

# **First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca, Michigan**



**Sunday, January 13, 2019  
10:30am**

Service for the Lord's Day  
Baptism of the Lord

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*\* indicates that the congregation may stand as they are able.  
Bold text indicates where the congregation joins in unison.*

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**Prelude & Ringing of the Bell**

**Gathering Music**    *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

***Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,  
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.***

***Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness, only light,  
and where there's sadness, ever joy.***

***Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console.  
To be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love with all my soul.***

***Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving of ourselves that we receive,  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.***

## Welcome & Announcements

### \*Call to Worship (responsive)

Our God is a God of power and strength!

**God has created each of us with tender care.**

Our God is a God of majesty and awe!

**God walks with each of us every step of the way.**

Our God is a God of glory and wonder!

**God loves each of us with tenderness and passion.**

Our God calls us each by name.

**God calls each of us to unite in worship together!**

### \*Opening Prayer (unison)

**Holy God of glory and majesty, you have called us by name. We pray in this moment for the courage and the strength to answer your call. As we open our ears to hear the story of your Son's baptism, open our hearts also, that we may experience again the renewing power of rebirth in the Holy Spirit. Inspire us in this time of worship, that we may claim our own identity as your beloved children. We pray in the name of our brother, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### \*Hymn #461 (blue)

*God is Here!*

## Call to Confession

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

## **Prayer of Confession (unison)**

**Creator of the universe, we stand amazed at your power and glory. We are eager to worship you and offer our praise, but we are often reluctant to answer when we hear you calling our name. We sing our songs of tribute in the sanctuary, but shy away from the river, lest we be baptized with the fire of the Holy Spirit. Forgive us when we forget your promise to be with us always, O God. Renew us with the power of your ever-present love, and strengthen us to proclaim your justice throughout the world. Amen.**

## **Silent Confession**

### **Sung Response**

*By His Grace*

***By His grace I am redeemed, by His blood I am made clean;  
And I now can know Him face to face.***

***By His power I have been raised, hidden now in Christ by faith;  
I will praise the glory of His grace.***

## **Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the words of our creator, spoken through the prophet Isaiah: "I have called you by name. You are mine. Do not fear, for I have redeemed you." Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

## **\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Exchange words of peace and reconciliation with one another.*

## **\*Sung Response**

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*

***Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!***

***Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!***

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

### Children's Message

#### Prayer of Illumination (unison)

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from Your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

#### Scripture Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

#### Anthem

*We Call Ourselves Disciples*  
Chancel Choir

Miller/Smart

#### Scripture Reading

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

#### Sermon

"Called By Name"

Pastor Christina

#### \*Hymn (insert)

*I Have Called You By Your Name*

# I Have Called You by Your Name 4

*Unison*  
♩ = 60

Chords: C7, F, B♭, C7, F<sub>sus4</sub>, C7, F, B♭/F, C<sub>sus4</sub>, C7, Am, Dm, Gm, C, F, B♭, C7, F

1. I have called you by your name, you are mine;  
 2. I will help you learn my name as you go;  
 3. I know you will need my touch as you go;  
 4. I have giv - en you a name, it is mine;

I have gift - ed you and ask you now to shine.  
 read it writ - ten in my peo - ple, help them grow.  
 feel it puls - ing in cre - a - tion's ebb and flow.  
 I have giv - en you my Spir - it as a sign.

I will not a - ban - don you; all my prom - is - es are  
 Pour the wa - ter in my name, speak the word your soul can  
 Like the wo - man reach - ing out, choos - ing faith in spite of  
 With my won - der in your soul, make my wound - ed chil - dren

true. You are gift - ed, called, and chos - en; you are mine.  
 claim, of - fer Je - sus' bod - y giv - en long a - go.  
 doubt, hold the hem of Je - sus' robe, then let it go.  
 whole; go and tell my prec - ious peo - ple they are mine.

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## WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

### Morning Offering

#### \*Doxology

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

#### \*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**God of grace, it is our delight and our devotion to give these gifts to you. All we are and all we have are yours alone. Accept this joyful offering as a token of our abiding love: use it to bring peace, justice and comfort to all the world, Amen.**

## GOD'S WORD IS SEALED IN US

### Invitation to the Font

#### Baptismal Questions

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn away from sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

**I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as Lord and Savior, trusting in His grace and love?

**I do.**

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

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

**\*Affirmation of Faith**      The Apostle's 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 Ghost, 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 Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

**Prayers of the People**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing...

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your Glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.***

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ....  
...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.***

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here...  
...Through your son, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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.**

## **\*Remembering Your Baptism & Receiving Holy Communion**

*As you come forward to receive communion, you are invited to dip your fingers into the baptismal font and touch the water to your forehead, remembering your baptism.*

## **Prayer After Communion (unison)**

**In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to You. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

## **WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*Hymn #430 (red)**

*You Are Mine*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

## **Today's Reading**

### **Isaiah 43:1-7**

But now, says the Lord—the one who created you, Jacob, the one who formed you, Israel: Don't fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; when through the rivers, they won't sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you won't be scorched and flame won't burn you. I am the Lord your God, the holy one of Israel, your savior. I have given Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in your place. Because you are precious in my eyes, you are honored, and I love you. I give people in your place, and nations in exchange for your life. Don't fear, I am with you. From the east I'll bring your children; from the west I'll gather you. I'll say to the north, "Give them back!" and to the south, "Don't detain them." Bring my sons from far away, and my daughters from the end of the earth, everyone who is called by my name and whom I created for my glory, whom I have formed and made.

