January 12, 2020  Baptism of the Lord  8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Prelude  Just as I Am, Without One Plea  Dale Wood

*Processional  Bronwen Burch

Greetings

*Call to Worship
Leader:  Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God’s name,
People:  worship the Lord in holy splendor.
Leader:  The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
People:  the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.
Leader:  The voice of the Lord is powerful,
People:  the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
Leader:  Let us worship God.

*Prayer of the Day
Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn  Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized  No. 70

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession
God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Thanksgiving  Gloria Patri  No. 579
*The Peace*

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

First Reading  
Isaiah 42:1-9

Anthem  
*A Sound of Singing Fills the Air*  
Malcolm Archer

>A sound of singing fills the air in praise of all that God has done,  
Who sent, our human life to share, his own beloved Son;  
The Prince of life the Father gave a wayward world to seek and save.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo (Glory to God in the highest)  
The sovereign King of all the earth, and Lord of all the worlds there are,  
He chose as emblems of his birth, a stable and a shining star;  
Within a manger bed to lie, whose fingers formed the starry sky.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

He came, the Father’s final word, from that celestial throne above;  
A child, and yet creation’s Lord to show the human face of love;  
The love of God to earth come down, who chose the cross before the crown.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

So lift our songs to fill the skies! From manger crib and cattle stall,  
From cross and grave, behold him rise, the high ascended Lord of all,  
Whose praise the whole creation sings, as Lord of lords and King of kings.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Second Reading  
Matthew 3:13-17

Sermon:  
“Jesus Baptized by John”  
The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

*Affirmation of Faith— from *Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Call to Stewardship

Offertory  Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day  arr. John Rutter

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day; I would my true love did so chance
To see the legend of my play, To call my true love to my dance;
Chorus - Sing, oh! my love, oh! my love, my love, my love,
This have I done for my true love.

Then was I born of a virgin pure, Of her I took fleshly substance
Thus was I knit to man’s nature To call my true love to my dance.
In a manger laid, and wrapped I was So very poor, this was my chance
Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass To call my true love to my dance.
Chorus Then afterwards baptized I was; The Holy Ghost on me did glance,
My Father’s voice heard I from above, To call my true love to my dance.

*Doxology  No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn  Just As I Am, Without One Plea  No. 370

*Charge and Benediction
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

*Recessional

*Postlude  Caithness  Healey Willan

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)
**signifies 10:45 service only

Worship Leaders

Pastor  Brent Johnston
Liturgist  Gale Farmer
Director of Music  Steve Bixler
Organist  Mark Sweeney
Upcoming Adult Education Classes

Please join me on Wednesday nights from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to discuss what those in academia and those in the pew are talking about, John Robinson’s book *Honest to God*. Bishop Robinson sensed that Christianity needed to be made relevant to the modern world. And he found inspiration in that task in two twentieth century theologians—Paul Tillich and Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

This book spawned in the academy the “Death of God” movement. It spawned in laity, a lay renewal, liturgical renewal, and what we now know as progressive Christianity.

This class promises to generate stimulating discussion as we seek to do in the words of Anselm, “faith seeking understanding.” The book may be bought at the Church Office for $20 dollars or on Amazon. I hope to see you in class on Wednesdays in The Well at 6 p.m.

~ Pastor Brent

SAVE THE DATE!!
This year’s melodrama is scheduled for March 27 at 6 p.m. and March 29 at noon.

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Upcoming Activities

Journeys Class Information

*For the first event of our 150th Anniversary Celebration*

Join us in the *Journeys* class as we celebrate the New Year and the 150th anniversary of First Presbyterian Church. Starting on Sunday, January 5, 2020, Gary Huffman, church archivist, will lead a four-week session on the history of our church. The schedule is as follows:

| January 12  | Red Brick Church & The Stone Church |
| January 19  | 3 Men—3 Windows                    |
| January 26  | 13 Charter Members (live presentation) |

*The Journeys Class meets in the Parlor at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. All are welcome! Please join us!*

Seasonal items needed for Yellow Bag Ministry

With cold weather and flu season on us items in the Yellow Bag Ministry need to adjust accordingly. Products especially needed are facial and toilet tissue, lip balm, Mentholatum or Vicks vapor rub, cough drops, hand and body soap. Also, greatly appreciated by the refugee families is laundry detergent. These simple items help them stretch their limited income and use their cash to pay rent and utilities.

Donations can be placed in the basket in the hall outside the office any time.

Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting will be January 26, 2020, at 12:00 following the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary. There will not be an 8:30 Worship Service on this day. At that time, we will have the Annual Report of 2019.
Welcome, Visitors!

We extend a special welcome to those who are visiting First Presbyterian Church this morning. We are glad you are here! Large print bulletins and hymnals are available from an usher. Transistor hearing aids are also available for your use. Please ask any usher for one and feel free to sit wherever you wish in the Sanctuary while using one. All persons are encouraged to sign the Ritual of Friendship Pads as they are passed to you in the pews. Please include your address, email address, and telephone number. Please remember to turn off your cell phone before worship this morning.

Children’s Information—Children are welcome in worship. We do not mind a little fidgeting and fussing in the pew. We offer children’s worship bags with various quiet activities in cloth bags located just outside the Sanctuary doors. But if you feel that your child is having a difficult time sitting through church, you are welcome to worship in The Well. Remember, quiet play in The Well is appropriate so as not to disturb others who are trying to worship. Also, the McComb room is available as a Cry room. If we need to contact you during worship, just give us your cell number and we will text you. You and your child’s (spiritual, emotional, and social) needs are important to us. (Liz Norris—Director of Children’s Ministry)

A quick reminder: Under the Child Protection Policy children are not allowed to leave the Sanctuary or The Well without an adult escort. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sympathy—The white rose this morning on the baptismal font is in memory of J. Fred Kubik. Please keep his wife Chris and family and friends in your prayers as they grieve their recent loss.

Flowers—The flowers for our services this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of J. Kubik by Chris Kubik and family.

Praying for the Church Family—As a congregation we weekly focus our personal and corporate prayers upon a selection of church members and friends. Let us remember in prayer this week the following: Heidi & Sean Barker and family, Keaton Pedrino, Liz & Robert Workman, and Stephanie Penny.

If you need a Stephen Minister, or would like more information about the Stephen Ministry, please contact Dr. Brent Johnston at 263-0248 or Louise Farmer at lfarmer4164@gmail.com.

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Epiphany Bingo Event

A Success!

Thank you for all those who volunteered, coordinated and participated in the Epiphany Bingo event last Sunday. It was a big success and everyone enjoyed themselves.