

## Serving Today

### Ushers:

8:30a.m. Jay Haggard (Head), Mark Dail, Janelle Haggard, Margaret Heberlein, Carol Koi, Jim Koi, Susan Ryan

11:00a.m. Pat Avery (Head), Marge Avery, Jim Copland, Lydia Finlayson, Marc Finlayson, Doug Phelps, Will Robertson, Cheryl Young

### Greeters:

8:30 a.m. Yvonne Olmstead  
11:00 a.m. George and Lynne Moore

### Lectionary Reading for January 19, 2020

Isaiah 49:1-7                      John 1:29-42  
1 Cor. 1:1-9

**WELCOME** guests! Please write your name on a visitor's badge for your blouse or lapel. Along with our members, please sign the Friendship Pad when passed to you during the service.

**WORSHIP SYMBOLS** \* Please rise in body or spirit

**CHILDREN** are welcome at First Presbyterian Church. Beginning at 8:25am, our paid and background-checked nursery workers would be honored to care for your little ones (infants--4 years). Please see an usher for directions to the nursery (room 1.23 in the Ministry Center). The nursery is available for nursing at any time. Following the Children's Moment, those in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade or younger may depart for Children's Worship and Wonder. For those 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up, ask an usher for worship bags for your child(ren).

**RESTROOMS** are available in the Ministry Center (including a family restroom with changing table) and the Session House.

**ACCESSIBILITY:** Hearing assistance devices with ear coverings are available and large print hymnals are available in the last row of pews. Please ask an usher if you have need. Wheelchair accessibility is provided by ramps on either side of the Sanctuary and in back of the Ministry Center.

## Session 2020

Eddie Bellis, Moderator, Maren Sonstegard-Spray, Karen Reed, Clerk

### Administration

Betsy Conzelman '20  
Jim Findley '21  
Marc Finlayson '22  
Trudy Martin '20

### Care

Patti Fleming '22  
Polly Frank '20  
Margaret Cooper '22

### Fellowship

Kevin Avolis '22  
Beth Foley '21  
Peter Moeller '20  
Cathy Warren '20

### Outreach

Peggy Clark '21  
Bruce Pollock '21  
Julia Speight '22

### Education

Janet Bryan '20  
Madison Crum '22  
David Hale '20

### Worship

Janelle Haggard '21  
Gayle Hardy '21  
George Moore '21  
Hal Vandersea '22

### Pastoral & Program Staff

- \* The Rev. Edward Bellis, *Interim Pastor*
- \* The Rev. Dr. Maren Sonstegard-Spray, *Associate Pastor*
- \* The Rev. Lloyd Griffith, *Parish Associate*
- \* Daewon Goldenbaum-Yang, *Director of Education and Youth Ministry*

### Music Program Staff

- \* Pat K. Rowlett, *Director of Music*
- Vance Harper Jones, *Organist*
- Susan Mabie, *Director, Resurrection Singers*
- Cindy Sutton, *Assistant Organist and Pianist*
- Dru Wilkins, *Music Assistant*

### Office and Support Staff

- \* Tommy Hall, *Administrative Coordinator*
- \* Priscilla Miller, *Interim Office Administrator*
- \* Cathy Wingfield, *Communications Coordinator*
- \* Amber Zapffel, *Financial Secretary*
- \* Kerri Wheeler, *Children's Worship*
- James Briley, Jr., *Treasurer*
- Louis Foye, *Sexton*
- Lisa Wood, *Nursery Coordinator*
- Cindi DeVoe, *Nursery Staff*
- Missy Dixon, *Nursery Staff*

### Pre-school

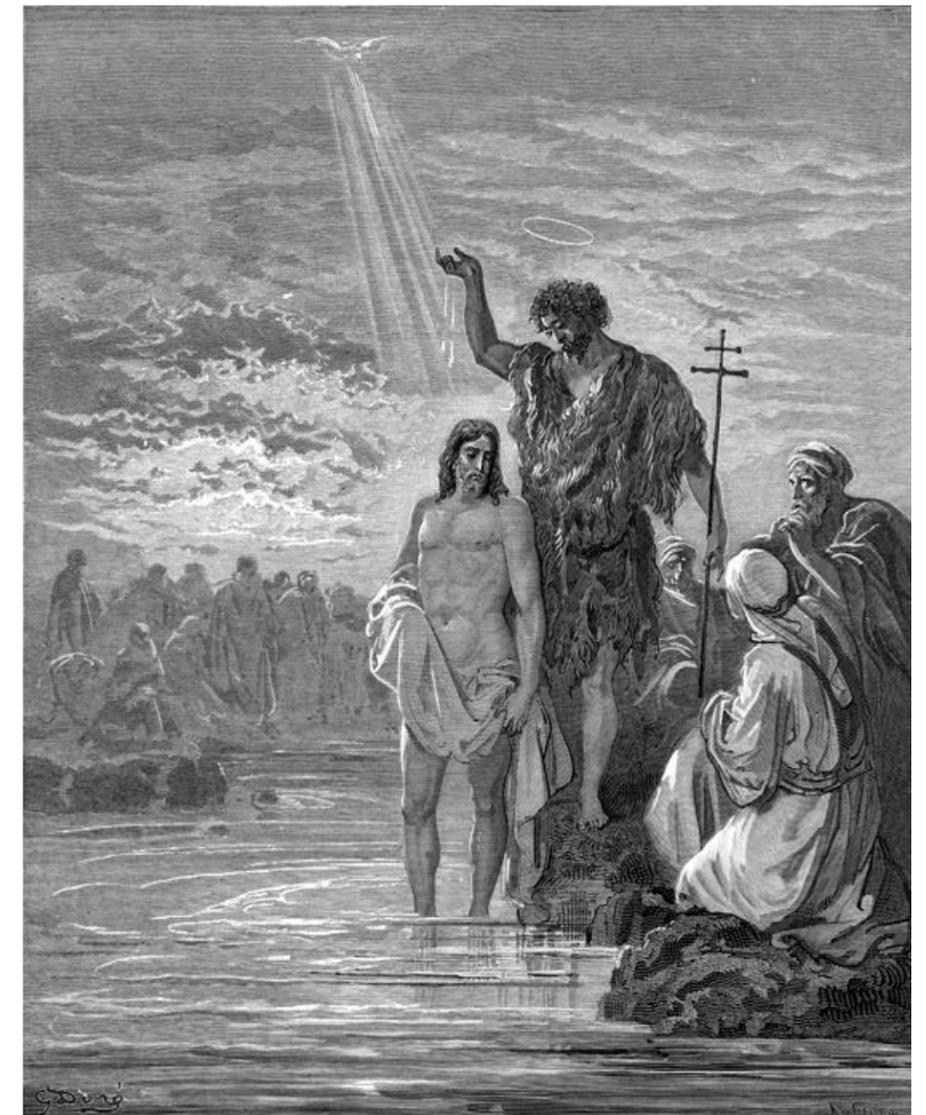
- \* Kerri Wheeler, *Director of Preschool*

