

*THE  
FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH*



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January 8, 2023

Baptism of Our Lord

10:00 a.m.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*"Greensleeves"*

R. Purvis

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

In baptism God claims us and names us Beloved.

**In baptism Christ joins us to himself and to one another.**

**In baptism the Spirit is poured out upon us.**

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

**Thanks be to God!**

\*HYMN *"As with Gladness Men of Old"* vs. 1&4

pg. 63

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Kaul

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, you claim us and call us, you support us and uphold us, you save us and free us from our sin. Yet we slip into old habits, worshiping idols that have claimed our hearts, disregarding our impact on the earth and our neighbors. Forgive us. Meet us at the water again, that we might know we belong to you.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Kaul

The good news has been passed down by prophets and priests: everyone who believes in Christ receives forgiveness in his name.

**We believe; help our unbelief.**

Wherever you are on your journey,

**Know this, we are redeemed, forgiven, and loved.**

\*GLORIA PATRI

**HEARING THE WORD**

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH Rev. Kaul

ANTHEM *“Beloved, God’s Chosen”* R. A. Hobby  
Beverly Pugh Corry - flute

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING Liturgist  
Isaiah 42: 1-9 O.T. pg 670

GOSPEL READING Rev. Kaul  
Matthew 3: 13-17 N.T pg 2 ☺

SERMON *“The Gift of Committed Community”* Rev. Kaul

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*HYMN *“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”* pg. 10

Profession of Faith & Re-Affirming our Baptism Rev. Kaul

Just as the body is one and has many members,  
and all the members of the body, though many,  
are one body, so it is with Christ.

**For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-  
Jew or Greeks-, slaves or free-  
and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.**

Beloved people of God, our baptism is the sign and seal of  
our cleansing from sin, and of our being grafted into Christ.  
Through the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Christ, the  
power of sin was broken and God’s kingdom entered our  
world. Through our baptism we were made citizens of God’s  
kingdom, and freed from the bondage of sin. Let us celebrate  
that freedom and redemption through the renewal of the  
promises made at our baptism.

I ask you, therefore, once again to reject the sin, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, and to confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we were baptized. Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

**I renounce them.**

Who is your Lord and Savior?

**Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

**I will, with God's help.**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Liturgist

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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 FOR BAPTISM

Rev. Kaul

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### THE EUCHARIST

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Rev. Kaul

Offertory "*We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus*" M. Burkhardt

\*Doxology

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!

**People will come from east and west, from north and south to sit at the table in the realm of God.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, we praise you...

...and place saying to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. Amen!**

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION/BREAKING OF THE BREAD

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Hear our prayer**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## SHARING OF THE MEAL

**BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*HYMN                                    “*God Is Here*”                                    pg. 461

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

**May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are  
absent, one from another. Amen.    (*Mizpah Benediction*)**

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE                                “*Basse de Trompette*”                                J-f. Dandrieu

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**SYMBOLS:**

\* Those who are able, please stand.

☺ Older children leave for Sunday School

**LITURGIST-** Debbi B-G

**USHERS-** John A., captain, Bruce C.

**FELLOWSHIP-** Amy B. & Debbi B-G

**FLOWERS-**

**COUNTERS-** Marion C. & Heather N.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Giving is more than a responsibility – it is a privilege; more than an act of obedience – it is evidence of our faith.

– William Arthur Ward

## OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Due to the increased cost of custom Offering Envelopes along with decrease use of them by our congregation, our Session decided to not purchase these for 2023. For Cash offerings, please use the plain envelopes provided. Please also include your name or number on the outside of the envelope. Thanks!

**Offering  
Envelopes**



## NOTES FROM THE DEACONS

It is time to take the Christmas Decorations down in our Sanctuary and Bonham Hall. Please join us TODAY directly after worship to help. Many Hands Make Light Work.

We're in need of Fellowship Hour Hosts to assist in providing snacks and making coffee, also to clean up after. Tables are set up and decorated for you. Paper goods are found in the kitchen closet for use. Any questions, please contact the Deacon for the Month. For January: (Insert name). Please sign up on the calendar on the kitchen counter. Thanks!

\*Kitchen is in need of decaf and regular coffee.





### NEWS NEWSLETTER NEEDS A NEW NAME

Our new, newsletter, needs a new name. Please submit suggestions to the church office by January 18, 2023. The new name will be announced at our Annual Meeting. Thanks for your help!

### TIME OUT TUESDAY

Where: Green Olive in Hopewell

When: Tuesday, January 17, 2023

Time: Noon

(Dutch Treat/ an outing, meal, or other special occasion at which each participant pays for their share of the expenses.)

Please rsvp to the church office (856) 455-0809 by Monday, January 16. (so we can let the restaurant know a head count)

**CAPE MAY JAZZ VESPERS**  
**THE HOWARD ISAACSON GROUP**

**FEATURING:**  
HOWARD ISAACSON – SAXOPHONES AND FLUTE  
GREG PORDON – KEYBOARDS  
ANDY LALASIS – BASS  
DON SHOUGH – GUITAR  
FRANK MAIONE – DRUMS

**SUNDAY, JAN. 15TH**  
**3:00PM**  
**\$10 DONATION**

CAPE MAY PRESBYTERIAN, 500 HUGHES STREET, CAPE MAY, NJ 08204





## CALENDAR

Today, Sunday, January 8, 2023  
Worship with communion



Monday, January 9, 2023  
Deacons Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

## Church DEACONS

Wednesday, January 11, 2023  
Choir Rehearsal @ 7:30 p.m.



Thursday, January 12, 2023  
(Annual reports for Congregational Meeting are due)  
Joint Meeting (Session & Trustees) @ 6:30 p.m.



"So you wanna play hardball, eh?"



REV. NORLITA KAUL PASTOR  
GAE FINCH, ORGANIST AND CHOIR DIRECTOR  
KIMBERLY WHELAN, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT