

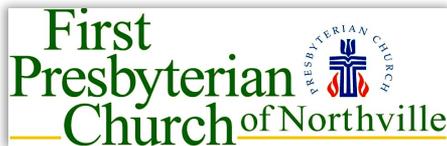
When all  
the people  
were being  
baptized,

THE  
BAPTISM  
*of Jesus*

Jesus was baptized too.  
And as he was praying,  
heaven was opened ...

LUKE 3:21

**JANUARY 9, 2022**  
**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**



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# Welcome

*Thank you for worshiping with us!*

We invite you to write your name and contact information on the Friendship Pad and pass it down the pew for others to sign.

Currently, we are following recommendations from state and local health officials regarding our Covid-19 policy. At this time we will recommend face masks indoors, refrain from congregational singing and suspend fellowship gathering after the service.

If you would like a children's folder, large print bulletin, *wireless hearing assistance device* or back pillow, the ushers will be happy to assist you. We currently offer two types of hearing assistance devices: one with earphones, and one which works with "T" coil hearing aids.

If you are visiting with us, and don't have a Bible you can read and understand, please take one from your pew as our gift to you!

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~ *The prelude is to be a time of reflection and preparation for worship* ~

## Welcome

**Prelude**     *'Fantasia' from the Luneburg Organ Tablature*  
Heinrich Scheidmann

## Announcements

**Introit**                     *Of the Father's Love Begotten* (v. 1)

**\*Call to Worship**     (read responsively)

Leader: Beloved, God chooses us and calls us by name.

**People: We belong to God. Alleluia!**

Leader: Our lives have purpose because we belong to God.

**People: We are called to be like Christ and follow him.**

Leader: We will find joy, peace, and restoration through God's amazing grace.

**All: Let us worship God who claims us and loves us!  
Praise be to God!**

**\*Opening Prayer**

\* Please rise in body or spirit.

\*Hymn

I Will Come to You



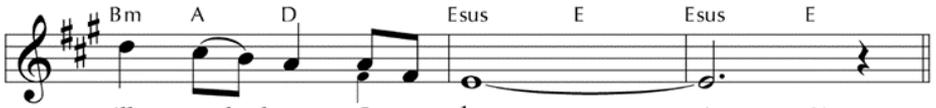
1 "I will come to you in the si - lence;  
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less;  
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,  
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom; I



I will lift you from all your fear.  
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the  
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
 am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice. Be  
 shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.  
 All the blind will see; the lame will all run free, and  
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. (to stanza 2)  
 Come and rest in me. (to Refrain)  
 all will know my name. (to Refrain)  
 up, now walk and live! (to Refrain)



Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine." 4 "I

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, but we confess that we prefer our old, familiar ways. We cling to destructive habits; we harbor grudges; and we are reluctant to forgive one another. In your loving kindness, forgive us. Have mercy upon us and move among us so that we might pursue new life in Christ together.**

*(Silent Confession)*

## Assurance of Forgiveness

### Children's Message

### Prayer for Illumination

## Scripture Readings

### First Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7

<sup>1</sup>But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.

<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.

<sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

<sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honored, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.

<sup>5</sup>Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;

<sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, "Give them up,"

and to the south, "Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth —  
<sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

### **Second Reading: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Meditation** *"Being Called Beloved"* **Rev. Jacqueline Spycher**

### **Call to the Offering**

**Offertory** *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* (F.C. Atkinson,  
Julia Bezems, vocalist, arr. Ron Harris)  
Dave Wagner, accompanist

**\*Doxology** **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow**  
**Praise Christ, all people here below**  
**Praise Holy Spirit ever more;**  
**Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

### **\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

\* Please rise in body or spirit.

## Prayers of the People and 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.

**\*Sending Hymn**     *Go, My Children, With My Blessing*     (p. 7)

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sung Response**                     *Take Me to the Water*

**Postlude**             *Meditation on the Welsh Hymn "Ar Hyd Y Nos"*  
David Wagner

*At the close of the worship service, you may depart during the postlude,  
or stay to enjoy the music.*



***To The Glory of God...***

*The flowers in the chancel are given by  
Pastor Jackie to wish a  
Happy Birthday to Pastor Linda and Sarah French!*

Hymn

Go My Children, with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his  
 Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort



ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."  
 glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."  
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## **Worship Leaders & Staff:**

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Anne Vetter

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Nancy Plumley, Te Deum Handbell Choir Dir.

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Emily Hamilton, High School Youth Leader

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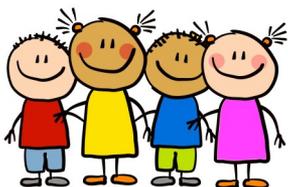
Kelly Clarke, Accounting Clerk

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### Sextons

Scott Nelson, Evening Sexton

Paige Poinsett, Daytime Sexton



**Kids at heart** needed to present the children's message on Sundays. Choose when and how often to be on a rotating schedule to help bring the message of God's love and mercy to our youngest members. Materials provided; please contact Sarah French if interested or for any questions—[sarahfrench@fpcnorthville.org](mailto:sarahfrench@fpcnorthville.org)

**Preschool and elementary Sunday School** will still take place in the CLC (gym) on Sunday mornings during the worship service, at least through the month of January. Parents: please bring your children to the CLC before you go into the sanctuary for worship.

