



First Presbyterian Church

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January 7, 2024

Epiphany

10:00 AM

Installation of New Officers & Communion

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

* = Please stand in body or in spirit

WELCOME! We are glad you can join us for worship here and online. Visitors, please sign the guest book located in the narthex. Prayer request cards are available in the racks within each pew. Ushers will collect them during the second hymn. Please *remember to turn off all devices as we turn towards God.*

GREETINGS TO THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

PRELUDE

"What Star is This with Beams So Bright"

Hal Hopson

* INVITATION TO WORSHIP: (Responsively)

by Rev. Thandiwe Dale-Ferguson

One: Holy God, in this New Year, we seek you as we have always sought you.

All: We need you as we have always needed you.

One: We hunger for your presence, your peace, your justice and your love.

All: Open our hearts afresh and anew. Open our minds that we may know you.

One: Open our hands that we may care for you. Open our ears and eyes that we may hear and see you.

All: You call us to be your love, your peace, your hope and your justice in this your world. Amen.

* HYMN # Blue 56

"The First Nowell"

English Carol

vv. 3-5

INVITATION TO SEEK GOD'S GRACE

PRAYER SEEKING GOD'S GRACE: (In unison)

posted on The Contemplative Network

Dear Jesus, as You led the Magi to You by the light of a star, please draw us ever closer to You by the light of faith. Help us to desire You as ardently as they did. Give us the grace to overcome all the obstacles that keep us far from You. May we, like them, have something to give You when we appear before You. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Celebration of the Installation of Church officers

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Pastor: There are varieties of gifts,

Congregation: but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

Pastor: There are different ways of serving God,

Congregation: but it is the same Lord who is served.

Pastor: God works through each person in a unique way,

Congregation: but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

Pastor: To each is given a gift of the Spirit

Congregation: to be used for the common good.

Pastor: Together we are the body of Christ

Congregation: and individually members of it.

STATEMENT ON INSTALLATION

Pastor: But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

People: We are all called into the church of Jesus Christ by baptism, and marked as Christ's own by the Holy Spirit. This is our common calling, to be disciples and servants of our servant Lord.

Clerk: Representing the one, holy catholic and apostolic church, the session of the First Presbyterian Church of Boonton now installs to active service those who have been previously ordained: Marisa Crozier, Marion Gingery and Martel Roberts as deacons, and Dan Keoppel, Kim Robbins and Bill Segulin as elders.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

I do.

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

I do.

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

I do and I will.

Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ under the authority of Scripture and continually guided by our confessions?

I will.

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

I will.

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

I will.

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

I do.

Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

I will.

Deacons, will you be faithful, teaching charity, urging concern and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need? In your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

I will.

Elders, will you be faithful, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

I will.

VOWS OF THE CONGREGATION

Do we, the members of the church, accept, Marisa Crozier, Marion Gingery and Martel Roberts as deacons, and Dan Keoppel, Kim Robbins and Bill Segulin as elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

WELCOME TO NEWLY INSTALLED OFFICERS

Thank you to those finishing their time of service...

Elders: Donna Keoppel and Bruce Middleton and Deacon: Samanth George

* HYMN # Blue 391

"Take My Life"

H.A. Cesar Malan

vv. 1-2

(At this time, ushers will receive any written prayer requests. Blank prayer request cards are available in the racks within each pew. Please feel free to fill one out and give it to an usher or email office@fpcboonton.org)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (In unison)

Dear God, open our eyes so that we can see the power of your Holy Light, like the wise men, so that as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

GOD'S WORD TO US

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 60:3-6

p. 690

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

p. 2

SERMON

"When God Calls Us "

Pastor Carie Morgan

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

(A quiet time for contemplation on the preached scripture.)

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"From A Distant Home"

Hal Hopson

(Please remain silent during this time of worship, dedication and prayer)

* PRESENTATION / DOXOLOGY: (In unison)

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

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER: (In unison) **"forgive us our sins, as...sin against us"**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD/DRINKING OF THE CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE (Please take each element [bread/wine] and hold it until we take it together.
Gluten/egg free crackers are in the middle of the plate.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: (In unison)

Illumine our hearts, O God, with the radiance of Christ's presence, that our lives may show forth his love in this weary world. Teach us to befriend the lost, to serve the poor, to reconcile our enemies, and to love our neighbors. Keep us faithful in your service until we feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm, Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE GO INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN # Blue 66

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"
vv. 1-3

John Henry Hopkins Jr.

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Go Tell it on the Mountain"

arr. John Carter

Pastor: The Rev. Carie Morgan
Organist/Choir Director: Sarah Jane Zollner
Lay Reader: Lisa Hordnes
Ministers: All the People of the Church

January 7 – January 13 ~ Epiphany

Sunday	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal – (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Worship & Installation of Officers
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour (Library)
	11:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room/Sanctuary)
	7:00 pm	AA (Reighart Hall)
Monday	7:00 pm	Session (Library)
	7:30 pm	NA - Lost and Found Group (Reighart Hall)
Tuesday	4:00 pm	NJ Conservatory (Choir Room)
	6:30 pm	Deacons Meeting (Library)
Wednesday	3:00/4 pm	Coffee & Services (Gateway) / Loaves/Fishes
	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts (Reighart Hall)
Thursday	1:15 pm	Second Thursday Adult Group (Library)
	6:00 pm	Girl Scouts (Reighart Hall)
Saturday	8/9:00 am	Coffee & Services (Gateway) / Loaves/Fishes

January 14 ... ~ Baptism of the Lord

Sunday	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal –(Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour (Library)
	11:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room/Sanctuary)

...More can be found on our website <https://www.fpcboonton.org/calendar/>

Hope

“We thank you, God, for...”

