



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH *of Van Wert*

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January 7, 2024

The People of First Presbyterian Church Share Christ by:
Generously giving their lives and resources.
Fostering healthy relationships.
Meeting needs beyond our walls.
Offering opportunity for spiritual growth for all ages.
Providing a peaceful and loving house of worship.



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Baptism of the Lord

January 7, 2024, ~ 10:00 A.M.

Prelude: *"Lamentation"*

Gerald Peterson

Welcome and Announcements:

Billy Knoll

Call to Worship: (Responsively)

Billy Knoll

Liturgist: Praise the LORD! Attribute power and glory to the LORD.

People: We have come to worship the Lord in his holy splendor and give the glory due his name.

Liturgist: The voice of the Lord is powerful and majestic; it is heard in storms and floods, in the birth of life, and in the beauty of the universe.

People: The Lord is the sovereign ruler over all nature and people. May God give us peace, strength, and security.

Liturgist: Blessed be the Lord our God!

Prayer of Invocation (Unison):

Congregation

Almighty God, we thank you for giving us an opportunity to worship you on this first Sunday of this year. As we worship you today help all of us to worship you in spirit and in truth. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***Hymn #152 "What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright"**

Congregation

***Prayer of Confession (Unison):**

Rev. J.H. Vanlal Hruaia

Dear God, we call you Father, recognize your claim upon our lives with baptism, and appreciate being placed into the community of faith. Yet we confess that we so often do not entertain thoughts appropriate for your children, act as if we are our own bosses, and become estranged from your people. Lord, forgive us; help us to do what we are to do, and not do what we should not. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith, Amen.

****Silent Reflection and Personal Confession***

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***Passing Peace of Christ to one another:**

***GLORIA PATRI**

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***Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles Creed (Traditional)**

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I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the

Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. 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. Amen.

Choir: "New Year" John Rutter

Responsive Reading: Psalm 29 pg.621LG~pg.392

***Hymn #482** "Baptized in Water" Congregation

Scripture Lesson: Mark 1:4-11 pg.42LG~pg.27

Sermon: "Be Baptized by Holy Spirit" Rev. J.H. Vanlal Hruaia

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Worship through giving of Tithes and Gifts

(Ushers will pass offering plates from back)

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***Prayer of dedication:** Rev. J.H. Vanlal Hruaia

***Hymn #525** "Let Us Break Bread Together" Congregation

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Receiving the bread:

As you open the bread, please hold it until everyone is ready, we will partake together.

Receiving the cup:

As you open the cup, please hold it until everyone is ready, we will partake together.

Unison Prayer After Communion: Congregation

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Closing Hymn#65** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" Congregation

***Charge & Benediction** Rev. J.H. Vanlal Hruaia

***Postlude:** Karen Koch

***Congregation stands as able.**

Ushers: Harriet Schaadt & Mary Dietsch

A/V Crew: Chris Heizman & Kevin Voltz

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

- ~ Ken Merkle ~ Ashton Baer (Knee Surgery) ~ Cheryl Griffith
- ~ Joy Wallace ~ Susan McNeil ~ Vern Pontsler
- ~ Juanita Ringwald ~ Louise Proffit ~ Chris Creekmore
- ~ Keep the Eversman family in your thoughts & prayers.
- ~ Keep the family of Marilyn Merkle in your thoughts & prayers.
- ~ Lucy Muntzinger, Homestead at Towne Center, Room 211

-To keep our list current, names will be listed for 6 weeks. If there is a request that needs added, please let the office know.

SERVING IN OUR MILITARY

*Captain Ashley Mohr, US Army, New York City.
(Daughter of Jim & Rhonda Mohr)

-If you have a family member serving in the military, please submit their names to the church office.

This Weeks Calendar

January 7 - Girl Scouts 2-4pm

January 8 - Boy Scouts 6:30pm
AA 8pm

January 9 - Staff Meeting 10:30am
Boy Scouts 7:00pm

January 10 - WBS 10:30AM
Pastors Meeting Defiance 11am
JAM 3:30-5:30pm

January 11 - Bells 6:15pm
Choir 7pm
AA 8pm

January 14 - Installation of Elders & Deacons

Announcements

Junior Church is offered for children ages 4 & up during the worship service. Nursery services are also available. The nursery is found on the 2nd floor, next to the elevator.

We welcome our new Director of Music Greg Pysh this morning and his wife Kathy!

Thank you, to all those who took “Down the Greens!”

Annual Reports are due to the office today, from those responsible for the various boards and committees in 2023.

John Calvin class will resume in February, more info. to come.

Nuts & Candy are still available, see Susan McVay, Jayne Smith, or throughout the week during office hours.

WBS will resume on Wednesday, January 10th at 10:30am in the Frantz Room. The new books are available in the church office.

Installation of Elders & Deacons will take place next Sunday during worship service.

Thank you Dianna Early & Terry Dietsch for the work you have done on the choir room and bathroom.

2024 Offering Envelopes are available on the hall table. There are several #s not taken, so please help yourself!

Creative Arts Ministry Class: We will have our first class on Tuesday, January 16th @6pm. Jayne Smith will be teaching us how to make her delicious Potato Rusks. There will be a sign-up sheet on the Youth bulletin board by the Frantz room if you are interested in coming to the class. Please bring a friend or family member with you to enjoy in the fun. Treats and drinks will be provided. All classes will be held in the fellowship hall. If you have any questions, you may contact Lisa Knoll, YYFD @419-203-5132 or email: youthdirector@vwpresby.org. Jayne and I are very excited to embark on this new adventure together with our wonderful church family. We will have a class every 3rd Tuesday of the month. The cost of the class will be on the sign-up sheet. We thank you all for your support.

We are pleased to host Life Line Screening, who will be on site on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at First Presbyterian Church. A package of four screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered. These 4 vital screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Register by calling toll free 1-844-591-7160, text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607 or online at <https://lisa.social/HC>