

# ORDER OF SERVICE

January 15, 2012

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

**Prelude** "Lord, I Want to be a Christian" arr. Diane Bish

**Call to Worship** (from Psalm 29 )

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders.

**The voice of the Lord is powerful;  
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness.

**May the Lord give strength to his people!**

**May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

\* **Hymn** "Lord, When You Came to Jordan" #71

## **Announcements and Affirmation of Community**

**Choral Introit** "Baptized in Water" Gaelic Melody

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God,**

**in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,  
making us part of the body of Christ.**

**We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,  
separated from sisters and brothers in Christ.**

**We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,  
and show reluctance to welcome one another;  
we allow the past to hold us hostage.**

**In your loving kindness, have mercy on us,  
and free us from sin.**

**Remind us of the promises you make in baptism,  
so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.**

(moment of silence for personal reflection.) **Amen.**

## **Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

**\*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.

**Children's Sermon**

Rev. Kathleen Crighton and Ruling Elder Frank Baehre

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**First Scripture Lesson** Genesis 1:1-5 (p. 1)

**Anthem** "What Shall I Render to My God?" Austin Lovelace

(Children in Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades may leave after the Anthem for Children's Story Time led by Karen Merrill)

**Second Scripture Lesson** Mark 1:4-11 (p.34)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** "By Water and Spirit" Rev. Kathleen Crighton

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD**

**1 Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows** (see insert)

**\*Hymn** "Spirit of the Living God" #322

**Call for Dedication of Life and Substance**

**Offertory** "My Lord! What a Morning"  
African-American Spiritual

**\*Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

## Concerns of the Church

### Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

**Prayer Response** "Amen"

**Hymn** "Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice" #409

### \*Benediction

**\*Benediction Response** "Lord, Make Us More Holy"  
African American Spiritual

**Postlude** "In Peace and Joy I Now Depart"  
Johann Christoph Bach

**All are invited to remain seated during the postlude** at the end of the service. If you are unable to remain during this time, please leave as quietly as possible.

**ACOLYTE:** The Curilla family

**GREETER:** David McCrea

**USHERS:** Marjorie Mapstone & Steve Bailey

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:** Vicki Washburn

**ORGANIST:** David Carpenter

**PRE-SERVICE PIANIST:** Meg Smith

**PASTOR:** Rev. Kathleen Crighton

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Frank Baehre

**CLERK OF SESSION:** Judy Bunnell

**MODERATOR OF DEACONS:** Sally Meisenheimer

**DIR. OF YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES:** Marianne Wilson

**MODERATOR of PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** Marjorie Mapstone

**MINISTERS:** All the members of this congregation.

**WELCOME** to the First Presbyterian Church. We invite all visitors to join us for coffee in the Fellowship Hall, directly below the sanctuary, following the service. We encourage both members and

visitors to wear their name tags. Thank you to our hostesses Donna Hanrahan and Brenda Phillips.

Members and visitors are asked to sign the friendship pads in the pews and pass them down the pews, noting the names of those around you so you can greet them after the service.

**PRAYER FAMILIES FOR THE WEEK OF January 15, 2012**

Sharon Chaney

Kwangseek, Jean, Eusung & Eunice Choe

John & Diane Cohen

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Linda & Al Tripp

Arthur Newgarden

Laura Zehr

Phyllis Wells

Audrey Walker

Tim Blow

Joel Keltner (in Afghanistan)

Candy & John Wagner

Joe Krugler (in Afghanistan)

Marilee Patnode

Wally Hauver (Kay Haupt's brother)

Sue Everett

**THIS WEEK:**

Monday: No Youth  
Office Closed  
Tuesday: 6 p.m. Worship Music  
Wednesday: 10:15 a.m. Bible Study  
Thursday: 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Monday: No Youth meeting**

**Sunday Adult Christian Education:**

*Adult Life Application Class* – meets each week in the Youth Director's office following worship. Led by Sally Meisenheimer.

*God in America – Part II “Alternative Universe”* - meets in the church library at 11:00 sharp. Led by Stuart Voss.

**Tubing:** Sad news, Beartown is no longer available for the date we requested and they are booked through February. We will try again. In the meantime, anyone up for tubing at Titus in February? Let Marianne know if a Saturday or Sunday after church is better.

**Council & Committee Chairs please have your Annual Reports in to the church office by January 17<sup>th</sup>**

The **Gibson Brothers** Performing at Chazy Central School – Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m.. Tickets are \$18 in advance or \$20 at the door. Proceeds to benefit Family Promise of Clinton County, a community response to homelessness. Tickets Available @ Family Promise, 36 Brinkerhoff St, Plattsburgh-562-0710.

**March 9-11 Adult Retreat at the Mountain House in Keene.** Focus: Relaxing and getting to know each other better. We will have a program for the weekend with free time for getting outdoors or relaxing by the fire. Cost is \$100 per person for the weekend, food included, or \$30 for Saturday only. (Single rooms available) Please see Marianne Wilson if you are interested as space is very limited 12-16 people.

### **1January 2012 Sermons**

#### **January 22, 2012**

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Officer Ordination and Installation  
Mark 1:14-20  
Psalm 62:5-12  
Sermon: “For God Alone”

#### **January 29, 2012**

“Fifth Sunday Worship”

### **1Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant**

Sentences of Scripture

1 Corinthians 12:12-13, 27

Profession of Faith

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

**Congregation: I do.**

Minister: Do you turn to Jesus Christ  
and accept him as your Lord and Savior,  
trusting in his grace and love?

**Congregation: I do.**

Minister: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple,  
obeying his Word and showing his love?

**Congregation: I will, with God's help.**

Affirmation of Faith

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

Do you believe in God the Father?

**Congregation: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Minister: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**Congregation: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Minister: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**Congregation: 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.**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Prayer