

*Thank you to these members who are  
helping with worship today-*

*AV: Bill & Samantha Martz*

*Greeter & Fellowship:*

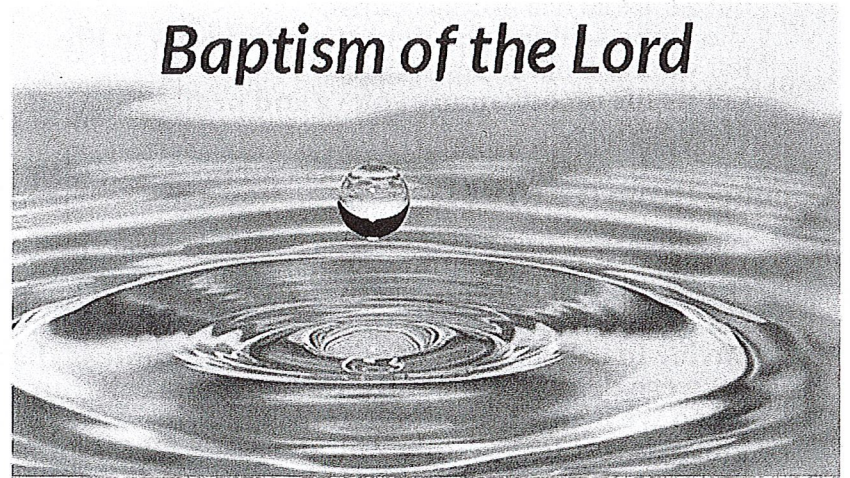
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# *First Presbyterian Church* IN VICTOR

**WHOEVER YOU ARE.  
HOWEVER YOU HAVE COME.  
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.**

## **Baptism of the Lord**



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**Order of Worship**                      **January 8, 2023, 10am**

**Baptism of the Lord**

**\*Please stand if you are able.**

**Prelude**                      “Baptized in Water”, arr. by Lloyd Larson

**Welcome & Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

May the light of God’s love push back the darkness.

**We come to the light from the four corners of the earth, from the north, from the south, from the east, and from the west.**

But we are all one in Jesus Christ.

**We come from many nations and many cultures.**

But we are all one in Jesus Christ.

**We come seeking the light that guides us to life.**

But we are all one in Jesus Christ.

**Let us lift up our many voices and praise the God of all people.**

**\*Opening Hymn (GTG) #614**                      “Great Are You, Lord”

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

**Our Father in heaven, we thank you that you have led us into the light. We thank you for sending the Savior to call us from death to life. We confess that we were dead in sin before we heard his call, but when we heard him, like Lazarus, we arose. Like Lazarus the grave clothes bind us still. Old habits that we cannot throw off, old customs that are so much a part of our lives that hinder our ability to live the new life that Christ calls us to live. Give us strength, to break the bonds; give us courage to live a new life in you; give us faith to believe that with your help we cannot fail. All this we ask in the name of the Savior who has taught us to come to you. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

This is the message we have heard from God and proclaim to you, that God is light and in God there is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

**\*Gloria Patri**

**Moment for All Ages**

**Unison Prayer for Illumination**

**Our Lord and our God, now as we hear your Word, fill us with your Spirit.**

**Soften our hearts that we may delight in your presence. Sharpen our minds that we may discern your truth. Shape our wills that we may desire your ways. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**Scripture**

**Matthew 3:13-17**

**The Baptism of Jesus**

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. 14 John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” 15 But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. 16 And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. 17 And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

**Sermon**

“Signs and Symbols of Grace”

**Affirmation of Faith**

**This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**



## 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.**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

For all these things we praise you, joining our voices to the whole company of heaven, who sing together:

**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 your name.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Praise to you for the gift of this holy meal.

With this bread and this cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

O God of resurrection and new life, pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

With all your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun, moon, and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Communion Hymn Communion

"Behold the Lamb"

## Offering

### \*Doxology

### \*Unison Prayer of Dedication

**Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to render to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you, not with our lips only, but with our whole lives, turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys of all our days into a living sacrifice to you, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Father, as we remember how our Lord Jesus was identified by baptism with John's message of repentance and renewal, we pray for the renewal of humanity today and for the church as a means of renewal.

We pray for the welfare of nations and the wisdom of governments, for social justice and for racial harmony. May laws and policies dignify, not degrade, and may the arrival of your kingdom in Jesus be attested by the witness of Christians in every walk of life.

We pray for all who suffer loss and who are diminished by illness, by disappointment, or by the attitude of others.

Support and strengthen these and all who are in the wilderness facing the testing of what they believe in.

We pray also for all who must die soon—both those who know it and those who do not.

Confirm in every one of us that it is not for this life only that we have hope in Christ, and in the communion of all your baptized people may we find bonds forged between us that endure to all eternity. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord who taught us to pray saying these words...

### \*Closing Song #302

"I Danced in the Morning"

-requested by Heather McAdoo

### \*Benediction

### Postlude

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"  
arr. by Hal H. Hopson



## Upcoming Church & Community events to add to your calendars:

**\*details on each event in your eNews\***

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### Church Calendar

#### Sunday, January 8

- 10:00 am      Worship Service
- 11:15 am      Coffee Hour
- 7:30 pm        A.A. & Al Anon

#### Tuesday, January 10

- 7:00 pm        Session Meeting

#### Thursday, January 12

- Noon            Bridge Class

#### Friday, January 13

- 7:00 pm        A.A. Meeting

#### Saturday, January 14

- 8:00 am        Men's Breakfast
- 5-6:30 pm      Community Dinner (Spaghetti & Meatballs)



## Family Promise's First 2023 Baby Is Coming!

In November we asked the Family Promise community to throw a baby shower for a beloved graduate mom, and she was thrilled with your compassionate and generous response!

Another Family Promise mom is expecting a new baby this month. Like November's mom, she has little family support and is estranged from her baby's father. We hope you will play the part of friends and family for her. We've asked the mother to register for baby gifts on Amazon.com. If you click on the button below, it will take you directly to her virtual baby shower wish list. Any purchase you make will be delivered to our Day Center in Canandaigua, and we will get the gifts to the mother in our emergency apartment as soon as we receive them.

Family Promise is also soliciting furniture and household items in excellent condition to set up **four** new emergency apartments, and we need gas / grocery cards to support the families in our care. Our gift card box is almost empty! Can you help? Thank you as always for your compassionate generosity!