### **Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**

The people were filled with expectation, and everyone wondered whether John might be the Christ. John replied to them all, "I baptize you with water, but the one who is more powerful than me is coming. I'm not worthy to loosen the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

When everyone was being baptized, Jesus also was baptized. While he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit came down on him in bodily form like a dove. And there was a voice from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness."

**Prayer List:**

*Loving God, we lift the following in prayer to You. Hold these people and situations in Your hands, and in them, may Your will be done. Amen.*

**Concerns:**

The Rev. George Gillette; Sue Deel and her family; Karen, Kathy Vanderbeek's sister; Mackenzie Brown; Brinley & Bidy Zamarron; Susie Page; Bonnie Smith; Barb Pharr; Vickie Losey; Jim Kench; Pat MacDonald; Peggy Ronk; Brenda Bollman; Rhonda Handley; Karen Rozen; Randy Jenison; Geneva Foster; Sandy Parr's sister Barb Elliot; Soulemayne Galadi, serving in the Congo; Those who make decisions that affect others; Those living with mental illness; Our military and veterans; Our police, fire, and other emergency responders; Our country

**Thanksgivings:**

Kyle & Andrea Nester; Our church family; The church office volunteers; New jobs and the opportunities that come with them; For birthdays and anniversaries; For those who help others in crisis; For the angels in our church family

**Continuing Prayers:**

Geneva Alasadi & family; John & Nancy Allen; Penny Arnold; Marian Bouchey; Barb Coursey; Art Faustmann; Christina Latoski & family; Karen Rozen; Shelly & Jamie Sanders; Randy Smith, David Thum; Hal Williams; Shelley Zamarron & family

*If you would like someone added to the prayer list and announced during the Prayers of the People, please contact the church office or speak to Pastor Christina.*

## **Happening this Week:**

- Finance Team – Tuesday, 6:00pm – Downstairs Lounge
- Session – Tuesday, 7:00pm – Fireplace Room
- Food Pantry – Wednesday, 9:30am – Food Pantry

## **Next Week's Volunteers – January 20, 2018:**

- Vickie Thum, Liturgist
- Brad & Vickie Thum, Greeters
- Joy Heinlein & \_\_\_\_\_, Ushers
- Joy Heinlein & Barb Litwiller, Coffee Hour
- Vickie Thum & Tom Heinlein, Counters



## **De-decorating – Today!**

It's beginning to look a lot less like Christmas. Help us de-decorate the church on Sunday, January 13, after potluck lunch. Many hands make light work – and we could use your help! Thanks so much!

## **Installation of Officers and Annual Meeting – January 20**

During worship service on January 20, we will install Brad Thum and Dale Nester as the Session Class of 2021. Immediately following worship, we will have our 2019 Annual Meeting. This is the meeting where we adopt the 2019 budget and receive reports from the various teams of the church.

## **Tabitha Circle Schedule**

Tabitha Circle will meet at 7:00pm on Tuesday, February 5, in the downstairs Lounge. In order to stay on schedule, please read pages 71-109 on your own. We will do a quick summary of these pages as a group. Our lesson for February 5 will cover pages 111-146 with Carolyn G. as our discussion leader. Everyone is welcome - if you have questions, see Joy Heinlein

## **Gratiot County Hope House Needs Volunteers**

From the Gratiot County Hope House Facebook Page:

We need your help... Gratiot County Hope House did NOT on January 6, 2019, as planned. Unfortunately, we do not have enough volunteers to make the shelter operational. The full opening of the shelter is delayed until we can get the 13 volunteers required to cover the 5 shifts per day. Beginning January 14, 2019, we will be open from 3:00pm-7:00pm. During this time we will meet with guests and begin to establish a relationship with them. We will also serve a meal before we close. We will function in this way until we have the volunteers necessary to begin housing people. Our hope is to begin housing people the last week of January and to be able to continue housing them until April 6, 2019, as originally planned. We've included the shift times below for both our partial opening and our full opening. If you are able to volunteer please visit our website, [www.gchopehouse.org/volunteer](http://www.gchopehouse.org/volunteer) or call us at 989-948-0404.



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# All You Need is LOVE!

February 2019 Sermon Series

February 3:

God So Loved the World (John 3:16-21)

February 10:

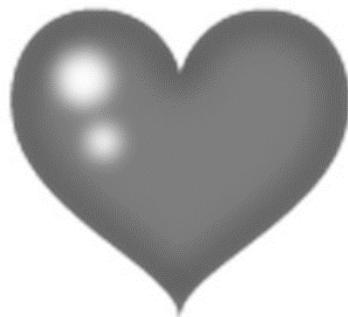
God is Love! (1 John 4:7-21)

February 17:

Love is Patient and Kind (1 Cor. 13:1-13)

February 24:

Love is Giving (Luke 6:27-36)



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