

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 13, 2019 | 10 AM | Rev. Cheni Khonje

For Prayer & Contemplation

'I've heard it said that the Holy Spirit very rarely respects one's comfort zones.' -Anne Lamott

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude "Morning Has Broken" - arr. Callahan

Call to Worship (Adapted from Psalm 29)

One: The voice of the LORD is over the waters

All: **The God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.**

One: May the LORD give strength to the people of God.

All: **May the LORD bless us with peace.**

*Hymn No. 321 "The Church's One Foundation"

Prayer of Confession

We come now before you, burdened with our own missteps and the sins and grief of the world. Lord, you washed us in the waters of our baptism. Cleanse our hearts, we pray, as we lay down these burdens at your feet.

Moment of Silence

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

All: **Christ has washed away our sins. Hallelujah, we are forgiven!**

*Hymn No. 582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

"Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. World without end, without end, Amen, world without end, without end, Amen, world without end, without end, Amen, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen."

*Passing of Peace

Anthem "Bonse Aba" - arr. Fischer - *Sanctuary Choir*

Translation: All who sing have the right to be called the children of God. (From the original Bemba/Chibemba language which is spoken primarily in Zambia.)

Time with Children (Dismissal to Sunday School)

(Children will return during final hymn.)

Pastor: It is time for you to depart.

Adults: **God be with you there.**

Children: **God be with you here.**

Scripture

- Isaiah 43:1-7 OT 672 LP 822
- Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 NT 60 LP 73

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon "The Waters" — *Rev. Cheni Khonje*

*Hymn No. 482 "Baptized in Water"

*Affirmation of Faith (*Apostle's Creed*)

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

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.

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 live everlasting. Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" - arr. Pelz

*Doxology No. 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

Your loving kindness, Holy God, is better than life. May your Spirit bless and multiply our tithes and offerings as we use them in ministry both within and beyond these walls. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

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.

*Hymn No. 726 "Will You Come and Follow Me"

*Benediction

*Benediction Hymn No. 853

"We Are Marching In the Light of God"

"We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching..."

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 OO we are marching in the light of God.”

Postlude “The Church’s One Foundation” - arr. Thomas

***** **Please stand as you are able.** *****

Thank you to our Worship Servers

Liturgist	Connie Bradley
Greeter	Doris Ducat
Ushers	Bev Donofrio, Mildred Haines, Carol Schoepske, Cathy Russo
Tellers	Terry Lovelace, Carol Schoepske, Mike Ballard



Music Notes

Today's offertory is Walter Pelz' 2018 setting of the hymn tune "Houston," originally written in 1966 by Kathleen Thomerson. The postlude is British organist/composer Quentin Thomas' arrangement of the hymn tune "Aurelia," originally written by Samuel Sebastian Wesley in 1864. We thank the Sanctuary Choir for sharing special music with us this morning.

This Week's Calendar
 January 13 to 20

<i>Sunday</i> January 13	10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Practice 4:30 PM Confirmation Class – Memorial Lounge
<i>Monday</i> January 14	
<i>Tuesday</i> January 15	
<i>Wednesday</i> January 16	10 AM Joy Circle – Upstairs Kitchen 1 PM Faith Circle – Upstairs Kitchen 5:30 PM Youth Group – Social Hall 7 PM Circle of Life – Upstairs Kitchen
<i>Thursday</i> January 17	5:45 PM Youth Handbell Choir Practice – Music Room 7 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 8 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
<i>Friday</i> January 18	
<i>Saturday</i> January 19	9:30 AM Grace Circle 10 AM Memorial Service for Bob Webb
<i>Sunday</i> January 20	10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Christian Ed. Committee – Upstairs Kitchen No Sunshine Singers Practice Today 4:30 PM Confirmation Class – Memorial Lounge

Birthday Blessings



<i>This Week's Birthdays</i>	
January 13	Pam Capanna
January 14	Joan Wagner
January 17	David Wible
January 18	Karen Gallo
January 19	Daryl Hulitt
January 20	Ryleigh Wichart

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Sunday Worship Service @ 10 AM

- Communion on the first Sunday of the month
- Sunday School each week from 10:20-11:05 AM