**Welcome back both APEX and middle school youth!** In the new year, APEX will meet in the high school room (lower level). Middle School will meet in the CLC (gym). Also, please keep a look out for our T-shirt fundraiser soon!

**Serving at Crossroads — On Sunday, January 16**, FPCN is participating in the Sunday Meal at Crossroads of MI. We will be helping to provide a meal for up to 350 guests. We need volunteers either in the morning (8:15 – 11:00 am) or afternoon (10:30 am – 2 pm) to help prepare the meal and distribute it. Masks are required. We will be inside the building and guests will stay outside and pick up their food at the door.

**Please sign up with Andrea Engler or by using Signup Genius** (the link is in the Friday e-mail). This effort is collaborative with other local churches in our Presbytery: Faith Community of Novi, FPC Farmington, Crossroads in Walled Lake and us. Meet some other mission minded folks and help others in Detroit!



**FPCN Virtual BINGO is back!** Join in the fun and fellowship on the following **Fridays: January 21, February 18 and March 18** starting at **7:00 p.m. on ZOOM**. Pastor Jackie has graciously returned as our BINGO night host! Click on the BINGO zoom link in the weekly email or on the website. One card per person.

Use a card from home or create one yourself; blank cards can be downloaded from the weekly email and the website. You'll also need 24 markers of some kind. **E-GIFT card prizes** will be emailed to the winners! Contact Vivienne Ward for questions at [JVTWard@aol.com](mailto:JVTWard@aol.com) or 248-767-9146.

**Giving Envelopes —** The envelopes are on order and when they arrive, we will let you know! In the meantime, please mail in your donations with your name indicated, and they will be recorded appropriately. You may also drop off donations in the locked mailbox on the wall outside the office door. Thank you!

**Bottle & Can Fundraiser —** APEX and Middle School youth are doing a combined fundraiser for their summer 2022 events. APEX will be going to the Presbyterian Youth Triennium and both APEX and the Middle School youth will be going to Flint, Michigan for a week-long mission trip. If you would like to help us fundraise for this event, we will be collecting returnable cans and bottles in Boll Hall. **This will be an ongoing fundraiser for the year.** Thank you for your support!

**YOGA** classes will begin next week on Thursday, January 13. We will meet in the Christian Life Center (CLC / Gym) at 6:15 p.m. Each session is 6 weeks; the cost is \$60 per session; drop in rate is \$15. See our website for the dates of each session, and please contact Ann Werther, certified instructor, if you have questions and/or are planning to attend! 248-672-3209, or Email [annwerther@yahoo.com](mailto:annwerther@yahoo.com)

**Bulletin/Email Announcements.** Please contact Judy with announcements no later than Thursdays at 10:00 am. Thank you!  
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### **Offering Update**





**Congregation:** all caregivers; Jim Atkinson; Bonnie Bakewell; Phil & Ginny Cavaretta, Marge Dabney, Kathy Gricius; Bob Griffith, Nancy Kaatz, Donna Kennedy, Tom Lahiff, Donald Morgan, Marilyn Overmyer, Dick Werther

**Friends and Family:** Melissa Altomare (sister of Debby DeLaby); Kimberly Atkinson (family of Jim & Marilyn Atkinson); Patricia Bader (mother of Dave Bader); Michelle Bishop (friend of Beth Heberlein); Claude Coleman (brother of Coline Coleman), Vanessa David (friend of Marilyn Thibodeau); Brant Doty (brother of Tim Doty); Don Edwards (father of Nancy Kaatz); Christy Farber (sister of Ann & Dick Werther); Colleen Farber (sister-in-law of Ann & Dick Werther); George and Jill Farris (friends of Adam, Lori and Jacob Danes); Jackie Fisher (mother of Louise Fisher); Sally Gillies (sister of Ron Austin); Rose-Marie Green (mother of Ann Werther); Connie Hassaballa (sister of Sandy Robison & Judy Russell); Mark Ivankovics (brother-in-law of Louise Fisher); Michael Murray (brother of Wanda Moon); Barbara Onofrio (friend of Georgeann & Lynn Stringer); McKayla Stamper (granddaughter of Neyssa Gill); Melissa Weis (daughter of Dawn & Earl Eiben); Terry Wingblad (friend of Darleen Sweeney); Randy Wisner (cousin of Darleen Sweeney).

**All Military Personnel** currently serving here and abroad.

*To add a name to this list, please call your Deacon, or the Church office at 248-349-0911. Please note that names are added to the Prayer Ministry list only with the individual's permission. This list will be purged and reprinted periodically. **Kindly let us know when to remove a name. Thank you.***



