

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Baptism of the Lord**  
**January 8, 2023**  
**10:30AM**

*(Note: For those who are worshipping virtually it will be helpful to have a cup of water.)*

PRELUDE *Like a River Glorious* Fred Bock  
Mary Jo Cox, piano

WORDS OF GREETING

One: This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

WELCOME

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tim Fitzgerald

One: In baptism God claims us  
and names us Beloved.

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

One: In baptism the Spirit  
is poured out upon us.

All: **Remember your baptism and  
be thankful. Thanks be to God!**

\*HYMN No. 475

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

(Silent Confession)

\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, you claim us and call us, you support us and uphold us, you save us, and free us from sin. Yet we slip into old habits, worshipping 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. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*RESPONSE

**Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen, amen.**

## CHILDREN'S OFFERING; BLESSING

**Congregation:** **May the Lord go with you as you worship and learn together.**

Children: May the Lord be with you as you worship here.

**Congregation:** **Go in peace.**

Children: We go in peace. Amen.

*During the response to the Passing of the Peace, newborns through 5th grade are invited to come forward to the chancel steps for the blessing. After the blessing, they will be dismissed to the Nursery and to the Children's Worship Center in the lower level for the Children and Worship time. Please pick up your child from the Nursery or Worship Center when they have finished their time of worship.*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 42: 1-9

The Word of the Lord. **Amen.**

### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 3:13-17

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

## REFLECTION

“Baptism is a Gift”

Andrew Miller

Question of the day: How do you define baptism?

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.19*

**Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world. Amen.**

HYMN No. 688 *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart (v. 1&5)*

## PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us. 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 No. 53

*O God, Who Gives Us Life*

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## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*The purpose of the meeting is to approve the Pastor's Terms of Call and to approve the Board (the Session) of the Corporation.*

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE No. 543 *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me (v.1)*

**God, be the love to search and keep me;  
God, be the prayer to move my voice;  
God, be the strength to now uphold me:  
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.**

\*POSTLUDE

*Fuge*

Johann Pachelbel

Notes:

\*Stand in body and spirit.

Worship Leaders: Mary Jo Cox; Tim Fitzgerald; Andrew Miller

The Prayers and Concern of the Congregation are extended to:

Heidi Long, Lois Miller, Jaime Love (brother of Kevin Love), Louisa Ellis (Jeff & Cam Ellis' granddaughter), John Loubert, Olivia Geisthardt (friend of Anna Clare Miller), Linda Loubert (Pete Loubert's Step Mother), Suzanne Hand, Dottie Theunissen, Rick Rodriquez (friend of Tim Fitzgerald), Mike Mitchell & JT Schmitt (Barb Lindley's son-in-laws), Charles Loubert, Jim Gilbert, Peter and Verna Russell, David Neyer, Lois Kerr, Sarah Gilbert, Joyce McNabb, Colleen Long, Lavona Osborne. Cathy Chang, Juan Lopez, and Noah Lapp, Vowles Elementary, The Presbyterian Kirk of the Lakes, Houghton Lake, MI, Evangelical congregational Church of Angola, and Alma College.

#### Offering

If you are joining us for worship in-person and would like to give an offering, please place your offering in an offering plate. You can also give your pledge, per capita payment, or offering by mailing it to the church office: First Presbyterian Church, 1250 Watson Road, Mt. Pleasant, 48858. You can also give an offering by going to the church's website, [www@fpcmp.org](http://www@fpcmp.org) and hit the "Give Now" button or use the QR Code,



Please join us for a time of fellowship after worship in the Witherspoon Room.

#### **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

The Session has called the Annual Congregational Meeting and Corporate meeting to be at the end of the worship service on Sunday, January 8, 2023. The purpose of the meeting is to approve the Pastor's Terms of Call and to approve the Board (the Session) of the Corporation. Later in February there will be a meal after worship to endorse the 2023 budget and receive the 2022 Annual Report.