

***FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH***



**25th Sunday after Pentecost
Baptism**

**Sunday, November 19, 2023
10:00 A.M.**

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE “Come You Thankful People, Come”

arr. Gerald Peterson

WELCOME

Liturgist

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

To you, O God of the heavens, we lift our eyes.

Have mercy on us!

God has been our dwelling place from generation to generation.

Hear us when we call!

From everlasting to everlasting, God is with us.

We will magnify your holy name!

***HYMN**

#559

“We Gather Together”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Kaul

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Kaul

God of abundance, you have given us so many gifts. You bless us with talents, resources, skills, and knowledge, and yet we hide them under a bushel. We hoard these gifts, instead of following you and sharing with those in need. We have been poor stewards of all you have given. Forgive us, and help us grow what we are given, that it might be returned in service to you. (*Silent Reflection*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Kaul

One of the indescribable gifts of God is the forgiveness that never ends. **In gratitude, we will share. In gratitude, we will praise.**

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen, Amen.

ANTHEM

“A Simple Thanksgiving”

Joseph Martin

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 90:1-12

Liturgist

God's Eternity and Human Frailty A Prayer of Moses, the man of God.

¹ **Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.**

² Before the mountains were brought forth
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

³ You turn us back to dust
and say, “Turn back, you mortals.”

⁴ For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past
or like a watch in the night.

⁵ You sweep them away; **they are like a dream,**
like grass that is renewed in the morning;

⁶ in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.

⁷ For we are consumed by your anger;
by your wrath **we are overwhelmed.**

⁸ You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

⁹ For all our days pass away under your wrath;
our years come to an end like a sigh.

¹⁰ **The days of our life are seventy years
or perhaps eighty, if we are strong;**
even then their span is only toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.

¹¹ Who considers the power of your anger?
Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.

¹² **So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.**

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:14-30

Rev. Kaul

SERMON

“Using Our Talents Wisely”

Rev. Kaul

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN

#492

“Baptized in Water”

THE SACRAMENT OF THE BAPTISM

Hear the Words of Our Lord Jesus Christ:.....

.....There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, **one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.**

.....With the whole church let us confess our faith:

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, 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 life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you, **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE BAPTISM

CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

Anastasia Rose you have been received.....

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you in to the body of Christ. **Alleluia!! Amen!!**

LIGHTING OF THE BAPTISMAL CANDLE

Live as a Child of the Light and let your light shine before

others. **Amen.**

THE PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us share Christ's peace with one another.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus"
arr. Michael Burkhardt

***Doxology**

**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.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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** #554 "Let All Things Now Living"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Praise God from whom All Blessings Flow"
Johann Pachelbel

Prayer List:

Those facing health concerns:

Debbie F. Linda W.
Bev P-C Nick M.
Dave E. (Bri's Dad) Blade P. (Marge's Cousin)
Roe (Carol F's Friend) Charles P (Bri's Grandfather)
Ben S (Darlene's Dad - Hospice)



Those Who Mourn:

The Shoemaker Family in Betty's passing.
The Garrison Family in John's passing,

Those at home/in care:

Bebe D. Jim/Mel B.



Other Concerns: Unspoken Requests

Israel & Gaza Strip Conflict
Ukraine/Russia Conflict

This Month of November:

Flowers:

11/19 - Frank and Marge P
11/26 - Sue C.

Fellowship:

Deacons
Robin F.

Meetings: November - 11/20 - Trustees, 11/21- Presbytery



December Newsletter

-Information due by **Wednesday, November 22, 2023**
to Debbie Homan or to Christie in the office.

Note from the Deacons - **Sunday, November 26th**

We will be **decorating** the Sanctuary immediately following the church service. **Lunch (provided) and fellowship** to follow.

Please come out and help us make our church look beautiful for the upcoming holidays.

Many hands make light work. Please come out and help!!



Saturday, December 2, 2023 - 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Our Church will be open for Bridgeton's Holiday House Tour.



**11/20 - 6:00 pm 2024 Trustees Dinner (provided)
& Training**

7:00 pm 2023 Trustees Meeting

11/21 - 7:00 pm Presbytery Mtg. - Woodbury

11/22 - Choir Practice 7:30 pm

**11/23 & 11/24 - Happy Thanksgiving
Church Office Closed**



11/26 - Christ the King Sunday - Rev. Daniel Pure preaching

11/26 - Decorating the Sanctuary for the Holiday Season
immediately following the church service.
Fellowship & Lunch to follow.



Looking Ahead -Next Week:

11/29 - Choir Practice

12/3 - First Sunday of Advent

***** 12/15 - Deadline for all annual written reports -
(except financial reports) -
from all Boards & Committees**

Serving Today:

LITURGIST

Debbi B-G

USHERS- Team 3

Marie D., Joyce I. &
Heather N.

COUNTERS- Team 3

Yvonne C. & Debbie H.

FLOWERS

Frank and Marge P.
Blessings for our granddaughter
Anastasia Rose's Baptism!

FELLOWSHIP

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