

First Presbyterian Church  
Lake Park, Iowa  
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10:30am

January 7, 2018

Baptism of our Lord

Musical Prelude

Announcements

Call to Worship -- Psalms of Ascent

L/ All ministry starts from our Baptism. We are made into Christ and called to follow Him.

**C/ I call on the Lord when in distress and He answers me. The Lord will save us!**

L/ Christ started his public ministry by being baptized in the Jordan River by his cousin John. He started by submitting to the Father.

**C/ Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion—unshakable and enduring as the Lord!**

L/ The Lord calls us to be His disciples. He overshadows us and calls us beloved!

Exchange of Peace

L/ Let us be the Light of Christ in the world. Share with each other the sign of peace.

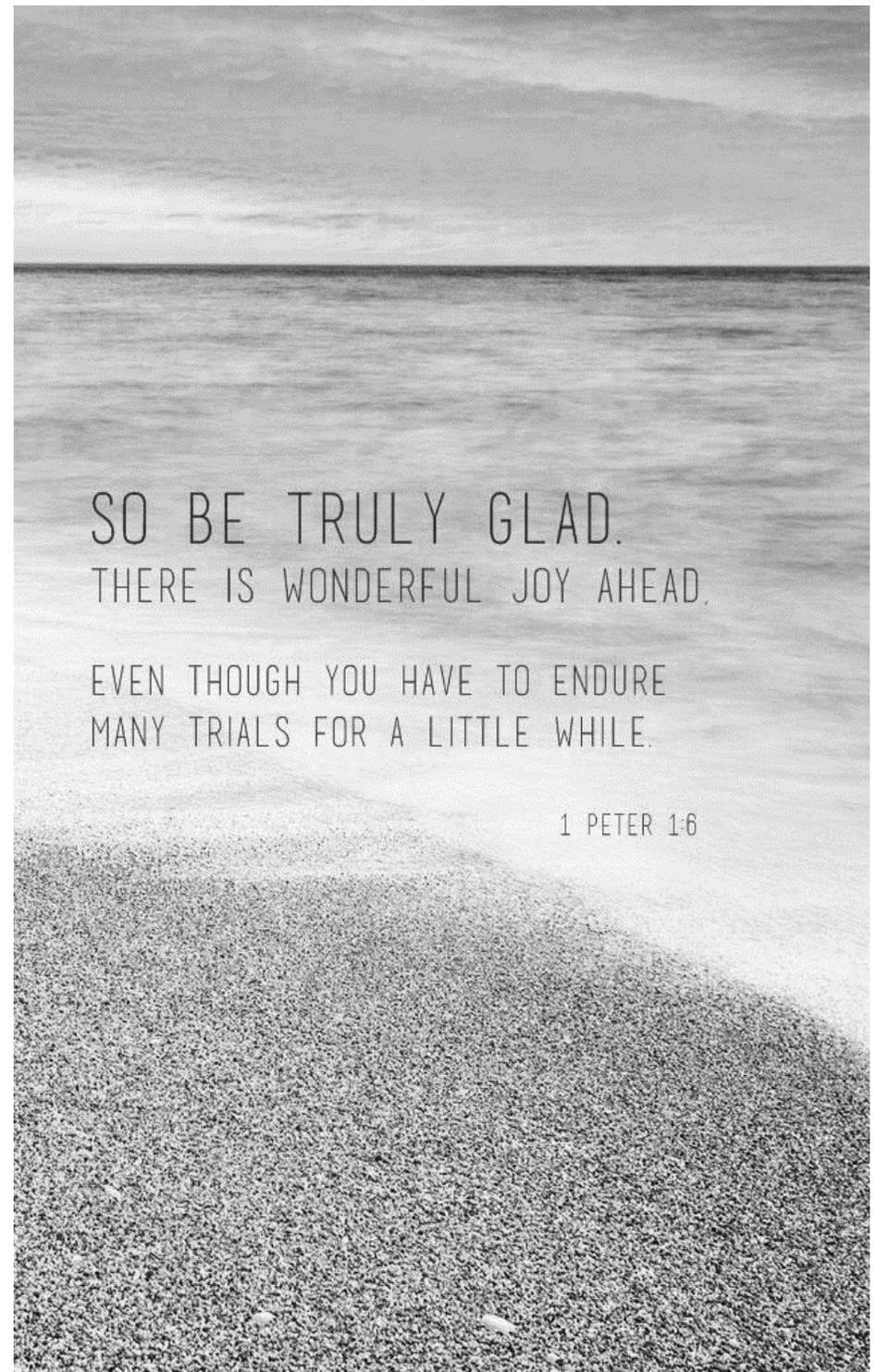
Hymn of Praise: #293 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Minute for Mission—Testimony of Faith

Statement of the Law

L/ The Lord said, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength. This is the First and greatest commandment.

**C/ The Second is like it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Upon these two commandments hang all the Law and Prophets.**



SO BE TRULY GLAD.  
THERE IS WONDERFUL JOY AHEAD.

EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE TO ENDURE  
MANY TRIALS FOR A LITTLE WHILE.

