

Service of Divine Worship – January 3, 2010
“Baptism of Our Lord Sunday”

Bible Memory Verse: “And the Spirit of the Lord is upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit.” – Luke 2: 26

PRELUDE

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

We Gather To Worship our God

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. DR. PETER W. GREGORY

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.**

We Enter into God’s Grace

CALL TO WORSHIP

ISAIAH 9: 2, 6-7

PRAYER OF WELCOMING

REV. DR. PETER W. GREGORY

+ HYMN OF PRAISE #256 “LOVE HAS COME!”

Ministry of Prayer and Grace

*Bryce James Dudick
Son of Mark and Alison Dudick*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (SILENT)

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR LORD’S PRAYER

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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.

We Are Attentive to God’s Word

BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

+ DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

“A Christmas Offering”

Adult Choir

GOSPEL READING

MARK 1: 4-11

PASTOR: The Word of the Lord

ALL: Praise be to God

MESSAGE

“WITH WATER AND THE WORD”

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At the Table of our Lord

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

This is an open table, for those who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, regardless of background, are welcome to partake of the Sacrament. Please retain all elements until all are served.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Please retain all elements until all are served. Parents please exercise common sense and judgment in sharing the sacrament with younger children.

We Respond With Prayer and Thanksgiving

+ HYMN OF RESPONSE

#260 “WORTHY, YOU ARE WORTHY”

WORDS OF BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

REV. DR. PETER W. GREGORY

+ Please Stand if you are Able

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

What a joy it is to start this new year with all of you. May we rededicate our lives for service to God.

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.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERMON: *“Neither St. John the Baptist nor Christ invented the practice of water baptism. It was a common practice of ritual purification in the Hebrew Temple Days of Atonement. Water in scripture is symbolic of rebirth, harkening back to the discharge following a live birth. What changed in the act of John and the response of Christ is that now it is not only something symbolic of a life changed or sins acknowledged, but now a mark of the Holy Spirit, the giver of life and the power of God for regeneration by water and the word.” –Pastor Gregory*

If you are in need of pastoral care please call the church office (during office hours) 609-397-0650; 8 – 12 Monday thru Friday and 8 – 3 on Wednesday. If it's after office hours please call one of the Elders on call for month of January are Bob Holland at 609-397-2688 or Joanne DiBlasi at 215-862-9832.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TODAY

Greeting today are Don and Desre Pidcock

Pat Buchanan is the **Deacon** on stair glide duty

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

Grace Reading is the nursery helper this morning.

Coffee Hour after worship, please stay and meet our new members.

7:00 PM, Famalia De Hoy

9:30 PM Soccer

MONDAY

Office is closed

3-7 PM, Lambertville Basketball

7:15 PM, Session prayer time

7:30 PM, Boy Scouts

9:30 PM, Woman's Futball (soccer) in gym

TUESDAY

5 – 8 PM, Lambertville Basketball

7:15 PM, Praise Band

9:00 PM, AA

WEDNESDAY

5-9 PM, Lambertville Basketball in gym

7 PM, Women's Bible Study

7 PM, Men's Bible Study

9:30 PM Soccer

THURSDAY

5-9 PM, Lambertville Basketball in gym

6:15 Bell Choir

7:15 Adult Choir

FRIDAY

5:30 PM, AA

6-8 PM, Skating

8:15 PM, Friday Night Hang

SATURDAY

8 AM to 5 PM – Lambertville Basketball in gym

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 AM, Sunday School for all Ages

10:30 AM, Morning Worship

Coffee Hour

7 PM Famalias De Hoy

9:30 PM Futball

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We welcome to the Sacrament of Christian Baptism today, Bryce James, son of Mark and Alison Dudick. We welcome the extended family today and invoke the grace and blessings of the faith on all today.

End of Year Reports for the Annual Meeting: If you have an area of responsibility that traditionally provides a report to the Annual meeting of the Congregation, please have those reports to Carol in the office by January 13. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Annual Meeting – The annual meeting of the Congregation for the purpose of electing new church officers and the conducting of the business of the church will be held after worship on Sunday, January 31, 2010.

PRAYER CHAIN If you have any prayer needs during the week that you want the prayer chain to pray for please call Karen Seymour at 215-862-9359 or e-mail the church office.

PRAYER CONCERNS: our senior saints; our military at home and abroad; Dorcas Thompson cancer treatments; Naomi (daughter of Ursula Chirico) undergoing cancer treatment; Josephine (mother of Grace Reading) health concerns; Chad Ege, Marine who is serving his 1st tour of duty in Iraq; Kay Hagney, health concerns; Joyce Hayes, (Pat Buchanan's mother) health concerns.

HOME BOUND: Mr. Lowell Hunter, at home; Theresa Castle, at home

SCHEDULED FOR NEXT SUNDAY: January 10, 2010

Lay Leader: Kurt Pleim

Greeting: Joanne Diblasi

Deacon scheduled for stairglide: Grace Hendricks

Church Hour Nursery: Helen Jane Baker