

Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.

Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Friendship pads and pass them back to the center aisle.

Our Approach to God

Prelude Prélude from Suite do II. Ton Jean-Adam Guilain

The Call to Worship

Come, let us ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

We give the Lord the glory due his name.

Let us worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

We worship our triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Only God is worthy of all our praise and adoration.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

*The Hymn of Praise *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* 460

*The Call to Confession

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with confidence, that we may receive mercy and find grace. Let us confess our sins.

*The Prayer of Confession

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love. According to your great compassion, blot out our transgressions. Wash us and cleanse us from our sins. For we know what we have done; how we have sinned against you. We know that we have fallen short of your holiness. Forgive us. [Silent confession.] O God, create in us clean hearts. Renew within us a steadfast spirit. Restore to us the joy of our salvation through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news. Though we are unworthy, we are granted the forgiveness of sins through the blood of Christ. We are forgiven and welcomed into the family of God. **Thanks be to God!**

*The Gloria Patri *Glory Be to the Father* 579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

The Anthem Ascribe to the Lord J. Martin

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Gospel Reading Luke 3:2-3, 15-16, 21-22 page 1461

The Psalm Psalm 29 page 791

The Old Testament Reading Isaiah 43:1-7 page 1035

The Sermon Jesus' Baptism Pastor Ruth Estell

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) hymnal, page 14

*The Hymn *When Jesus Came to Jordan* 72

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory I Need Thee Every Hour D. R. Johnson

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*The Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* 592
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him,
all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*The Prayer of Dedication

*The Hymn *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* 376

*The Charge and Benediction

*The Congregational Response *Go with Us, Lord* 535
**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.**

Postlude *Solemnis Haec Festivitas* A. Marty

Liturgist: Peggy Donaldson

Ushers: Karen Kalina, Cheryl Kelley, John LaDouce, and Mike Patton

Greeters: Patty Donohue & Randy Weirda

Fellowship Hour: Genie Herter and Linda Poplewski

Musical Talents: Thomas Heidenreich – Director of Music Ministry and The Chancel Choir.

The flowers today are in celebration of Fred & Genie Herter's 54th wedding anniversary.

Please join us immediately following worship in the gathering area for refreshments and fellowship.

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

*****2nd @ Second will resume today at 10:15 in the library. The focus will be Luke & Acts on God's History of Salvation.*****

Ordination and Installation of Elders

Please join us for worship next Sunday, January 19 for the ordaining and installing of Elders.

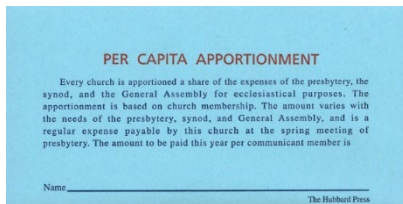
Elders to be Ordained – Cheryl Kelley, and Deb Easlick

Elders to be Installed – Deb Easlick, Cheryl Kelley, Linda Mattson, Mike Patton, Heather Rousseau, and Tammi Sova.

Per Capita

Per Capita is part of being a Presbyterian and connecting to the Presbyterian Church as a whole; it is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. The total 2025 Per Capita for our church is \$6,875.00, which equates to **\$30.69 per member** (not per household). This goes to General Assembly, Synod

of the Covenant and the Presbytery. If each member pays their Per Capita amount above their regular giving then pressure on our budget is reduced. Please mark Per Capita on your check or envelope.



January Mission

“2 Two Coins a Meal” is a wonderful program to help combat hunger – both globally (through PCUSA Hunger Program) and locally (through local food pantries). We invite you to begin gathering any spare change you may have at home. No donation is too small. Coins and paper monies will be accepted.



Worship Team

The signup sheets are out for January & February Liturgist, Ushers, Fellowship Hour, and Greeter. Please help out on Sundays where you can. We also need some people willing to learn and help with the Live-Stream operations. Please see Chuck Kemerer, Cheryl Kelley, Deb Easlick, or Bruce Smith if you are interested in learning the live-stream process.

Music and Worship Committee

New Directory for 2025

A new directory will be printed in the first quarter of 2025. There is an editable copy for you to verify your information on the table in the gathering area. Please write “ok” next to your name if all the information is correct. The sooner we get everyone’s information correct; the sooner we can make the directory available. Thank You!

Inclement Weather Policy

When Saginaw Township Schools have been closed due to inclement weather (snow, ice, temperatures, etc.), any church programming for that day will also be cancelled. This includes any activity of the church or outside groups that use church facilities. Examples are (but not limited to): Session, Committee meetings, Choirs, Bible Study, Women’s Circle, Community events.



Office Hours

The office hours for the week of January 6 will be Monday – Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. As always, please call the office before driving to the church as unforeseen circumstances can occur.