1 PETER 1:6

Prayer of Confession

L/ Let us be honest before God and each other, confessing our sins and asking for the mercy of God through Jesus imparted by the Spirit.

**All/ We confess Lord that although we call on you with our lips, our actions and thoughts betray us. We think of ourselves before others. We fail to take up your call and instead hide behind our positions. We doubt your Word and we live as if we were in charge. Forgive us Lord for our greed, our lies, our violence, our putting other things before you. Restore us again and shine your light in us!**

L/ You are loved! You are forgiven! You are remade and called to serve Jesus! For in Jesus there is no condemnation because through Him the law of the Spirit of Life has set us free from the law of sin and death. (Romans 8:2)

Gloria Patri #812

Children's Chat

Special Music - Choir

Reading of Scripture

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 1: 1-5 *\*pages 1-2*

Canticle: # 411 (blue Hymnal) Arise Your Light Is Come!

New Testament Lesson: Mark 1: 9-13 *\*page 1552*

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith – Apostles' Creed (180 AD—Book of Confessions 2.1 – 2.3)

**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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there Jesus will come to judge the**

**living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offertory;

Doxology

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Joys and Concerns

Sacrament of the Lord's Table (BCP 361)

Invitation

L/ The Lord be with you

**C/ And also with you**

L/ Lift up your Hearts

**C/ We lift them to God**

L/ Give shouts of Praise

**C/ We praise God: Father, Son and Spirit**

L/ It is right, and a good and joyful thing...therefore we praise You, joining our voices with angels and all the company of heaven who forever sing this hymn to the glory of Your name:

**C/ Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and Earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

L/ Holy and gracious father: in Your infinite love You made us for Yourself...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**C/ Christ has come, Christ has died, Christ will come again!**

L/ We celebrate this memorial of our redemption...serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

**C/ Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, forever and ever. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer (using Debts)

Communion of God's people

*Please sing Come to the Table of Grace found in the inside cover of the blue Presbyterian Hymnals. (Grace, peace, love, hope, joy)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving (from our Reformed Tradition)

L/ Holy God, from the waters of baptism we lift our praise. We are marked with your never ending love, marked with the blood of Jesus, marked by the call of your Spirit. We thank you for the waters of Life and all that sustain Life.

**C/ We thank you for faith, for the gift of your cleansing of your people in each generation, and especially we thank you for the example and sacrifice of Jesus. By his baptism, Jesus has called the whole church in mission. Unite us with all the baptized into one family under Christ.** (United Church of Christ, 1986).

Sending Hymn: # 291 O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

### Ministry Leaders

Deacons: Nicole McClain & Ann McClain

Greeters: Nancy Younie & Rhoda Brunz

Worship Music: Marian Tuinstra

Pastor: Rev. Tim Harmon

All members are ministers of Jesus Christ

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Attendance 12/31/17: 17

There are 2 paid per capitas: \$37 for 2018

Commercial (Manse) Loan Balance: \$11,179.64

Furnace Loan: \$10,368.51  
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-HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Keith Byers on January 12<sup>th</sup>.

-You may or may not have noticed a change in format of this morning's bulletin. It is simply something new we are trying.

- MerryMacs will have a planning meeting after church today.

-CHOIR will meet this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

-There will be a Pancake Breakfast at the H-LP High School next Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This is a fundraiser for H-LP After Prom.

-Dave Ramsey Financial Peace Classes are coming starting in January on Tuesday nights at the Sibley United Methodist Church. The first class will start Tuesday January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm with classes being about an hour long. It is a nine (9) week course with babysitting available. The cost is \$110 per couple. You can contact Amy Strouth with questions 712-348-4091 by calling or texting. Flyers on the classes will be posted soon so keep watch in your bulletins.

-Women in the Lake Park and surrounding area are invited to share in an event called "IF" on February 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018. This will be a weekend of fellowship and learning about God at the Lake Park United Methodist Church. *What IF we followed God with perseverance instead of security? The work we're doing to share the gospel on earth is worth it and God DOES move through the little things that nobody sees. Join us!* Complete information can be found on the entryway bulletin board, or you may call Lynette in the church office.

-We will have our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> following Morning Worship. After that we will enjoy a Pot Luck Dinner. Every household will receive their Annual Congregational Meeting Book that morning. Your brand new 2018 Church Directories will also be ready to pick up that same morning.

-There is a MEN'S RETREAT coming up at Lakeshore Center of Okobojo February 16 through 18. The theme of the retreat is "Vital Signs" and will focus on spiritual health. For more information go to [www.lakeshorecenteratokobojo.org](http://www.lakeshorecenteratokobojo.org).

-Our Mission Focus for January is the Furnace Fund. We have UNDER \$5,500 left to raise to pay off our Furnace Loan. Through God's abundance and our continued giving it is very possible that we can have this paid in full very soon.

- Remember - If you would like to receive a text message alert when there is a weather-related cancellation of Sunday morning worship service, please call Lynette in the church office.

-Friday morning Bible Study continues every Friday at 10 a.m. We are studying the book of Luke. Everyone is welcome.

