

JANUARY 9, 2022
BAPTISM OF THE LORD
11:00AM — SANCTUARY



The Baptism of Jesus by Mike Moyers



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WEST WAYNE STREET

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

We're so glad that you are here! If you would like to learn more about us, please fill out the information on the Get Connected card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. You are also more than welcome to contact any of our pastors over the phone or by email. God's peace to you today. — Rev. Dr. Anne Epling, Rev. Dr. Youngsoo An, Rev. Ann Pitman and Rev. Carrie Winebrenner

†*Those who are able, please stand*

Congregation responds in bold

GATHERING

PRELUDE Berceuse, Op. 93, No. 4

Alexandre Guilmant

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

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.

Do not fear, for the Lord has spoken:
I have called you by name; you are mine.

†**HYMN NO. 475** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

†**CALL TO CONFESSION**

The voice of one is crying out in the wilderness:
Prepare the way of the Lord!
Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

†**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. Amen.**

†WORDS OF ASSURANCE

As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, in Christ, God speaks to us: You are my child.
My beloved; with you I am well pleased. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Amen!

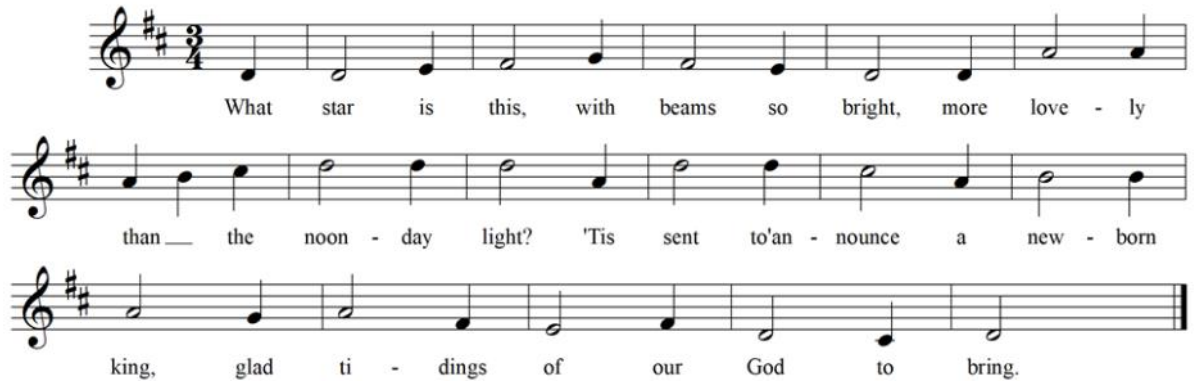
†SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

†RESPONSIVE HYMN NO. 152 What Star Is this, with Beams So Bright

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

(Children are welcome to come forward for the "Time with Children" as we sing the responsive hymn.)



What star is this, with beams so bright, more love - ly
than the noon - day light? 'Tis sent to an - nounce a new - born
king, glad ti - dings of our God to bring.

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

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

ANTHEM Lead Me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou Lord, thou Lord only that makest me dwell in safety.

Lead me, Lord, lead me in true holiness, teach me to love and trust in thee. Thou art our God, the god of our salvation, all nations shall praise thy holy name.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Finders Keepers”

Rev. Carrie Winebrenner

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Siblings in Christ:

through the sacrament of baptism

God's Spirit has been poured out upon the waters,

water poured over and immersing us,

water that flows freely for all who will receive it,

water from the streams of God's saving power and justice,

water that brings hope to all who thirst for righteousness,

water that refreshes life, nurtures growth, and offers new birth.

Today we come to the waters,

to renew our commitments

in each other's presence:

to Christ who has raised us,

the Spirit who has birthed us,

and the Creator who is making all things new.

And so I ask you, will you continue to turn away from the powers of sin and death?

We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of our sin!

Will you let the Spirit continue to use you as prophets to the powers that be?

We accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves!

Will you continue to proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ, his body on earth?

We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior, put our whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as our Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races!

Will you continue to be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's hands and feet in the world.

Will you continue to receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

We affirm and teach the faith of the whole Church as we put our trust in God the Creator, in Jesus Christ the redeemer, and in the Holy Spirit the sustainer. Holy one, holy three.

The Spirit of the Lord is with us.

Even so, come Lord Jesus!

