

*The Community Church Celebration of Our Lord – January 8, 2012*

*Baptism of our Lord  
Communion and Healing Sunday*

**Bible Memory Verse of the Week: “Sing Aloud to God our strength, shout for joy to the God of Jacob!”**

**~ Psalm 81:1**

**We Enter to the Household of the Lord**

**PRELUDE**

*(Please take this time for quiet reflection and prayer.)*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST AND COLLECTION OF PRAYER REQUESTS**

**+ GLORY BE TO THE FATHER #813**

**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.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP: #49 EXALTED ABOVE THE HEAVENS**

**PRAYER OF WELCOMING**

**+ HYMN OF PRAISE #3 HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**Ministry of the Church**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (SILENT)**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR 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.**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE OF THE DAY: GENESIS 1:1-5**

**TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

**BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY**

**+DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Ministry of the Word**

**SECOND SCRIPTURE OF THE DAY: ACTS 19:1-7**

**+ HYMN OF PREPARATION**

**SCRIPTURE OF THE DAY:**

**MARK 1:9-11**

**LEADER: The Word of the Lord**

**ALL: Praise be to God, Amen**

**MESSAGE**

**IS GOD WELL PLEASED?**

**Time of Prayer and Healing**

*Those who seek prayer and healing from the Pastor and Elders are invited to come forward! Come seek the healing of the Lord!*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**THERE IS A FOUNTAIN**

**COWPER**

**PAT DURBOROW, KRIS GREGORY, KAREN THATCHER**

**At the Table of the Lord**

*This is an open Table, those who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, regardless of background or formal church membership are welcome.*

**+ HYMN OF RESPONSE #343 AMAZING GRACE**

**+ WORDS OF BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

**WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**A warm and sincere welcome to one and all! It is a privilege to gather as God’s people to open ourselves to the presence of God and to praise God with loving hearts.**

**VISITORS:** We welcome you! If you would like a visit from Pastor Gregory, please fill out the card in the pew or the one in your visitor's bag and place in the offering plate. Thank you.

If you are in need of pastoral care please call the church office (during office hours) 609-397-0650; 10am-2pm Tuesday through Friday. If it is after office hours please phone one of the Elders on call for January: George Warner 215-794-0160 or Pat Buchanan 609-397-3065.

**About the Sermon:** *The Baptism of the Lord is all about the "S" word. Submission, submission to God the Father and Submission to His will. In the act of Baptism Jesus Christ submitted to the will of God the Father that would lead to the Cross and Crown of Thorns for our sins. So what are we willing to submit to God?*

*Pastor Gregory*

### **OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

#### **TODAY**

**Greeting** Don & Desre Pidcock

Mark Dudick is the **deacon** on stair glide duty

**Nursery for church hour is provided** for infants and children up to five years old.

1:30 PM Familias De Hoy

#### **MONDAY**

5:00 PM LBL

7:00 PM Session Prayer

7:30 PM Familias De Hoy

7:30 PM Scouts

#### **TUESDAY**

10:00 AM Staff prayer

5:00 PM LBL

7:30 PM Praise Band

9:00 PM AA

#### **WEDNESDAY**

5:00 PM LBL

7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

7:30 PM FDH Worship

#### **THURSDAY**

5:00 PM LBL

6:30 PM Bell Choir

7:30 PM Adult Choir

#### **FRIDAY**

5:30 PM AA

6:30 PM Roller Skating

#### **NEXT SUNDAY**

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Morning Worship

1:30 PM Familias De Hoy

**Parents and Grandparents please note there are coloring and activity pages for children located on the church windowsills.**

**Reminder that all Annual Reports are due to the church office by Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**Equipping the Saints Day:** Pastor Gregory will be leading the training on community outreach and mission at the annual "Equipping the Saints Training Day" **Saturday January 21<sup>st</sup> at Princeton Theological Seminary at 9AM and 1 PM.** Sponsored by the Presbytery of New Brunswick. Free and Open to all.

**Annual Congregational Meeting:** Notice is given that the annual meeting of the congregation and corporation of First Presbyterian Church will be held directly after worship on **Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>.** Business to be transacted will be limited to the hearing of annual reports, election of church officers and approval of the annual terms of call.

**Ordination and Installation Sunday:** All church officers will be ordained and installed **Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**Annual Elder Training:** Training for new and returning Elders will be held **Monday, February 6th at the Westminster House at 7pm.**

**Ash Wednesday Service:** On Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> we will celebrate the start of Lent by the distribution of ashes and worship at 7pm.

**Annual Deacon Training:** Training for new and returning Deacons will be held **Monday, February 27th at the Westminster House at 7pm.**

**Remember the Food Pantry-** This is an ongoing project of the Deacons. It is an easy way to help those who are in need. Simply bring your non-perishable food to church and place on the shelves in the downstairs hallway, and one of the Deacons will take the food to the food pantry located at St. John's.

**PRAYER CHAIN** If you have any prayer needs during the week that you want the church family to pray for, please call, or e-mail the church office.

**PRAYER CONCERNS** our senior saints; our military at home and abroad; Harry Hartpence, health issues; Herbie and Barbara Hendricks, health concerns; Rayanna Marrero, at home.

**HOME BOUND:** Mr. Lowell Hunter, at home; Theresa Castle, Hunterdon Care Center, Flemington; Edgar Warne, 25 S. Main St, Apt. 4D, Lambertville.

**SCHEDULED FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Jan 15, 2011**

**Elder:** Rich Hopkins

**Greeter:** Konni Sanford

**Deacon scheduled for stairglide:** Mark Dudick

## **HYMN TYME**

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

This majestic text was written over 175 years ago by an Anglican minister, Reginald Heber. It is still one of the hymns most frequently used in our corporate worship.

Reginald was a highly respected minister, writer and church leader. He served for a time as the Bishop of Calcutta in India. His early death at the age of 43 was widely mourned throughout the Christian world. One year after his death, a collection of 57 of his hymns was published by his widow and many friends as a tribute to his memory and faithful ministry. It is from that collection of 1827 that this morning's hymn was taken.

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