



First
Presbyterian
Church *of Ann Arbor*

BAPTISM *of the* LORD
January 12, 2025
8:30, 9:30 & 11:30 am Worship



"Baptism of Jesus" by Liz Valente



8:30 AM WORSHIP | JANUARY 12, 2025

Baptism *of the* Lord

** Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol,
and join in singing or reading aloud text in **bold**.*

GATHERING

Pouring of the Water

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

We come to this holy space

To hear, to praise, to be in community with you and with each other.

We come to this place on the first Sunday of Epiphany

To rejoice in your son, and ou Lord, Jesus Christ.

Let us worship the Lord together.

Alleluia, Amen.

Gospel Reading *The Song of Zechariah* from Luke 1:68-79

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived up to our calling to proclaim the good news in word and deed. We are quick to speak when we ought to listen and hasty to judge others. Strengthen us anew to follow Christ's way in the world, to live faithfully, uplift our neighbors, and serve the Lord.

Silence is kept.

Assurance of Forgiveness

PROCLAMATION

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 29

God's word for God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 3:15-22

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Homily

"The Works of God"

RESPONDING & SEALING

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord our God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Communion

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Charge and Blessing

Passing of the Peace

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9:30 AM WORSHIP | JANUARY 12, 2025

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GATHERING

Opening Voluntary

Pouring of the Water

Welcome and Life in the Church

***Call to Worship**

Holy Triune God, author of community,
come baptize us.

**Remind us what it means
to belong to one another.**

God who tears the heavens, come baptize us.

**Reveal to us your power
that ushers in new realms.**

God who calls us beloved, come baptize us.

**Declare to us your great delight
and hold us in your pleasure.**

God of vulnerability, come baptize us.

**Welcome us into the paradox
of strength that comes from weakness.**

Together, let us remember this day.

**In the Creator's love we are held,
into Christ's body we are baptized,
and by the Spirit's power, we are claimed.
All glory to God. Amen.**

***Hymn 375**

Shall We Gather at the River

HANSON PLACE

Call to Confession

Prayer of the Day

**God of baptism,
In the waters of baptism, you call us to life.
You emptied yourself of privilege
to free us from domination.
You were submerged in the depths
so that we would not be alone in them.
You were lifted from the waters
so that all might be lifted up.
God of baptism, lift us up, call us forward....**

Silent Prayer

*Congregational Response

BEACH SPRING

**O how deep your holy wisdom!
Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honor!
With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you,
water-washed and Spirit-born.
By your grace, our lives we offer.
Re-create us; God, transform!**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

A Conversation with Young Disciples

Guide my feet ___ while I run this race; Guide my feet ___ while I run this race;

Guide my feet ___ while I run this race; for I don't want to run this race in vain! _____

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 1:4-11

The grass withers, the flower fades;
The word of the Lord endures forever.

Sermon

RESPONDING & SEALING

Sacrament of Baptism

Being baptized today are

Brynn and Leigh Washabaugh, daughters of Grace and Bennett Washabaugh
Arthur Sawtell, son of Charlotte and Reid Sawtell

Thanksgiving over the Water

*Apostles' Creed

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Congregational Response

BUNESSAN

**Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
heirs of salvation,
trusting the promise,
faithfully now God's praises we sing.**

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Take Me to the Water
Chancel Choir

Rollo Dilworth

Take me to the water. Take me to the sea.
Take me to the river so that my spirit can be free.
Gonna lay my burdens down, down by the riverside.
Gonna wade in the water, the water flows deep and wide.
Oh, take me to the water.
Gonna lay down my sword and shield, down by the riverside.
Oh, take me to the water.
Wade in the water, children.
God's gonna trouble the water.
Take me to the water.

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*Prayer of Dedication

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.

SENDING

*Hymn 482

Baptized in Water
(stanzas 2 & 3)

BUNESSAN

*Charge and Benediction

As God's chosen ones—
Holy, beloved, and claimed in the waters of baptism—
Clothe yourselves with compassion,
Kindness, humility, and patience.
Forgive one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.
And above all these things, put on love,
Which binds everything together in perfect harmony.
Thanks be to God.

Closing Voluntary





11:30 AM WORSHIP | JANUARY 12, 2025

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GATHERING

Opening Voluntary

Pouring the Water

Welcome & Centering

*Call to Worship

Side A: By the waters of baptism, we gather as one.

Side B: By water, we are claimed as God's children.