Let us pray. Almighty God, the life you birthed in us by baptism into Jesus Christ will never die. Your justice never fails.

Your mercy is everlasting.

Your healing river flows. Your Spirit blows where you will. We cannot stop you, God!

Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

Come upon these waters.

Come upon these waters.

Let these waters be to us drops of your mercy.

Let these waters remind us of your righteousness and justice.

Let these waters renew in us the resurrection power of Jesus.

Let these waters make us long for your coming reign.

Most Holy God, Our Creator, Our Most High!

Glorify to you!

Jesus Christ, Messiah, Savior, Lord!

Glorify to you!

Spirit of fire, Spirit over the waters, Spirit of holiness!

Glorify to you!

Eternal God, One in Three and Three in One!

All glory is yours, now and forever. Amen!

All who are baptized and have renewed their vows are invited to dip their fingers in their cup and use the water to trace a cross on their foreheads as a sign of refreshing and remembering. As each uses the water, you are welcome to say to each other:

Remember that you are baptized and rejoice!

†HYMN NO. 177 I Will Come to You

YOU ARE MINE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL PRAYER 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.


INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Cantabile in F Major, Op. 41, No. 4

Alexandre Guilmant

†DOXOLOGY HYMN NO. 156 Sing of God Made Manifest

SALZBURG



Sing of God made man - i - fest in a child ro - bust and blest, to whose home in Beth - le - hem
where a star had guid-ed them, ma-gi came and gifts un-bound, signs mys-terious and pro-found:
myrrh and frank - in - cense and gold grave and God and king fore - told.

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Bless and multiply these gifts, God, that they may be a blessing to others. May whoever benefits from these offerings know of your love for them and our desire to serve. Amen.

SENDING

†HYMN NO. 488 I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

WATERLIFE

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE Chorale Prelude on *Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning*

Wayne L. Wold

SERVICE NOTES

Hymn 475: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing — Text: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt. Music: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813. Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

Hymn 177: I Will Come To You (You Are Mine) — Text and Music: David Haas, 1991. Presuming to speak in the voice of God, as the song does, can only be done with integrity if the singers understand their words as an expression of what they believe about God's nature and God's intentions. It is an occasion for affirming faith, not for wishful thinking.

Hymn 488: I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry — Text and Music: John C. Ylvisaker, 1985. Originally created to accompany a video series on baptism, this hymn speaks in the imagined conversational voice of God, assuring the person being baptized of God's presence throughout the changing stages of life. It offers a reminder that baptism is a once-in-a-lifetime event.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers are given in memory of Lorraine H. Davis
by the Philip R. Davis family.

CHILDCARE

Childcare is available in Room 101 for age 5 and under.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Greeters: Robert Doerr and Laurie Satter

Ushers: Dave Beer, Wendell Cree, Charlotte Epling, Ron Gumbert, Judy Mettler and Tom Mettler

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Prayer List or to Request Pastoral Care: If you or a loved one is hospitalized and would like to be added to the prayer list or are seeking pastoral care, please contact the church at 260-426-7421 x106. Please let us know if you would like a visit.

THE SESSION

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Anne B. Epling

Clergy: Rev. Dr. Youngsoo An

Treasurer: Steve Weissner

Clerk of Session: Luci Foltz

Assistant Clerk: Sally Swihart

<u>CLASS OF 2022</u>	<u>CLASS OF 2023</u>	<u>CLASS OF 2024</u>
Tim Byer	Nancy Bradtmiller	Dick Florea
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Laurie Satter	YuCha Riley	Heidi Schulenberg
Tom Swihart	Mike Shim	Jai Son Wyss

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JANUARY 9, 2022

Thank you for joining us today. You are welcome to come for worship on Sunday, January 16, 2022, at 11:00am for the English in-person service in the Sanctuary (or via Live Stream, Facebook, Website or YouTube); or for the 11:00am Korean in-person service in McMillen Chapel (or via website or YouTube). To use the “Hearing Loop” during the service, please switch your hearing aid or cochlear device to the “T”, T-Coil or telephone position. For questions, please call Bill Patterson at 260-609-9696.

