

New Year's Day Worship

January 1, 2023

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. If you are visiting with us, please introduce yourself to the pastor following the service.

*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.

After worship, please greet your neighbors by name.

Our Approach to God

Prelude *Angels We Have Heard on High* Ore

The Call to Worship

God is our beginning and our end.

God lives with us from one generation to the next.

We are God's people, for all time.

Let us worship God, who has given us this new day.

*The Hymn of Praise *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* 31

*The Prayer of Confession

Loving God, as we gather today, the first Sunday in a new year, we take time to wonder. We think about the year that is passed and the new year that lies ahead. We have questions, hopes and dreams. We know that we strayed from you path last year, and we know that we will not be as strong in our faith this year as we should be. Forgive us, O God. Remind us that you have chosen us and show us again your grace that forgives.

(Silent Confession)

*The Assurance of Pardon

It is a new year.

Let us begin anew.

In Christ, God's living word, our sins are forgiven.

Let us live as new people.

*The Musical Response (all sing hymn 23 refrain)

"Glo . . . ria, in excelsis Deo; Glo . . . ria, in excelsis Deo."

The Special Music *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* arr. Smith

The Word of God

The Psalm *Psalm 148* page 693 OT

The Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 61:10-62:3* page 810 OT

The Gospel Reading *Luke 20:27-36* page 113 NT

The Sermon *What Is Heaven Like?* Rev. Dr. Robert Emrich

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith *Adapted from "A Declaration of Faith"*

We believe Jesus was born of a woman as is every child but born of God's power as was no other child. In the life and work of Jesus, God and people are united but not one, different but not separated. The coming of Jesus was the coming of God. Through his birth, life, death and resurrection, Jesus brings God and people together in the relationship God intended.

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory *Petite Noel* Simone

*The Response *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* 22, verse 4

**All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Ever more your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:**

Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King!

*The Prayer of Dedication

*The Hymn *Let Us Break Bread Together* 513

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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 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.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the elements

(During this time, you are invited to come forward via the center aisle, take a piece of bread, and take the cup. Return to your pew via the side aisle. Your empty cup may be placed in the tray by the side aisles. If you are unable to come forward to celebrate the sacrament, please let one of the servers know.)

Prayer

*The Hymn	<i>Joy to the World</i>	40
*The Charge and Benediction		
*The Congregational Response	<i>Go Tell It on the Mountain</i>	29
Go, tell it on the mountain over the hills and everywhere; Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!		
*Postlude	Born Is He, the Divine Christ Child	Harris
* Congregation Standing - for those who are able.		

Liturgist: JoAnn Hunt
Greeters:
Ushers:

Taking Down the Greens Sunday, January 8

Please plan to stay after worship next Sunday, January 8th and help us take down the greens. After worship we will “un-deck” the halls and then enjoy lunch before heading home.



Ushers, Liturgist and Greeters

Please sign up today to be an usher, liturgist, or greeter during January. We have several dates open. Signup sheets are on the desk in the gathering area.



Give Online!

We thank those of you who have utilized our new online giving option! As you have heard, we partnered with the Presbyterian Foundation for a new, easy to use, online giving tool! You can scan this QR code with your smart phone to set up online giving. You can also visit our website, www.spcsaginaw.org, and click the “Give Now” button. You can use this for one-time giving, or to set up recurring giving! Thank you for your gifts to Second Presbyterian Church!



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Candidate Meet and Greet

The PNC invites all to meet and greet our Candidate for Solo Pastor, Rev. Ruth Estell, on Saturday, January 7, 2023, from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will need donations of cookies, muffins, donuts, etc. for this function. Please contact Sonia at 989-792-1023 and leave a message with what you want to donate.

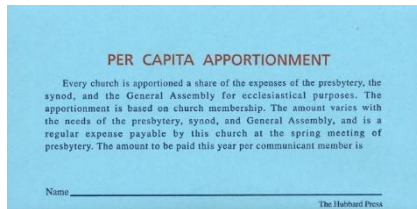


Stewardship

We have received 38 Estimates of Giving for 2023. If you have not already done so, please turn in your **yellow 2023 Estimate of Giving slip** either mailing it to the church or dropping it in the collection box. We are working on the budget for 2023 as many of the programs at the church depend upon your estimate of giving. Thank you for your faithfulness.

Per Capita

As fewer people use boxes of offering envelopes, we will place articles in the newsletter if there are special envelopes in the offering boxes. The special envelope for January is the Per Capita envelope. 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 2023 Per Capita for our church is \$7,949.00, which equates to **\$29.77 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.

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.



- Sunday January 8, we will welcome Rev. Ruth Estell to our pulpit.
- The church office will be open Monday – Thursday, but the hours may fluctuate as Sonia has been summoned for Jury Duty. Folks needing congregational care should contact the office at (989) 792-1023 and the appropriate individuals will be contacted. Voicemails and emails will be monitored when the office is closed.
- We are looking for volunteers to help with shoveling snow this year. Please call the church @ 989-792-1023

Congregational Meeting

The Session of The Second Presbyterian Church of Saginaw has called for a special meeting of the congregation for the purpose of hearing and acting upon the report of the Pastor Nominating Committee. **The meeting will be held Sunday, January 8, 2023, immediately following worship.**