Side A: By water, we are washed clean.

Side B: By the Holy Spirit, our souls are made new.

Side A: Dwell in the depths of God's mercy!

Side B: Let God's love wash over you!

All: In worship, O Lord, refresh us with your promises!

*Opening Hymn 297

In Christ Called To Baptize

ST. DENIO

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Sustaining God, we hear John's voice crying out from the wilderness, but often, we plug our ears and turn away. We don't care to hear your message of hope, especially out of the mouths of people like John. Forgive us, Lord, for the ways we've forgotten our baptismal identity. Forgive us for treating others in ways that deny their place in your church. Wash away our sin, Lord. Remind us of the forgiveness you promise through baptism, that we might be a church refreshed by your love and eager to share it....

Silence is kept.

Assurance of Grace

Passing of the Peace

Hymn 582

Glory to God

GLORY TO GOD

PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination 288 *Spirit of the Living God*
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

LIVING GOD

Scripture Reading

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sermon

RESPONSE

Reaffirmation of Baptism

Do you believe in God the Father?

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Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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The Lord's Prayer

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Response 482

Baptized In Water

BUNESSAN

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
heirs of salvation, trusting the promise,
faithfully now God's praises we sing.**

You are invited to come forward and receive a reminder of your baptism.

SENDING

*Hymn 486

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM

*Benediction

...we go out in peace,
to love, to serve, to imagine.

Closing Voluntary



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian Church is an inclusive and diverse faith community, led by the Holy Spirit, who welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds to come together to explore, nurture, and deepen their faith. Through worship, shared discussion, participation, and service, we aim to make God's love visible in our congregation, community, and world.

NEW TO FIRST PRES?

We are so thankful that you have joined us today for worship. We would love to get to know you and help you get to know us. Please sign the Friendship Pad. Sign it then pass it down to others. Interested in membership? Contact Rev. Rogers, mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org.

PRAYER

If you would like someone to pray with you, stop by the Prayer and Compassion Room after the 9:30 am service. Elders, Deacons, and Stephen Ministers are always there to assist those seeking prayer.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP & CHILDCARE

We love to have children in worship! Age-appropriate worship activities and books are available as you enter the sanctuary or Monteith Hall. We also offer childcare for children ages 5 and younger on the First Level. Ask an usher for directions.

Leading in Worship

LEADING IN WORSHIP

8:30 AM WORSHIP

Rev. Nathaniel Fryer

9:30 AM WORSHIP

Rev. David Prentice-Hyers

Rev. Nathaniel Fryer

Rev. Tommy Langejans

Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers

Noah & Liam Archibald, *Lay Readers*

11:30 AM WORSHIP

Rev. Tommy Langejans

Rev. Nathaniel Fryer

MUSICIANS

9:30 AM WORSHIP

Chancel Choir

David Hufford, *Organist*

David VanderMeer, *Minister of Music & Fine Arts*

11:30 AM WORSHIP

Joshua Marzan, *Pianist*

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of our Promises group, made up of specially abled young adults, with deep appreciation to those who help guide our activities, including the caregivers and parents of these members. A special thanks to Kathy Wirstrom for coordinating our team leaders.

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Today in Faith Formation

ADULTS _____

10:45 to 11:45 AM

EXPLORING THE FAITH

The Gift of Our Faith Stories

Lewis Room

Hosts: Melissa Anne Rogers and

Micheal Oswalt

EXPLORING THE BIBLE

The Parables of Jesus

French Room

Host: Ed Koster

FIRST FRIENDS

The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul - Called to Go

Curtis Room

Host: Carole Pawloski

FOLLOW ME

Living in Community:

Gathering Across Differences

Room 102

CHILDCARE & NURSERY _____

AGES 5 AND YOUNGER

9:15 AM to 12:15 PM | Room 101

CHILDREN & YOUTH _____

10:45 to 11:25 AM

KINDERGARTEN & 1ST GRADE

Room 302

2ND & 3RD GRADE

Room 303

4TH & 5TH GRADE

Room 304

CONFIRMATION

Youth Room

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Lower Level 4

HIGH SCHOOL

Lower Level 1

YOUTH GROUP

6:00 to 7:30 PM

All 6th through 12th graders are invited every Sunday for dinner, games, discussion, and tons of fun!

Calendar

TODAY

8:30 am **Worship with Communion** | Monteith Hall

9:30 am **Social Hour** | Welcome Center

9:30 am **Worship** | Sanctuary

10:30 am **Social Hour** | Social Hall

Join us for a cup of coffee and a chance to chat with clergy and friends.