Distinguished Service Award: Each year we award the Church and Society Distinguished Service Award in memory of Elaine I. Wareham, who showed all of us that the witness of a Christian should extend beyond the local church and be a compelling force in daily life. We are seeking nominations, submitted in confidence, to the committee. Nomination forms and an explanation of the award, along with previous recipients, are in the church office. There is a box in the church office to place your nomination form or you may email it to jjung@firstpresfortwayne.org. The deadline to turn in your nomination is Sunday, February 6, 2022.

COMMITTEE EVENTS

Hunger Relief's Monthly Food Pantry Collection: The January food needs are boxed or bagged dry cereal, peanut butter, crackers (saltine, club, oyster, etc.), mashed potato mixes, macaroni and cheese mixes, Hamburger Helper (any variety), boxed or bagged macaroni or noodles and family size soup (any flavor). We prayerfully hope that you will find it in your hearts to support these efforts.

Rescue Mission Meal Cookie and Cornbread Collection: The reservation book is in the front office to sign up for the Rescue Mission cookies and cornbread. Please bring your contributions to the church by the third Sunday, January 16.

ARTS AT FIRST PRES

Glass by Hot Shop Valpo (Dave and Bryan Lee) and paintings by Maurice Papier: Come and see these ethereal, colorful glassworks and paintings! Gallery hours are Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-5:00pm and Fridays, 9:00am-12:00pm and during all theater performances. This exhibit closes on January 16.

ZIP CODE DINNERS

Zip Code Dinners for 46804 & 46814: This group will meet on Monday, January 10, 2022, at Hall's Tavern of Coventry. Please note, due to a conflict with The Tavern, we can no longer use the fireside room but will gather in the private dining room. Hope to see you there.

Zip Code Dinners for 46815, 46825, 46835 & 46845: If you live in one of these zip codes, be sure to join us for the next Zip Code Dinner tomorrow, Monday, January 10, 2022, at 5:30pm at The Factory Restaurant (5811 Coldwater Road). Please RSVP to Sondra Mergenthal at 260-437-9892 or by email at lisoninc@aol.com.

SMOCK SENIOR MINISTRIES

The following **3B** activities are scheduled on Mondays and Wednesdays: **Walkers @ 1:00pm** in the Sanctuary and **Exercise Class @ 1:30pm** in McKay Hall. Please note that 3B will **not** be meeting on Monday, January 17, 2022, as the campus is closed due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday.

PresbyDay Update: There will **not** be any PresbyDay gathering in January. The next gathering of Smock **PresbyDay** will be on Sunday, February 13, 2022. We will be attending the final matinee showing of the comedy "Sylvia" in the First Presbyterian Theater. Keep watch out for updates to this as the time grows closer. We will have a special Valentine's Day dessert following the play. RSVP needed, please contact Rev. Ann Pitman, Interim Director of Smock Senior Ministries Center, 260-426-7421, ext. 106 or apitman@firstpresfortwayne.org.

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (CYF)

Today's Parents Meeting Has Been Rescheduled: Today's grown-ups meeting about Sunday School has been postponed. Instead, Carrie and Brent will be in touch about a gathering on Zoom (after bedtimes, hopefully!) on Wednesday, January 19, 2022. During that online gathering, we'll be sharing some exciting news about new programming opportunities for our younger disciples!

Youth Group: Movies in Pajamas on Sunday, January 23, 2022, @ 12:07pm: Consider this an official invitation to wear (appropriate) pajamas to church! I mean...who doesn't want an excuse to wear pajamas to church?? Join us in the Youth Lounge, bring a friend or two, and we'll provide lunch, popcorn, soda, and movie theater candy...duh! While we can't technically publicize the name of the movie, I'll give you three hints: it is animated, it is about a family, and it is from Disney. Can you guess what it is? See you there!

FRIENDS OF FIRST

Holy Joes: Are you standing in your own way of becoming the man you know you could be? Join the Holy Joes! It's like the average Joes but holier, and it's by men, for ALL men, to reach men. Come hang out in a relaxed setting with men just like yourself, striving to be the best version of themselves, emotionally, intellectually, physically, and spiritually. We'll meet once a week for 8 weeks starting mid February. If you're interested email tbelton@firstpresfortwayne.org! Spaces are limited!

Hana Klub: Join the Fort Wayne Hana Klub as we celebrate the Lunar New Year with food and drinks at Naked Tchopstix! Korean beverages and refreshments will be provided. This celebration is open to anyone who has an interest in Korean culture and good food!

