

January 10, 2016

# First Presbyterian Church

## The Baptism of Jesus



*Glorify. Grow.*

***Mission Statement:***

We, as the Church, are the Body of Christ equipped through prayer by the Holy Spirit to glorify God; through passionate worship, nurturing fellowship, sacrificial service, respectful evangelism, and active discipleship, we encourage and challenge all ages of our congregation and community to grow in relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Ask an usher for a large print bulletin, Bible, or hearing enhancement device.

Prayer cards, visitor information cards, and offering envelopes can be found in the pews. Please place them in the offering plate.

Preaching: Rev. Rich McDermott

Liturgist: Rev. Fred Babb

11:00 Lay Leader: Bob Koch

Organist: Susan Fuchs

# *The Worship of God*

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

The flowers are given to the glory of God.

**Words in bold are spoken by the congregation.**

§ Invites all who are able to stand.

## *Gathering*

Welcome

Voluntary

Arise and Shine in Splendor

Paul Manz

Meditation

*Give to the Lord renown and power; ascribe due honors to his name, and admire his eternal might.*

Call to Worship

from Psalm 29

The voice of the Lord is powerful;

**His voice is full of majesty.**

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire;

**His voice shakes the wilderness.**

Let us worship God.

Introit (11:00)

Sing for Joy

Sally McBride

§ Hymn 375

Shall We Gather at the River

HANSON PLACE

§ Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage.**

**In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord. Amen.**

§ Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel! **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

§ The Gloria Patri

**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.**

§ Passing the Peace

Greet those around you with, **“The peace of Christ be with you.”**

§ Hymn 598

Amen, We Praise Your Name

AMEN SIAKUDUMISA

Community Joys and Events

## *Proclaiming*

Scripture Reading

John 9:1–5

New Testament page 102

Children’s Time (11:00)

Children age 3 to Kindergarten are invited to go to Kids For Christ (KFC) in room 216.

Anthem (8:30)	Be Not Afraid Donna Vickers, soprano Cheryl Harris, piano	Craig Courtney
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(11:00)	Sing Out Your Joy	Emily Crocker
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*Sing out your joy to the Lord, O ye just!*  
*For praise befits the upright. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord;*  
*The people He has chosen as His heritage.*  
*The Lord looks upon those who revere Him, On those who hope in His love*  
*To deliver them from adversity, To save our souls from death.*  
*He is our strength and might. Our soul waits for the Lord.*  
*He is our help and shield. Our heart shall rejoice.*  
*We trust in His name. Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.*  
*Sing out your joy to the Lord! Sing a new song to Him.*  
*Worship and praise His name. Alleluia! Praise the Lord!*

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Scripture Reading	Luke 13:1–9	New Testament page 76
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The Sermon	Did These Suffer as Worse Sinners?	Rev. McDermott
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### ***Responding***

§ Affirmation of Faith	Philippians 2:5–11
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**Jesus Christ, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being born in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto the point of death—even to death on a cross.**

**Therefore, God also exalted him and gave him the name above every other name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

Offertory	O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright	Johann Pachelbel
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§ The Doxology (Hymn 606)	OLD HUNDREDTH
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Pastoral Prayer 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 463	How Firm a Foundation	FOUNDATION
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§ Charge and Benediction	the congregation joins hands
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§ Postlude	Fugue in G Major	J. S. Bach
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### *Comments for Contemplation*

Do You Think That These Suffered Because They Were Worse Sinners?

John 9:1-5, Luke 13:1-9

1. Sin changes you, and unless by God's grace and with God's help you repent and turn away from that sin, then it can send you on a path that continues to \_\_\_\_\_ you from God.
2. But the New Testament Greek word for sin, *hamartia*, literally means missing the mark, like an archer who misses her \_\_\_\_\_.
3. First, even though sin has consequences and there is certainly some suffering that can be associated with sin in a person's life, there is also much suffering that has \_\_\_\_\_ to do with the sin in a person's life.
4. Even though greater sin was not the cause of these awful incidents, every person may look at the daily tragedies we, and others, experience in life, and use them as an opportunity to turn away from sin and to turn towards the Lord, opening our hearts to his \_\_\_\_\_ grace and love.
5. Later, Jesus' enemies call him a sinner, and the formerly blind man, now healed, says, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I \_\_\_\_\_."
6. Are you ready to let Jesus dig in your garden, and to cover you with \_\_\_\_\_, so that you might one day bear some fruit?

