

AND GOD
CALLED
THE LIGHT
DAY,
AND
THE DARKNESS
HE CALLED
NIGHT.

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***The Service for the Lord's Day
Baptism of the Lord
January 7, 2018***

Boldface type indicates a spoken response.
The asterisk (*) is an invitation to stand if able.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC FOR CENTERING AND PREPARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning,
God created the heavens and the earth.
The Spirit of God
swept over the face of the waters;
then God said: Let there be light,
and God saw that it was good.
At the beginning of his ministry,
Jesus was baptized by John.
The heavens opened,
and the Spirit descended like a dove;
then God said: This is my beloved Son,
in whom I am well pleased.

Gen. 1:1–2; Mark 1:1, 9–11

*HYMN #664 *Morning Has Broken*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

A prophet appeared in the wilderness,
calling the people to repent, be baptized,
and prepare the way of the Lord.
We return to the water to confess our sins,

Acts 19:4; Mark 1:2–5

giving thanks for the grace of Jesus Christ,
the one who has come to save us.

**God of all glory, you look from heaven
and see us as we are—
not worthy to kneel at your feet,
not ready to welcome your way.
Forgive us, gracious God.
In Christ, stoop down to save us;
loosen the ties that bind us to sin
and set us free to love and serve you;
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Ps. 29:1; Mark 1:7

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Hear the good news of the gospel:
As a voice from heaven said to Jesus,
so God says to each of us:
You are my beloved child,
and with you I am well pleased.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

Mark 1:11

***RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS #439** *O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer (verse 2)*

***SHARING OUR GIFT OF PEACE FROM CHRIST**

A TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Jon Mills

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON **Genesis 1:1-5 [p. 1 OT]**

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON **Mark 1:4-11 [p. 34 NT]**

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION AND GREAT THANKSGIVING

HYMN OF APPROACH #516

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: There are different gifts,

People: but it is the same spirit who gives them.

Pastor: There are different ways of serving God,

People: but it is the same Lord who is served.

Pastor: God works through different people in different ways.

People: But it is the same God who achieves his purpose through them all.

Pastor: Each one is given a gift by the Spirit.

People: To use it for the common good.

Pastor: Together we are the body of Christ.

People: And individually members of him.

Pastor: We are all called into the church of Jesus Christ by baptism, and marked as Christ's own by the Holy Spirit. This is our common calling, to be disciples and servants of our servant Lord. Within the community of the church, some are called to particular service as deacons, as ruling elders, and as teaching elders.

People: Ordination is Christ's gift to the church, assuring that his ministry continues among us, providing for ministries of caring and compassion in the world,

ordering the governance of the church, preaching the Word and administering the sacraments.

Elder: Representing the one, holy catholic, and apostolic church, the session of First Presbyterian Church now ordains Lisa Conklin and Kendra Mills to the office of deacon, and Leon Conklin, Mike Hansen, and Ellen Prowant to the office of elder. Today we install them to active service on their respective boards, along with previously ordained deacon, Carol Giblin, as well as elders, Ara Demirjian, Steve Hussey, and Vic Prowant.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

All: I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Elder: Do we, the members of the church, accept Lisa, Kendra and Carol as deacons, and Leon, Ara, Mike, Steve, Ellen and Vic as elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

All: We do.

Elder: Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

All: We do.

PRAYER OF ORDINATION

(All currently active elders and deacons come forward for the laying on of hands.)

