

First Presbyterian Church



January 13, 2019
8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

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The Baptism of the Lord

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Prelude

Shall We Gather at the River?

Dale Wood

**Processional

Sierra Coldwater & Isaac Cline

Greetings

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

People: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?

Leader: The Lord will protect us and guide us.

People: Let us gladly offer ourselves before our God with shouts of joy; let us sing praises to the Lord, our God.

*Hymn

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

No. 70

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we go about our days failing to proclaim your saving power with our voices or with our actions. We do not live as ones saved, but rather as people filled with fear and doubt. We often choose what is expedient, not what is right. We close our eyes and ears to those who are in need and close our hearts to those we claim to love. We are quick to hurt others, and slow to right our wrongs. Forgive us, O God, for all the ways we have not lived into our relationship with you. Amen.

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, "God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us." **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*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.



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. And, finally, we encourage you to consider the Nursery, which is located in the South end of the Case Building, where we have trained Staff to look after and engage your child from Birth to Kindergarten. 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-Please keep Steve Washburn and family and friends in your prayers as they grieve the recent death of his brother John Washburn.

Flowers—The flowers for our services this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Edward and Eletha Lyon and Max and Isabel Rankin by Molly and Roger Lyon.

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 and Sean Barker and family, Keaton Pedrino, Liz and Robert Workman, Stephanie Penny and Harley Jones-Davis.

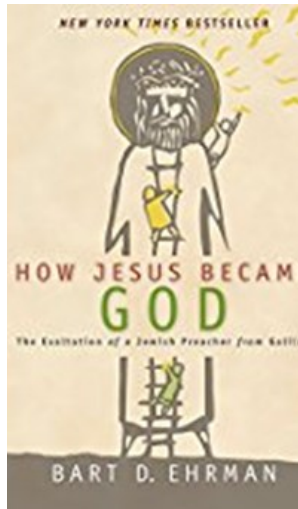
If you need a Stephen Minister, or would like more information about the Stephen Ministry, please contact Dr. Brent Johnston at 263-0248 or Louise Farmer at lfarmer4164@gmail.com.

Activities & Announcements

Journeys Class for January

“THE END OF THE AGE: Apocalypse, Tribulation, Revelation, and Hope”

How should we as Christians view the end of time? Is it a time for fear or hope? What does Jesus have to say? What about Biblical scholars and TV evangelists? We will look at the Book of Revelation, the Gospels, the Old Testament, and other sources as we consider the Last Days. So, if you want to know more about the Apocalypse, the Millennium, the Rapture, and other topics, join us beginning January 6 at 9:30 a.m. in the West Dining Room. Jeff Van Sickle will lead the group in a provocative journey through the end times. No reading required; come join us!



Brent's Bible Study & Books of Interest Adult Education Class

For 8 weeks beginning January 9, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor, we will look at Bart Ehrman's New York Times Best Selling Book, *How Jesus Became God: The Exaltation of a Jewish Preacher from Galilee*. Bart Erhman is the James A. Gray Distinguished Professor of Religious Studies at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Quoting Erhman as to why he wrote this book, "As a historian I am no longer obsessed of how God became man, but with the historical question of how a man became God." Come to the class beginning January 9th to find out. Pastor Brent

Books can be purchased online for approximately

\$15.00 dollars.

Wednesday Night Clubs

Wednesday night clubs will resume on January 9 at 5:30 p.m. We will once again have a sign up available in *The Well* on Sundays to help contribute to our weekly meal. Thank you to all who have been a part of our Wednesday nights. We are excited to see what 2019 will bring for our children and their growing faith.

*Hymn *How Firm a Foundation* No. 361

*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

Senior Pastor
Parish Associate
Director of Music
Organist

Brent O. Johnston
Judy Conners
Steve Bixler
Mark Sweeney

To all who volunteer your time, resources and efforts to support the church activities, missions, members and operations. We appreciate all you do and give! Thank you for your contributions and have a blessed 2019!



Calendar

<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, January 13</p> <p>8:30 Worship (Chapel) 9:15 Coffee Fellowship (The Well) 9:30 Youth Sunday School (YL) 9:30 Luccock Class (Parlor) 9:30 Journeys Class (WDR) 9:30 Stephen Ministry Supervision (C103) 10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) 10:45 Worship (Sanctuary) 10:45 Refugee Worship (C201 & C204) 11:45 Worship & Music Comm. Mtg. (McComb) 12:00 Melodrama Rehearsal (EDR)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday, January 14</p> <p>4:30 Personnel Mtg (Hobbs)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, January 15</p> <p>10:00 Pastoral Staff Mtg (Hobbs) 11:00 Staff Meeting (<i>The Well</i>) 5:30 Session Mtg (Parlor)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, January 16</p> <p>9:00 Dorcas (C105) 2:00 PW Board Mtg (C109) 5:30 Wednesday Clubs 5:30 Wednesday Worship (Sanctuary) 6:30 Brent's Bible Study (The Parlor) 6:15 James Ringers (Sanctuary) 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, January 17</p> <p>11:45 Theological Themes In Literature (RR)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday, January 18</p> <p>12:00 Lectionary Bible Study (WDR)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, January 19</p> <p>11:00 Brent's Bible Study w/WRCC (Hobbs)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, January 20 <i>Prayers of the People</i></p> <p>8:30 Worship (Chapel) 9:15 Coffee Fellowship (<i>The Well</i>) 9:30 Blood Pressure Check (<i>The Well</i>) 9:30 Camp Whispers (<i>The Well</i>) 9:30 Youth Sunday School (YL) 9:30 Luccock Class (Parlor) 9:30 Journeys Class (WDR) 10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) 10:45 Worship (Sanctuary) 10:45 Refugee Worship (C201 & C204) 12:00 Melodrama Rehearsal (EDR)</p>
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First Reading		Isaiah 42:1-9
Anthem	<i>Every Valley</i>	John Ness Beck
	<i>Every valley shall be exalted, And every mountain made low; And the crooked made straight, and the rough places plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, And all flesh shall see it together; For the Mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. Amen.</i>	
Second Reading		Matthew 3:13-17
Leader:	The Word of the Lord.	
People:	Thanks be to God.	
Sermon	"Inauguration Day" Pastor Judy Conners	
Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer		
Call to Stewardship		
Offertory	<i>Simeon</i>	Peter Cornelius
	Gretchen Bixler, Soprano	
	<i>When eight days were accomplished unto Jerusalem Was brought the infant Savior from the stall in Bethlehem. An aged man went also, whose name was Simeon, And in the holy temple he took the mother's Son; A ray of heavenly brightness shone 'round about His head. He glorified God's power, with prophet tongue he said: "Now lettest Thou, Thy servant, Lord, depart in peace, for I have seen Thy Saviour who brings to us release; Him to the world Thou sendest, He will Thyself reveal to all the heathen nations and to His own appeal!" The parents were astonished by what this man had done, then they departed homeward with Christ, their blessed Son.</i>	
Doxology		
**Prayer of Dedication		
Leader:	The gifts of God for the people of God.	
People:	Thanks be to God.	