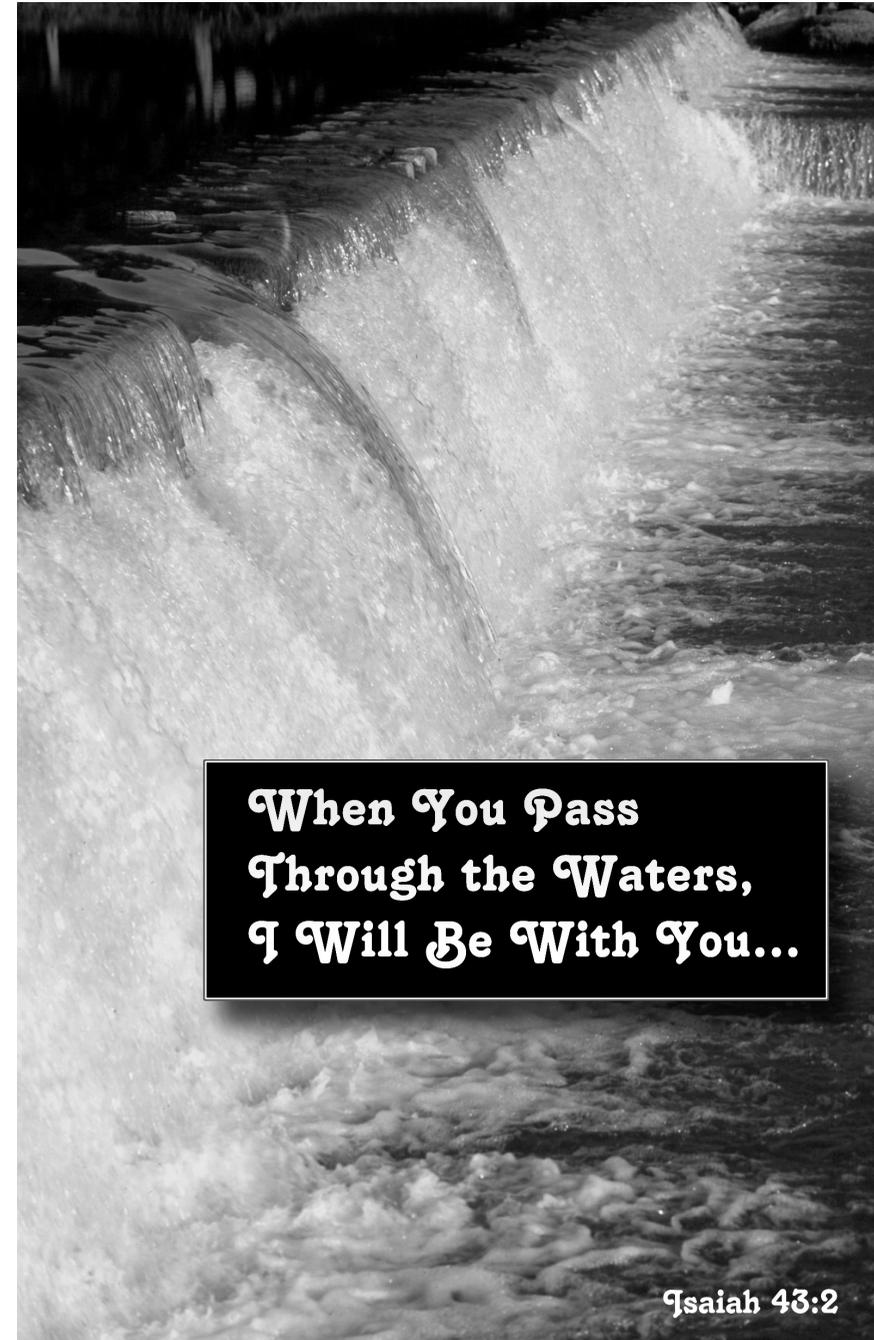
PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	William Carter
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Nancy Post
Welcomers	Lee and Mick Wirth
Ushers	Greg Matthews, Betty
Keen	



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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**When You Pass
Through the Waters,
I Will Be With You...**

Isaiah 43:2

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers,

they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