10:45 am **Faith Formation** for all ages | Classrooms

11:30 am **Worship** | Monteith Hall

6:00 pm **Youth Group** | Youth Room

7:00 pm **Small Group Bible Study** | Wahl home. A study of *Holy Envy* by Barbara Brown Taylor. Contact: Chris Wahl, cgwahl@umich.edu.

THIS WEEK

Jan 13-19 **Rotating Shelter** | 6:30 pm - 7:00 am, Social Hall

Mon Jan 13 **Care & Compassion Series** | 7:00 pm, Zoom

Announcements

CARE _____

CARE & COMPASSION SERIES **Living Life in the 90's: Strange, Beautiful, and Challenging**

MONDAY, JANUARY 13
7:00 PM, ZOOM ONLY

A panel of members of First Pres, including Sara VanderVoort, Stephen Minister and MSW, in a candid conversation about living life into what may be the last decade of life. Physical, social, emotional, mental changes, transitions, family issues, and more - will be discussed.

CONGREGATION _____

Gentle Yoga

TUESDAYS
5:30 PM, LEWIS ROOM

Gentle Yoga is offered every Tuesday (except January 21) from 5:30-6:30 pm in the Lewis Room. Free, but donations are welcome — and led by a professional instructor! Bring a mat and water.

Annual Meeting

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2
10:45 AM, SOCIAL HALL

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held Sunday, February 2, following 9:30 am worship for the purpose of approving the pastors' terms of call and receiving the 2024 annual report and the 2025 annual budget.

MISSION _____

Rotating Shelter

JANUARY 6-20, 2025

Volunteers are needed as Evening Hosts, Overnight Hosts, and Morning Drivers. Hot food donations are needed. Donations of new warm clothing and pre-packaged food snacks and juice boxes may be dropped off in the Welcome Center. Sign up at firstpresbyterian.org.

MUSIC & FINE ARTS _____

Visions of Change: Artistry in Action

JANUARY - MARCH 2025
SOCIAL HALL

On display beginning January 27 through March is an inspiring art exhibit featuring works created by members of First Pres and our broader community. This collection of art explores themes of social change and justice, reflecting the diverse perspectives and creative responses of those committed to making a difference.

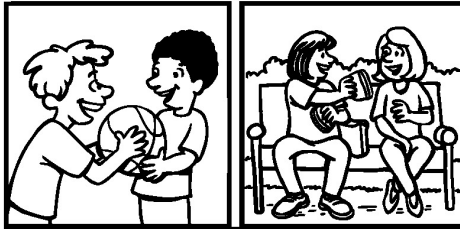
Open Doors Concert: RFD Boys

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9
4:00 PM, SANCTUARY

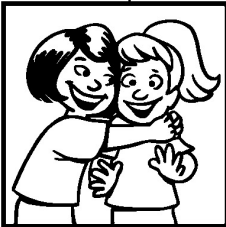
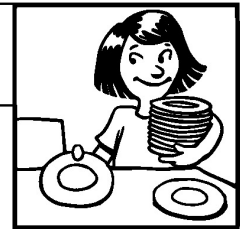
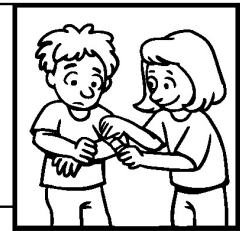
Enjoy an afternoon of bluegrass with the legendary RFD Boys on Sunday, February 9, at 4 pm. Known for their exceptional musicianship, humor, and connection to bluegrass heritage, they've captivated audiences since 1969.

Admission is free, with a freewill offering to support the series.

COMMUNITY



There are so many ways to come together as a community. Help all the people unite in the center.



WAYS TO PRACTICE AT HOME

Before living in community, we must first gather. God calls diverse people—different ages, genders, races, and experiences—together, and the Holy Spirit unites us across divides.

Celebrate your family's differences by discussing what it would be like if everyone were the same. Enjoy each person's uniqueness by making a meal with everyone's favorite foods or spending a day doing their favorite activities.

Read *We Are Together* by Britta Teckentrup or watch it on YouTube (bit.ly/FMTogether). Reflect on your "team"—those who support, encourage, and journey with you through life.

PRAYER

*Dear God, you call us into community with one another and with you.
Thank you for all the diversity we find in our communities. Amen.*