

# First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert Malsack, Interim Pastor

BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY

JANUARY 11, 2026

Preservice Music

Boyd Thomas

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Announcements / Opening Prayer

Prelude

\*Praise Medley

Insert

Prayer of Confession:

The economy identifies us as consumers and our purpose is to buy;

**And we have bought and bought, and our lives overflow  
with so many things we do not need. Lord, have mercy.**

The entertainment industry identifies us as spectators and our role  
in life is to ‘tune in’;

**And we have tuned in, sat and watched, and pursued forms  
of entertainment at length idling away precious time.  
Christ, have mercy.**

The glamour industry identifies us as solely a body and our goal is  
to look perfect;

**And we have spent precious time and money trying to obtain  
the perfect appearance that never is attainable.  
Lord, have mercy.**

Baptism identifies us as God’s beloved children and our purpose  
is...

*(silence for personal confession and reflection)*

Response:

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.**

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**Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.**

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Dearly Beloved, hear and believe the good news:

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen. Alleluia!**

*\*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.**

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Time with Young Disciples

Prayer for Illumination

Louise Swope

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

Pg. 602, Pew Bible

Responsive Reading: Psalm 29

Pg. 461, Pew Bible

People’s Response:

The voice of the Lord, powerful and full of majesty.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Text: Matthew 3:13-17

Pg. 808, Pew Bible

Sermon: *The God who Stands in Line*

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Enzlee Kay Amundson

*(daughter of Rick Amundson and Celina Pietrzyk)*

Nora Marie Beaster

*(daughter of Nick and Jaime Beaster)*

\* Baptismal Vows:

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the  
ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

**I do.**

Who is your Lord and Savior?

**Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his Word and  
showing his love?

**I will, with God’s help.**

Choral Anthem: *One God* (J. Martin)

## Prayers of the People

### INTERCESSIONS / PRAYER CONCERNS:

Marsha Malsack, Jon LaCourt, Bob Werner, Dean Wright,  
Nora Lundy, Charlie Novara, Floyd Kucharski, Chris Hanley,  
Geri Anderson, Scott Doda, Phil Peterson, Kathy Eavenson,  
Bonnie Hyde, Anne Starr, Joy Palzewic, Mary Rushford;  
the PNC; missionaries, Sam and Cayla

### 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.**

### The Offering

#### Offertory

**\*Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye  
heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**\*Hymn: *Baptized in Water***

No. 465, vs. 1, 2

**\*Benediction & Response: *Baptized in Water***

v. 3

**\*Postlude**

**\*Those who are able, please stand.**

### **CHURCH NOTES**

**Monday:** 5:00p.m. Soup Kitchen (*drive-thru only*)  
**Tuesday:** 1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry  
**Wednesday:** Young Disciples:  
3:30p.m. 4-year-olds – 8<sup>th</sup> Graders  
5:00p.m. 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Graders  
6:30p.m. Adult Choir  
**Thursday:** 9:30a.m. Sit, Chat, Finish That  
**12:30p.m. *The Chosen* Study Resumes**  
(Season 5)  
**Friday: 11:30a.m. Women's Luncheon**  
*at Storheim's*

**A Daily Scripture and Prayer Guide** for the *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* is available on the table in the Fireside Room. These will be included in next Sunday's bulletin.

**All women are invited to the Women's Luncheon** this Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, at *Storheim's* at 11:30a.m. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Fireside Room.

**Everyone is invited** to a Martin Luther King Day Celebration next Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 – 3:00p.m., held here in Fellowship Hall and will include live music, refreshments, and a guest speaker. This community event is sponsored by the local CRU, "Christians for Racial Understanding" and you can get more information at [northwoodscru@yahoo.com](mailto:northwoodscru@yahoo.com).

**The Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held following the 9:30a.m. worship service on Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. Business to be conducted includes electing elders, deacons, and members of the 2026 nominating committee, and reviewing the Annual Report and the 2026 budget.

**The 2026 Offering Envelopes** are on the table in the Fireside Room. There are several left to be picked up. If you want envelopes but didn't get any, please call the office.

**The per capita** for 2026 is \$42.00.

**Ushers:** Jeff, Audrey, Aksel, and Samson Hutchinson