DICK SKONICZIN (Cheryl Maraziti's father-in-law) is well enough to be moved to an assisted living facility in PA. Continued prayers.

DEE (Harold Johnson's wife), **JACK MIDDLETON** and **MEG MEYER** have all returned home.

MAE WISWALL is now home from rehab and would love calls and visits from the congregation!

Prayer Concerns

“Loving Lord, we pray for...”

(INSERT YOUR NAME HERE) and lift up to God your needs and concerns.

MICHAEL SLAMAN had oral facial surgery. Prayers for a quick recovery.

PHYLLIS LEHR is under hospice care. Prayers for her and her children and grandchildren.

LU ANNE ROTHROCK is in Morristown Memorial. Prayers for healing.

JACK THOMPSON is having tests done for health issues. Continued prayers.

TIM PAPP needs continued prayers.

GAIL COE is asking for continued prayers for relief of pain and solution to problem.

RUTH LIVESEY (Gail's friend) still needs prayers for healing.

KRIS (Pastor Carie's friend) who was struck by a bus a few weeks ago, but is home recovering. Prayers for healing.

PAM DAVIDSON (Pat Maraziti's sister) who is hospitalized with Covid and pneumonia.

BEVERLEY STEPHENS is asking for a spiritual and financial breakthrough for her family.

NANCY LASKO (Linda Blank's SIL) is having heart and kidney issues, and is losing weight.

EINAR BORGSTROM (Lisa Hordnes' brother) had another procedure and is waiting for a diagnosis. Many prayers still needed.

ALINE MONSOUR & RICHARD SCHWUCHOW (parents of Kim Robbin's friends) are all having various health concerns and need our prayers; Richard is now in hospice care.

LWASAKI AND DAVILA FAMILIES of Mechanic St, Boonton, who are dealing with the after effects of a devastating 3-alarm fire that occurred on 12/16. Pray for them as they deal with this tragedy.

RESIDENTS OF THE NJ STATE FIREMEN'S HOME— pray for their families & caregivers.

“Prayers for those with Cancer...”

DAN DUGAN (friend of the Kearney's) **CHARLIE WILLIAMS** (the Blank's DIL's stepfather) **RON LAMONACO** (Elizabeth Ward-Hettrich's friend), **MARISA LAPLACA** (teacher, works with Bea Beatty at BHS), **ROBERT NERLINE SR. and A GATEWAY VOLUNTEER**

“And God Shall Wipe Away the Tears...”

DOUG SCHNEIDER (Elaine Doherty's best friend) lost his battle with pancreatic cancer after 5 or 6 years.

EDNA AUSTIN longtime member of FPCB, passed 12/7. There will be a private family service sometime in the future. Cards of condolence can be sent to her daughter, Jean Jones 5260 Wagon Wheel Lane, Gahanna, OH 43230.

Please send updates to previous prayers to office@fpcboonton.org

Announcements

HEARING AIDS/RECEIVERS – We have hearing aid receivers available during the worship service. Please ask an usher if you would like to use one. **PEW PILLOWS** – are available during worship for those of you who would like additional back support. Feel free to pick one up or have an usher bring one to you!

LAY READER – Lisa Hordnes was raised in Boonton and has been in this church all her life. Lisa lives in Rockaway Township with her son, Bjorn. She has another son, Chris, and two grandchildren, Colin and Emma. She is employed as a Surgical Materials Specialist with St. Clare's Health Services. Lisa has served as Deacon and Elder here at FPCB and uses her musical gifts in our Chancel Choir, the Hand Bell Choir, and other community vocal groups.

CHANCEL FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Lynn Ware to the congregation for a *Happy New Year!*

WORSHIP FLOWERS NEEDED You can sign up on the chart by the Sanctuary doors or through our website. One or both of these arrangements are delivered to the sick and homebound each week and bring connection and cheer. The church office will contact you regarding the \$40 flower donation and your dedication for the bulletin.

SECOND Thursday Adult Group will meet at 1:15 in the library 1/11.

COFFEE HOUR Come join us in the library for this time to celebrate our new officers. *Please consider **sponsoring or hosting** coffee hour. You can sign up on the board next to the office (or consider donating to the jar in the library). Congregational Life will provide coffee.

2024 BILL & VIVIAN LOWTHER SCHOLARSHIP: The Memorials Committee is pleased to announce that the Scholarship Subcommittee is accepting applications from FPC Members who have applied to or are attending an accredited college or professional school in pursuit of professional certification, undergraduate education, or a graduate degree. Please contact the church office at 973-334-3535 or office@fpcboonton.org for application forms. Completed applications are due to the church office by **March 1, 2024**.

DEACON OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for your use on Communion Sundays (small green ones in the pews). Please consider making a donation to the Deacon Fund.

MISSIONS - We are always accepting Mission Donations through Breeze or they can be mailed to or dropped off at the office.