You can contact persons designated \* by replacing their first names as in the example for our pastor: [maren@firstpresnb.org](mailto:maren@firstpresnb.org)

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF NEW BERN

ORGANIZED 1817



Baptism of Jesus, Gustav Doré, 1832-1883

## Baptism of the Lord January 12, 2020

— Eight Thirty and Eleven a.m. —

**Building Community ▪ Transforming Lives ▪ Engaging the World**

*Trusting that God's grace embraces and makes covenant with all believers, First Presbyterian Church intends to be an inclusive place of spiritual growth for all people. All persons are welcomed into this fellowship and membership regardless of age, sexual orientation, gender, ethnic or racial identity, economic or educational status, or political affiliation.*

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If you wish to share a joy or concern with the pastoral staff, please write it on the tan prayer card found in the pew rack. We will collect these cards in the offering. If you wish the prayer to remain confidential, place the card in a provided privacy envelope. *Please silence or turn off cell phones.*

### Prayer of Preparation

God of life and new life, you are splendid and strong! Your voice thunders above the sound of loud waters. You sit enthroned above the floods of life. As Jesus heard you speak to him in his baptism, may we also hear you calling us, your beloved, through Jesus Christ, your son, our brother. Amen.

### Welcome

Following the “Chiming of the Trinity” and during the “Prelude,” please enter a period of silent meditation.

### Chiming of the Trinity

**Prelude** *Christ Is the World's Light* Lovelace

**Introit** *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* African-Am. Spiritual

### Announcements

### Call to Worship

In the beginning, at creation, the Spirit hovered over the waters of the deep.

**In the waters of the flood, God cleansed the earth and humankind.**

God caused the waters to part so that Israel could cross from slavery to liberation.

**God formed Jesus in the waters of Mary’s womb.**

Jesus taught us how to live by washing his disciples’ feet in water.

**Drinking water from a well, Jesus met a Samaritan woman, the first person to recognize that he was the Christ.**

Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, the Christ.

**God meant for Jesus to be the firstborn in a large family.**

**Praise be to God!**

\* **Kyrie Eleison** John Merbecke

\* **Assurance of Pardon**



\* **Response 437** *You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy* Wetzel

\* **Summary of the Law**

“**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and the first commandment. And a second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”** Matthew 22:37-39

\* **Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

**(11:00) Children’s Moment** Rev. Eddie Bellis

Hymn 175, verse 1 *Seek Ye First*

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!**

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 175, verse 2 *Seek Ye First*

**Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find; Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

*Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it along your pew and place prayer request cards in the offering plate.*

Offertory *Spirit Song* Wimber

Resurrection Singers

Cindy Sutton, piano; Winston Dixon, bass

\* Doxology Hymn 606  
**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.**

\* Dedication of Pledges, Tithes, and Offerings

\* **Hymn 482** *Baptized in Water* Saward/Gaelic melody

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture Lesson** Isaiah 42:1-9 and Matthew 3:13-17

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** The Rev. Dr. Maren Sonstegard-Spray

\* **Affirmation of Faith** The Nicene Creed p.34  
**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

\* **Hymn 503** *Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation* Green/1681

**Minute for Mission** ESL/Citizenship Tutoring Gene Peele

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory Meredith H. Nelson by her husband and family.*

*Congratulations to Tyler and Meredith Jenkins Werline on the December 25<sup>th</sup> birth of their son Weston Oliver Werline. Mike and Bryson Jenkins are the proud grandparents.*

*The sympathy of the congregation goes to Yor Ksor and his family on the January 6<sup>th</sup> death of his father in Vietnam.*

**Sacrament of Communion and (8:25) Lord’s Prayer**

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

The Great Prayer of 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.**

Distribution of the Elements (Gluten Free Bread is Served)

Prayer After Communion

\* **Benediction**

\* **Response** *Jesus, Remember Me* (Hymn 227) Taizé

**Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.**

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\* **Postlude** *What Star Is This with Beams So Bright* Held