

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Office Hours this week are Tuesday - Friday- 9AM-1PM.
Pastor Brad will be in on Tuesday and Thursday.

New Beginnings small groups' session #3 is **today**, 11:30am – 1pm

Dates To Remember

January 20 - New Beginnings small group session 4, 11:30am-1:30pm
January 20 - Guest speaker: Mark Lauzier, City Manager, Delray Beach
January 24 - Prayer Ministry gathers in the Sanctuary, 10:00am-10:25am

January 27 - Annual Congregational meeting Sunday

10am - Service of Morning Prayer

11am - Potluck luncheon

11:45am - Annual Meeting (Friendship Center)

Annual reports (print copy) will be available, 1 per household, beginning today. Electronic copies are available by calling the Church Office.

Women's Fellowship Meeting is rescheduled to Tuesday, January 15th, at 11:30am at Ellie's Diner.

Christmas Cantata CDs are available for \$12 each or 2 for \$20. Contact Ed Krynicki.

If you have not pledged for 2019, **Stewardship Pledge Cards** are available on the back table. **2019 Offering Envelops** for those who ordered them are on the back table. If you are interested in ordering envelopes, please complete the a form located on the back table.

Blood Drive is next Sunday, 11am – 1pm. The Big Red Bus will be on site for your blood donation.

Volunteers are needed to serve as liturgists, ushers, greeters, and Communion servers. Sign up at the back of the church.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Tuesday - Friday, 9am-1pm - Office Hours

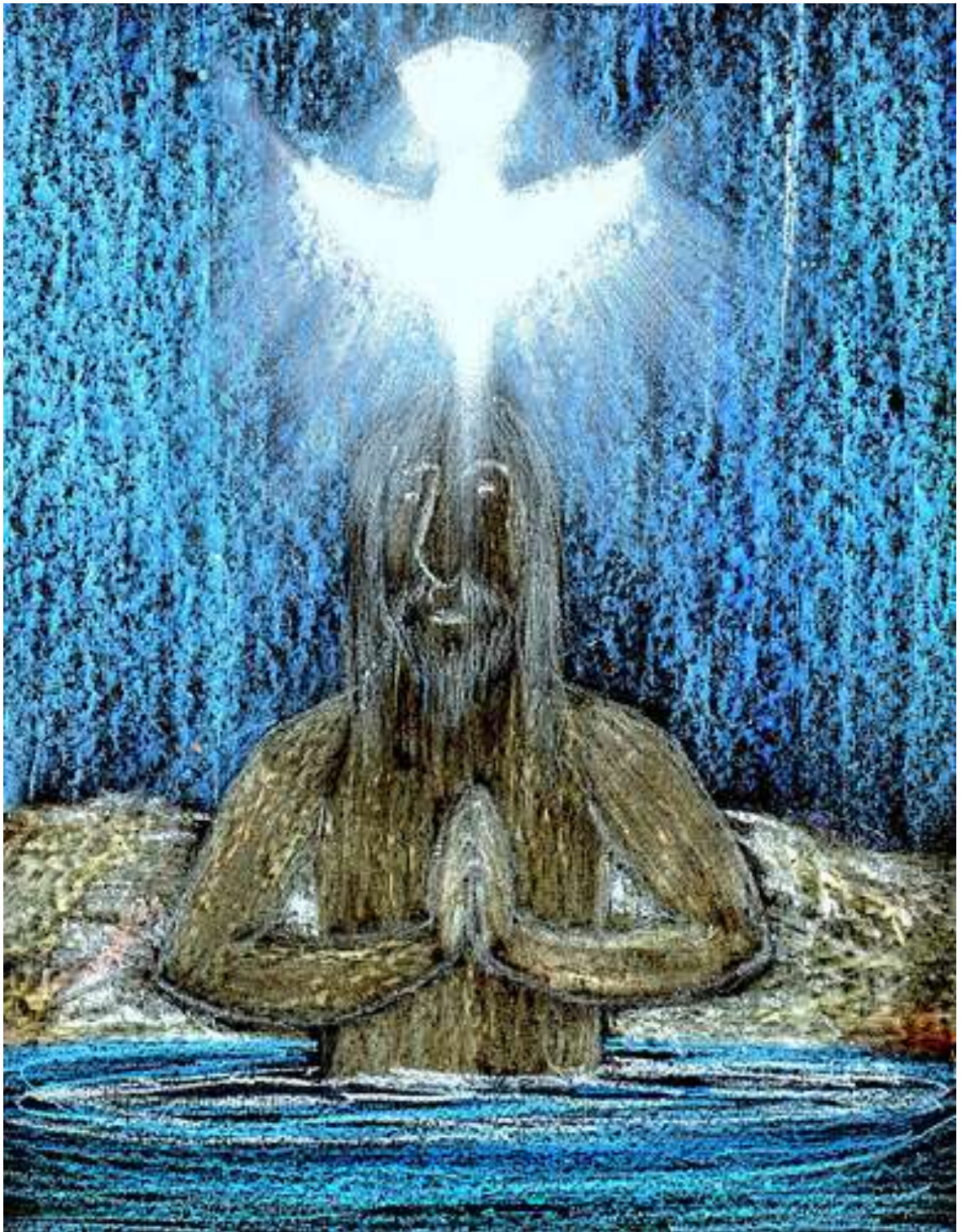
Thursdays, 10:30am - Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

