

*"I will put my Spirit on him and
he will bring justice to the nations."*

Isaiah 42:1



First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

Baptism of the Lord

January 8, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; for he lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Baptized in Water”

arr. Dale Wood

Call to Worship

from Ps. 29 and Mark 1

The voice of the Lord is over the waters,
and in the temple God's people say: Glory!
The heavens opened, the Spirit descended,
and a voice sounded: This is my Beloved Son.

* Hymn 744

“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,
making us part of the body of Christ.
We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,
separated from one another.
We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,
and show reluctance to welcome one another.
We allow the past to hold us captive.
In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us,
and free us from sin.
Fulfill the promises of our baptism
so that we may rise to new life and live together in grace.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response 583 “Glory to God”

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Matthew 3:13-17 (NT, p. 3)

Psalter: Psalm 29 (Hymn 10)

A Time with Children

Anthem

“Come to the Water”

Second Lesson: Isaiah 42:1-7 (OT, p. 670)

Sermon: "The Calling"

Rev. Carter

Sermon Series: Wintering with Isaiah

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 482

“Baptized in Water”

* Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant (Hymnal, p. 21)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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.**

Offering
Offertory "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters" arr. Wayne Wold
* Doxology 606

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 757 "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"
* Charge and Benediction
* Postlude "Wade in the Water" arr. Joe Utterback

If you are leaving before the postlude is finished, please do so quietly.

* All who are able shall stand.

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Steve Owens by his wife, Nancy.

We are grateful for the many ways that people support our church's ministry to the community and world. If you wish to contribute by cell phone, **scan here.**



PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Judy Cutler

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Church Family Announcements

Our congregation worships God, equips God's people for ministry in the world, and serves God in ways that are faithful to the Gospel.

Thank you for joining us for Worship. We worship every Sunday in two ways!

- **Join us in person at 10:00 a.m.**
- **Tune in online** for our service, which is broadcast live on [our video page on YouTube](#) and archived for later viewing on the same site.

Large-print bulletins can be found at the rear of the sanctuary.

The Nursery is open Sunday mornings from 9:40-11:10 a.m. for children ages 3 and younger in room 208. The nursery is staffed by Heather Lyons.

Can you help? We are seeking volunteers to replenish our committees and assist with brief but important tasks around the church.

- Can you assist with serving meals at one of our funeral luncheons? Let our Deacons know.
- Interested in volunteering in the office on a regular weekday morning? Notify Nancy Owens.
- Can you serve on the Christian Education and Growth committee? Let Jana know.
- Could you serve on the Worship, Music, and Arts committee, or on the Arts planning team? Tell Jan Thyren or Robin Pinches of your interest.

Thanks for considering this invitation. This church depends on volunteers!

2023 Offering Envelopes can be found on the tables in the hallway by the pastor's office. Please take yours home today. If you would like a box of envelopes, and one hasn't been prepared for you, contact the church office (570-586-6306).

The Mission & Justice Committee is planning a morning of volunteering at the **CEO/Weinberg Northeast Regional Food Bank** in Pittston on Saturday, January 14, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. We will help pack boxes of food for qualifying senior citizens in our area. If you would like to carpool to the site, we will meet in the lower church parking lot, leaving at 8:30 AM. Sign up in the narthex, or contact Diane Scheuer at 570-362-3276.

The 2023 flower calendar is hanging in the hallway next to Rev. Carter's office. If you wish to contribute sanctuary flowers during the year, please sign up and you will be contacted for additional details.

The Chamber Music Society of NEPA will perform a concert "Tempestuous Harmony" at the First Presbyterian Church in Clarks Summit **today at 4 pm**. The program will feature piano quartets of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Richard Strauss. Artists are Brian Farrell, piano, John M Vaida, violin, Amy Iwasumi, viola, and Bryan Hayslett, cello.

Mr. Farrell currently holds the position of Music Director and Conductor of Repertory Opera Company of Los Angeles, and both Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from The Juilliard School where he studied piano with Jerome Lowenthal, opera with Diane Richardson, and collaborative piano with Samuel Sanders.

John Vaida and his wife, Amy Iwasumi, are co-founders of the NEPACMS, and perform regularly as soloists, recitalists, and chamber musicians. Vaida is currently on the faculty at Mansfield University and Wilkes University, and Artist-in-Residence at the Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School. His wife enjoys a diverse career as a musician, web developer and graphic designer, and is the chief of operations for the NEPACMS.

Cellist Bryan Hayslett teaches as Assistant Professor of Cello at the New World School of the Arts and serves as the cellist of contemporary performance group Juxtatonal.

The Piano Quartet in G Minor by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was one of only a handful of his compositions in G Minor, a key in which his most turbulent and tragic yet beautiful works were written. Paired with the fiery and expansive Piano Quartet in C Minor by Richard Strauss, this concert is not to be missed!

Art Show at the Ice Festival First Presbyterian is happy to host a juried photography exhibit, as well as the fine artwork of its talented parishioners at the Clarks Summit Ice Festival, held on **January 27-29, 2023**. If you want to be a part of the event, here's what you need to know:

- Elaine Tweedy will coordinate the Art Show. If you are interested in participating, you will need to let her know by **January 9th**. You can contact Elaine via her cell at 570-575-1705 or email at elainetweedy@gmail.com.
- Drop off of artwork and photography will be Thursday, January 26 between 4:00 and 5:30 p.m. Pick up of your work will be Sunday, January 29 between Noon and 1:30 p.m. There will be a People's Choice Award as part of the show. For more information and a schedule of the event, contact Elaine.

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 8, 2023

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
- **After worship**, there will be an intergenerational lunch/event on the theme of **Baptism**.
- **4 p.m.**, NEPA Chamber Music Society presents **“Tempestuous Harmony”**, in our Sanctuary.

Monday, January 9

Tuesday, January 10

- **10 a.m.**, MBK Quilters, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 11

- **10:30 a.m.**, Prayer and Share, Room 209
- **6 p.m.**, Adult Bible Study, Room 206
- **7 p.m.**, Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft
- **8 p.m.**, Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, January 12

- **5 p.m.**, Worship, Music, Arts, Room 206

Friday, January 13

- **Presbyter Deadline**

Saturday, January 14

- **8:30 a.m.**, Carpool leaves from church for Weinberg Northeast Regional Food Bank
- **1 p.m.**, Book Group, the church

Sunday, January 15

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
- **11:15**, Session meeting, room 206

Looking Ahead:

Monday, January 16 at 4 p.m. is the **Deadline for Annual Reports** to be submitted.

Please forward them electronically to office@fpccs.org