## ***This week @ FPCA***

Sunday 1/10

8:30 a.m.	Worship in Chapel
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Worship in Sanctuary
4:30 p.m.	Children's Music Ministries
4:30 p.m.	Agape Choir Rehearsal
4:30 p.m.	APNC Meeting
6:00 p.m.	The Well

Monday 1/11

3:30 p.m.	Blanton Kids Beach Club
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Tuesday 1/12

3:30 p.m.	Ellis Kids Beach Club
6:30 p.m.	HOPE Tutoring

Wednesday 1/13

7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
10:00 a.m.	Quilting Group
5:00 p.m.	Preschool Team Meeting
6:15 p.m.	Ring of Praise Handbells
7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 1/14

6:00 p.m.	Deacons Meeting
6:30 p.m.	HOPE Tutoring
6:45 p.m.	Team Meeting Night

Friday 1/15

NEWS Submission Date

Saturday 1/16

8:30 a.m.	Annual Leaf Raking
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*Information for the January 24th bulletin should be turned in to the church office today, or emailed to [kim@firstprestexas.org](mailto:kim@firstprestexas.org) by this Monday.*

## ***Prayer Ministry***

*Prayers for those with health and other concerns:*

Esther Albright, Chona Pacot Anwar, David Boice, Morgan Boles, Andrew Bridges, Crystal Castaneda, Jerry Colleps, Laura Duffney, Laura Farnell, Bonnie Forte, Bobbie Fowler, Susan Graham, Margery Harrand, Edna and Ken Harris, Bill Hayden, David Irons, Deva Kellam, Doyle Malone, Garrett Mastin, Barbara Mooers, Ruth Moore, Bill Olsen, Tim Poston, Albert Ross, Tonya Scrabeck, Eulabel Sheldon, Linda Smith, Calvin James Stambaugh, Allen Underwood, Audrey Wallace and Mary Jane Wright

*Prayers for family serving in the armed forces:*

Aaron Alonso, Ben Boughton, David Caldwell, Austin Curran, Eric Dill, Jeff Grimes, Nathan Haerer, Damien King, Matthew Lopez, Mike Mancini, Jack Murtha, Colin Peden, Jason Polk, Ryan Powell, Ryan Regalado, Christopher Young and Robbie Wallace

*Prayers for our home-bound members*

*Prayers for those who do not know Christ*

*If you have any congregational care needs, please contact Rev. Fred Babb, our Parish Associate for Congregational Care, at the church office 817-274-8286 or his cell phone: 817-995-9717. For questions about specific concerns listed above, please contact Juanice Young at [juanicey@gmail.com](mailto:juanicey@gmail.com) or 817-794-5626.*





## Music Ministry

Interested in leading worship through music? Join the Chancel Choir, Ring of Praise Handbell Ensemble, Agape Youth choir, or Children's Music Ministries!

Contact Russell Farnell for information:  
817-274-8286 or  
russell@firstprestexas.org

## Kids Beach Club

Kids Beach Club starts back up again:

Monday 1/11- Blanton Elem. at 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday 1/12 - Ellis Elem. at 3:30 p.m.

**NO KBC at Crow Elem. on Wednesday 1/13**  
but on Wednesday 1/20- Crow Elem. at 3:30 p.m.

Come be a part of this great ministry!  
**MAKING JESUS COOL AT SCHOOL**

Contact Kyle Terwilliger at: 817-274-8286 or  
kyle@firstprestexas.org

## Annual Congregational Meeting

**Sunday, January 31st at 12:00 Noon  
in the Sanctuary**

**Please plan to attend**

## Annual Leaf Raking Party

The All-Church Work Day/Annual Leaf Raking Party will be on Saturday, January 16th at 8:30 a.m.

Refreshments will be served.

Bags will be provided.

Please bring your own rake!

Come join in the fun and fellowship.

## Fixin' to Join: An Adventure in Christian Community

Sundays, January 17–February 7, 9:45 AM in Room 214

Week One: **"Your Story: A Journey with the Living Christ"**

—This is a chance to share our journeys of faith with one another, and learn about one another.

Week Two: **"On Being a Christian in a Postmodern World"**

—What it means to be a Christian and why it is so vitally important in today's world.

Week Three: **"Christian, Protestant, Reformed, Presbyterian"**

—This will help us understand the blessings and issues of our particular tradition in the family of faith.

Week Four: **"On Being Sent: Relational Ministry, Missional Discipleship and Incarnational Witness"**

—A chance to learn about gifts, equipping, ministry and mission.

## Pledge Envelopes!

Don't forget to pick up your Pledge Envelopes

They will be available:  
8:30 a.m. service outside the Chapel  
11:00 a.m. service in Narthex

## Saints Alive to Meet January 21st

Saints Alive will resume for the new year on January 21 at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Our program will be "Sorta Sisters," a group similar to the Andrews Sisters that sings music from the 40's. Please join us for a potluck lunch followed by the program. Just bring a casserole, salad or dessert to share and join in the fun. Questions call Bev Koch at 817-261-3202.