Thursdays, 6:00pm – Choir rehearsal (Music Room)

4th Thursdays of every month, 10:00-10:25am - Prayer Ministry (Sanctuary)

Sundays, 10am following Children's Conversation is Sunday School

2nd Sunday of every month, 11:30am-12:45pm Super Sunday Team Meetings



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Sunday, January 13, 2019, 10:00 am

First Sunday after Epiphany – The Baptism of Christ

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
No matter who you love, you are welcome here!*



Visitors are a special blessing! *Please sign our Guest Book, located in the back of the sanctuary. If you would like to receive our newsletters and weekly emails, include your email address. And join us after worship for conversation and refreshments in the Friendship Center.*



To enhance your worship experience...

- Kindly silence your cell phone in the sanctuary
- Back cushions are available in the back pew or ask an usher
- A hearing loop encircles the sanctuary for those with hearing aids
- There are no assigned seats – sit where you feel most comfortable
- If you do not wish to keep your bulletin, please place it in the recycle box as you exit to Friendship Center
- Let us know what we can do for you!

Nursery Care is available for infants and toddlers in the education building. Ask an usher for assistance. **Sunday School** classes meet in the Education Building following the Children's Conversation.

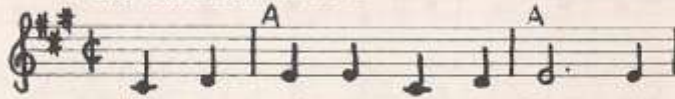
Prayer Requests may be submitted using a form in the pew rack and placing it on the offering plate. Requests are at Prayer Ministry Gatherings on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month, 10:30am. Requests may also be called in to the Church Office during the week.

PASSED THRU THE WATERS

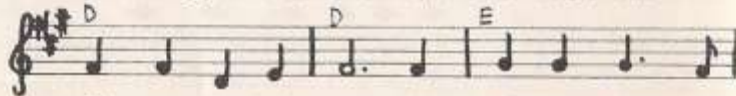
For 1971 Confirmation Class,
First Presbyterian Church, Port Jervis

A SONG FOR BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION
and other CELEBRATIONS

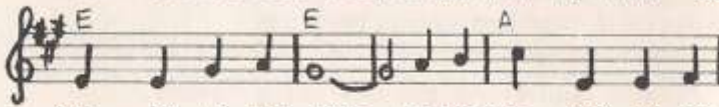
RICHARD AVERY
DONALD MARSH



Like sur---vi--vors of the Flood, Like
Like small child-ren washed and clean, Or
Do you see the Spi-rit's fire? And-