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

CHARGE

(1 Peter 4:7-11)

SHARING OUR PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN #625

How Great Thou Art

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS #606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**We give you thanks, O God,
for every blessing and spiritual gift
you have poured out upon us.
Let the gifts of our lives
be a source of blessing in your world,
all to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Acts 19:1-7;
Mark 1:4-11

*CLOSING HYMN #408

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

*GOD'S BLESSING AS WE GO

*POSTLUDE

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Kristi Clark, Lay Liturgist; Dave & Vella Caruso, Mat & Carol Moore, Ushers; Dorcas Yost, Same & Joan Hollar, Greeters; Quinn & Linda Champion, Hospitality; Jim & Linda McColl, Offering Counters

NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Welcome Guests! We're so glad you joined our church family in worship today. Please join us following the worship service in the chapel for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

This morning's flowers have been donated by Clark and Patricia Ganson in memory of Pat's father, Ernest Dahlman, on his birthday. If you would like to provide sanctuary flowers in celebration of an event or in memory of someone, please sign your name to the flower chart located in the Sherman hallway.

Elders: January's session retreat will be held on Saturday, January 13th at 9 a.m. Please call the church office if you are unable to attend. A light lunch will be provided.

The deadline to submit articles for the next issue of the Highland Herald is Sunday, January 14th. Please leave your articles in the newsletter mailbox in the reception office or email them to office@fpcmuskegon.org.

The **Blood Pressure Clinic** will be held following the worship service in Room 7. A record of your reading can be given to you to take to your doctor if so desired.

The Cents-Ability Offering will be received today. Please contribute generously as the bread pans are passed. The Cents-Ability Offering is received the first Sunday of every month.

The Bread for the World Bread Sale is today in the chapel. Thank you, bakers and buyers, for your contributions!

Reminder to Staff and Council Chairs: Please submit your reports for the Annual Congregational Meeting **no later than Monday, January 8th**. Thank you.

Combined Worship Service: Join us at New Jerusalem Baptist Church **next Sunday, January 14th** as we share in the observance of Martin Luther King Day with NJB and McGraft Congregational Churches. The service will be held at 10:00 a.m.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and the Corporation of First Presbyterian Church, Muskegon, Michigan is called for Sunday, January 28th, immediately following worship in order to: (1) hear annual reports of the congregation, (2) to hear and act on matters related to the corporation, (3) and to act on any other matters properly coming before the congregation and corporation.

Success, success, success... with a hot turkey dinner and gift bags in the dining room and a food truck in the parking lot, the Supper House Christmas Party was a huge success. About 300 guests were served dinner and received a Christmas gift bag containing a hat, gloves and scarf. Two-hundred of those guests took food home from the food truck. Many thanks for your donations.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sunday, January 07

10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Blood Pressure Clinic
11:00 am Hospitality/BFW Bread Sale
11:00 am YAC Time
5:30 pm Marriage Fellowship

Monday, January 08

9:30 am Gentle Yoga

Tuesday, January 09

9:30 am Young Moms Group
10:00 am Hunger Committee Meeting
11:15 am Staff Meeting
12:30 pm Sarah Circle
6:30 pm Finance Council Meeting
7:15 pm Gentle Yoga

Wednesday, January 10

1:00 pm Bible Study
7:00 pm MC & S Council Meeting

Thursday, January 11

6:30 pm Faith Dev. Council Mtg.

Friday, January 12

9:30 pm Gentle Yoga

Saturday, January 13

9:00 am Session Retreat
10:00 am Girl Scouts

Sunday, January 14

10:00 am Worship Service @ NJB Church
1:00 pm Family Sledding

Questions for Reflection

What is the difference between baptism with water alone (John's baptism; see Acts 19:3, Mark 1:8) and baptism with the Holy Spirit (baptism into Jesus; see Acts 19:4–5, Mark 1:8)? Why is it still important to use water in baptism? What does water mean in your daily life? What difference does the Holy Spirit make in baptism? What difference does the Holy Spirit make in your daily life?

Household Prayer: Morning

Living God, maker of light,
thank you for the gift of this day.
Let me be a light in your world
so that people will look at me
and see the goodness of your
creation;
in Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Living God, maker of light,
thank you for the gift of this night.
Let me be at peace in your presence
so that I may rest, be restored,
and arise to praise your glory;
in Jesus' name I pray. Amen.