



First Presbyterian Church
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January 12, 2025

Baptism of the Lord

10:00 AM

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.

Please *remember to turn off all devices as we turn towards God.*

GREETINGS TO THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

PRELUDE

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

arr. Hal Hopson

PRAYER OF ADORATION: (In unison)

by Susan Durber

At the dawn of a new year, we come to welcome hope for a new world. Let the darkness lift, to welcome a dawn of plenty, with enough for everyone and people ready to share. Let the day begin, with new energy for the struggle to protect our children and to care for the vulnerable. At the dawn of a new year, we come to declare our hope and to welcome a new world. Amen.

CHORAL INTROIT

"Come All You People"

arr. John L. Bell

* CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsively)

One: Wade into the waters of love.

All: Step into the rivers of blessing.

One: Here, find the renewing streams of mercy.

All: Here, taste the wonders of God's goodness.

One: Feel the waters of life, know the joy of baptism.

All: See the springs of eternal life; sing the triumph of God's blessing. Let us worship God.

* HYMN # Blue 469

"Morning Has Broken"

Gaelic Melody

INVITATION TO SEEK GOD'S GRACE

PRAYER SEEKING GOD'S GRACE (In unison)

(Psalm 51)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (In unison)

posted on the **Worship@North** website

O God, the Three in One, you draw us into your community of love with people across the ages and around the world. By the same Spirit that binds us together, speak to us that what we read and ponder may enliven us and stretch us to trust and follow you; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

GOD'S WORD TO US

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 43:1-7

p. 672

ANTHEM

"Down to the River to Pray"

Sheldon Curry

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

p. 60

One: This is the word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON

"Holy and Beloved"

Pastor Carie Morgan

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN # Blue 356

"Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing"

Robert Robinson

(At this time, ushers will receive any written prayer requests or you can email the church office: office@fpcboonton.org)

TIME FOR MISSION

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Shall We Gather at the River"

arr. John Carter

* 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

GOD'S PEOPLE GO INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN # Blue 341

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

Fanny J. Crosby

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

"When the Lord Redeems the Very Least"

arr. Evelyn Simpson-Currenton

POSTLUDE

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

arr. Diane Bish

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

LAY READER – John Crozier and his wife Marisa have three adult children; Chelsea, Andy and Vicki. John is a retired VP of IT in the Insurance industry. Marisa is a special ed teacher in Montville and recently completed her doctoral thesis. John has been a member of the church since 1991, and has served several terms on Session as part of the Mission and Stewardship and Personnel. John sings in our chancel choir and currently co-chairs the Committee on Ministry for The Presbytery of the Highlands of NJ.

CHANCEL FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Lois Merritt
in loving memory of her son Ralph Roy Merritt

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 12 – January 18 ~ *Baptism of the Lord*

Sunday	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary and online)
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour (Library)
	11:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room/Sanctuary)
Monday	7:00 pm	AA (Reighart Hall)
	7:00 pm	Session (Library)
Tuesday	7:30 pm	NA - Lost and Found Group (Reighart Hall)
	4:30 pm	NJ Conservatory Piano (Choir Room)
	6:00 pm	Scouts Wolf Den Meeting (Reighart)
	7:00 pm	AA (Reighart)
Wednesday	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library and Zoom)
	3:00 pm	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	4:00 pm	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry
Thursday	7:00 pm	Girl Scouts (Reighart Hall)
Saturday	8:00 am	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	9:00 am	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

January 19 – January 25 ~ *Second Sunday After Epiphany*

Sunday	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary and online)
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour (Library)
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Monday	7:00 pm	AA (Reighart Hall)
	7:30 pm	NA - Lost and Found Group (Reighart Hall)
Tuesday	10:30 am	Prayer Group (Library)
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*The calendar can also be found on our website under news and events:

Welcome to the First Presbyterian Church of Boonton
We are glad you are worshipping with us today!

Mission Outreach:

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

MEAL TRAIN: is an opportunity to provide a meal for a person or a family in their time of need. Please email Martel Roberts at martelroberts@gmail.com or call or text 973-216-0787 if you would like to volunteer to provide a meal or if you are in need of a meal.

Worship:

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

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!

Fellowship:

COFFEE HOUR is hosted/sponsored today by The Roberts Family. Please join us in the Library to enjoy this time of fellowship. *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).

*Due to Coffee Hour burn-out, **Congregational Life will not be hosting coffee hour on January 19th or February 9th, 16th, & 23rd.** If no one volunteers to host, there will be no coffee hour. Hosting a coffee hour isn't difficult, all you need is time and something to eat & drink. Any questions please contact Kim Robbins or Trish Herrera. Thank you.*

BIBLE STUDY will next meet on January 15th at 10:30 in the church library and on zoom. The next study topic is on James, “What you do matters” by Margaret Feinburg.

PRAYER GROUP will meet next on January 21st at 10:30am in the church library. All are welcome.

News:

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION and the **CORPORATION** of First Presbyterian Church Boonton NJ, will be held on January 26, 2025 immediately after worship in the Sanctuary. Purpose: To receive the annual report, approve the 2025 budget, and any other business appropriate for congregational consideration. Printed copies of the Annual reports will be available 1/19.

2025 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, 2025.**



2025 PER CAPITA

Congregations pay an annual amount of money per church member — per capita apportionment — to their respective presbyteries. It is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together, by sharing the benefits of the system of government and operational expenses.

The per capita amount is a combined total of requests from the presbytery, the synod in which the presbytery is located, and the General Assembly — based on their respective annual budgets.

We ask all those who are able to consider covering your per capita charges for 2025. The Presbytery Per Capita fee is \$43.50 per member. This includes youth who have been confirmed. Ex: For a couple, the per capita amount is \$87 and for family (where 1 youth is also a member) the per capita would be \$130.50

As a connectional church, we are obligated to pay this to the Presbytery of the Highlands early each year, to cover operational expenses. A small portion (a total of 10%) also gets allocated for General Assembly and Synod expenses.

We ask that you prayerfully consider making your per capita contribution. Every per capita cost that is not paid comes out of the overall endowment (or savings) of the church. By paying your per capita will allow us to allocate all of our donations to the missions of this church. You may use the special envelopes in your offering boxes or you can simply mark your contribution with the words "Per Capita."

-Stewardship Committee

Stewardship

Please make sure you fill out your 2025 commitment and place it in the offering plate, mail it to the church, or email a confidential email to donrothrock@gmail.com

Breeze Online Giving QR code