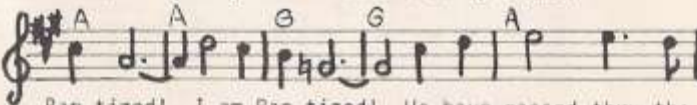
walk---ers thru the sea, Like walk-ers thru the
drowned to live a---gain, Like peo---ple drowned and
hear the wind blow free? Do you feel the wind and



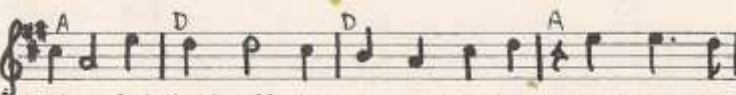
God - di--vi--ded sea: We are res---cued, we are
brought to life a--gain: We are washed and we are
fi-----re blowing free? We are cho-----sen each by



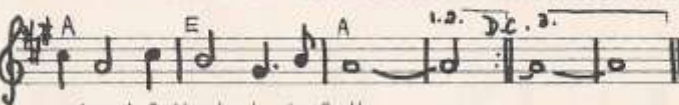
claimed, we are loved and we are named,
saved, we are ri----sen from the grave, We are
name, marked by wa---ter, then by flame,



Bap-tized! I am Bap-tized! We have passed thru the



wa-ters And that's all that mat-ters! We have passed thru the



wa-ters! O thanks-be to God!

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Welcome and the Life of the Church

Prelude

Near to the Heart of God

arr. Ferrin

*(You are encouraged to use this time for prayer & meditation.
In respect for others, please observe silence in the sanctuary.)*

Call to Worship

One: The heavens open. The Spirit descends.

All: Jesus emerges from the water.

One: And a voice echoes through the blue expanse.

All: "This is my child, the Beloved, with whom I am well-pleased."

One: Jesus is named. Claimed.

All: We come to the water. We remember we are named. Claimed.

One: Can it be so? What a thing to be named. Claimed.

All: Let us worship the one who names and claims us still.

***Gathering Hymn #51**

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

*Gathering Prayer

One: Christ is with us!

All: Christ is in our midst!

One: Let us pray:

All: Holy God, Eternal Spirit,

we thank you for baptizing us into one body in Jesus the Christ.

Wash over us with your Spirit, that, like Jesus,

we may serve you in serving humanity.

Baptize us with the fire of your truth,

through Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Prayer of Jesus** (trespasses)

Anthem

A Welcome Song

Pavlechko

Welcome new born lambs, who in pastures dwell; where
caring shepherds bring them gently to the well; For living
waters will their thirst relieve.

Leading to the waters, wondering shepherds sing the songs
of new creation, Every living thing, when drinking deeply,
will this song receive.

Heard in Eden's garden when the world was new. Heard
again in Bethlehem by a thirsty few. And those who hear
the song of Life, believe.

Here the new born lambs may see the Savior's face. With
heads bent low, partaking of his perfect grace. And finally
rising from the water, live!

Children's Conversation

Song: **To be like Jesus, to be like Jesus! My desire to be like Jesus!**

All through life's journey from earth to glory, My desire to be like Jesus.

Prayer for Understanding

Reading of Scripture

First Reading Acts 8:14-17

Gospel Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Response (#160 refrain only, *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*)

We will follow the light, beautiful light, come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright, Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the light of the world.

Reflection on Scripture

Water and Spirit

REMEMBRANCE OF OUR BAPTISMS

Remembering Our Baptismal Promises

Pastor: Do you promise, by the grace of God,
to be a disciple, to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
to resist oppression, to show love and justice,
and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ, as best you are able?

Silence for personal reflection

Pastor: And do you promise, according to the grace given to you,
to grow in your faith and to be a faithful member of the church,
celebrating Christ's presence and furthering God's mission in all the world?

Silence for personal reflection

*Prayer of Recommitment

**By your Spirit, Almighty God, grant us love for others,
Joy in serving you, Peace in disagreement,
Patience in suffering, Kindness toward all people,
Goodness in evil times, Faithfulness in temptation,
Gentleness in the face of opposition, Self-control in all things.
Then strengthen us for ministry in your name. Amen.**