Spaces are limited; RSVP is required. Please use the sign up link in the E-new or email Jiin Jung at jjung@firstpresfortwayne.org!

ON-LINE EVENTS

Table Talk 1 (Women's Book Study) — Wednesdays @ 10:00am via Zoom: Meeting ID: 241 730 827. Passcode: 2604267421. For more information, contact Marj Sapp at 260-413-2639 or Marcie Weissner at 260-312-5733.

Men's Bible Study (all men invited!) — Fridays @ 10:00am via Zoom: Join Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/262564318?pwd=UldEa2ZVVmZjTk10YzV1b21adXJMZz09>. Meeting ID: 262 564 318. Passcode: 2604267421. Contact: Rev. Young Soo An at ysan@firstpresfortwayne.org.

Women's Bible Study — Fridays @ 1:00pm via Zoom: Join Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/904041033>. Call-in Number: 312-626-6799. Meeting ID: 904 041 033. Passcode: 2604267421. Contact: Rev. Ann Pitman, apitman@firstpresfortwayne.org

ADDITIONAL NOTES

First Presbyterian's COVID Protocols: (1) Masks are required when in the building, including staff and Day School teachers; (2) People are required to wear masks (vaccinated or not) on Sunday mornings until they get to their pew – at that time, they can remove their masks; and (3) Social distance will be kept in the sanctuary; people should only sit in a pew where the door is open. These protocols are in place until Sunday, January 16, 2022, and will be extended, if necessary. Thank you for your cooperation.

Faith, Fibers & Fellowship — Schedule Change: With concerns about health right now including colds, flu, pneumonia, bronchitis, and COVID, we are pausing in-person craft meetings for the month of January. We will watch statistics and the news, and share an update later in the month. Carry-On, Crafters! Thank you — Marj Sapp and Marcie Weissner

Hospital Stays: With the increased concerns over patient's privacy, hospitals are very limited in what information they can release to churches. When you are admitted to the hospital, please ask someone to notify the church office so that our pastors can provide appropriate care.

HERE IS WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRES THIS WEEK!

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00am — 5:00pm and Fridays, 9:00am — 12:00pm

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022

10:00am The Wired Word, PR
 10:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, SB
 10:45am Childcare, Rm 101
 11:00am English Worship Service, SC
 11:00am Korean Worship Service, CH
 11:00am KLM Kids Worship Ministry, CL
 12:15pm Confirmation Class, Rm 209/212
 12:15pm Hospitality Time, MH

MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022

1:00pm 3B Walkers, SC
 1:30pm 3B Exercise Class, MH/W

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022

11:00am Staff Worship Planning, SR
 4:00pm Congregational Life Committee Mtg., SR
 4:30pm Cont. Christians World View Committee, SDR
 5:00pm Board of Deacons Meeting, PR

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2022

10:00am Table Talk 1, ZM
 1:00pm 3B Walkers, SC
 1:30pm 3B Exercise Class, MH/W
 6:00pm Stephen Ministry Support Group, Rm 300

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2022

1:00pm Stephen Ministry Leader Team, SM/O
 5:30pm Handbell Rehearsal, Rm 201
 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, SB

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2022

10:00am Men's Bible Study, ZM
 1:00pm Women's Bible Study, ZM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 2022

8:00am KLM Bible Study, SR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022

10:00am The Wired Word, PR
 10:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, SB
 10:45am Childcare, Rm 101
 11:00am English Worship Service, SC
 11:00am Korean Worship Service, CH
 11:00am KLM Kids Worship Ministry, CL
 12:15am Hospitality Time, MH

*Please stop by the Church Office
 with any questions or to learn how to get
 connected to church events.*

ROOM ABBREVIATIONS

CH	Chapel	MH/E	McKay Hall East	SDR	Small Dining Room
CL	Chapel Lounge	MH/W	McKay Hall West	SM/O	Stephen Ministry Office
CN	Chapel Narthex	MR	Music Room	SR	Session Room
CY	Courtyard	NP	North Parking Lot	TH	Theater
FH	Fellowship Hall	NX	Narthex	YL	Youth Lounge
FO	Front Office	NR	Nursery	ZM	Zoom
GL	Gallery	OS	Offsite		
KT	Kitchen	PR	Parlor		
MF	McKay Foyer	SB	Sanctuary Balcony		
MH	McKay Hall	SC	Sanctuary		