

Music in This Morning's Worship Service

*I will sing with the spirit and I will sing with the understanding also.
(1 Corinthians 14:15)*

This Morning's Hymns:

God Is Here was written by Fred Pratt Green in 1978 for a dedication service at the University United Methodist Church in Austin, Texas. The hymn celebrates what it means to be a church: to offer praise and prayer to God with "all our varied skills and arts," to preach the Word and participate in the sacraments, to foster faith and service, and to live lives in "church and kingdom" that glorify God. The text portrays the central tasks of the church and emphasizes the relationship between Sunday worship and daily living.

When Jesus Came To Jordan blends three gospel accounts of Jesus' baptism. The first two stanzas tell of Jesus' coming to the Jordan River to be baptized by John the Baptist. He came not to be pardoned but to share with those who seek repentance and those who are tempted. Stanza 3 is a prayer that the Holy Spirit will be ours and give our lives direction and purpose. When the Spirit of God descended on Jesus like a dove, this marked the beginning of his ministry on earth: *his hidden years had ended, the age of grace begun.*

Down to Earth, as a Dove was written in 1968 by Fred Kaan. The hymn employs several Biblical images and scriptural allusions to talk about God's only begotten son. Although explicitly about Jesus, the hymn's imagery implies an understanding that is more fully Trinitarian: we are given "love," and "light," and "the dove." Scriptural allusions draw our attention to Jesus' concern for both earthly and spiritual nourishment. The hymn proclaims good news to the poor. "Christ the Lord comes to feed hungry people in need." Especially attentive to the physical concerns of the poor, Jesus also understood that humanity languishes in spiritual poverty. Our souls hunger for God. The hymn assures us that God will provide our needs. "In the house there is bread" is a double reference. The first is to Bethlehem which in Hebrew means "house of bread" – our physical needs. But we also understand Jesus to be "the bread of life" – that fills our spiritual needs. This is good news! *Christ is here, ever near! Gloria in excelsis.*

This Morning's Anthem:

How Firm a Foundation

Text: "K" in A selection of Hymns, 1787 Early American Melody
Edited by John Rippon Arranged by Samuel Walter

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word.
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled.

Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid.
I'll strengthen thee, help thee and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

This Week at First Presbyterian

Today

8:00 a.m. Neighborhood Breakfast	12:15 p.m. Concert Handbell Rehearsal
9:00 a.m. Child Care	4:00 p.m. Sr. High Winter Retreat Returns
9:30 a.m. Worship Service	5:30 p.m. Genesee Valley Youth Chorale
10:45 a.m. Children and Youth Education	7:00 p.m. Sunday Night Pipe
11:00 a.m. Adult Education Classes	

Monday, January 11

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study-Carriage Town	5:00 p.m. Computer Technology Team Meeting
11:30 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, January 12

7:00 a.m. Renovare	6:00 p.m. Health Council Meeting
8:30 a.m. Program Staff Meeting-Offsite	6:15 p.m. Sr. High Pipe Praise Band Practice
4:00 p.m. Congregational Care Team Meeting	6:30 p.m. Deacon's Meeting
4:30 p.m. MFA Team Meeting	6:30 p.m. Carolyn Mawby Chorale Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Church Officers Meeting	

Wednesday, January 13

8:00 a.m. Renovare	4:45 p.m. Carol Choir Rehearsal
10:30 a.m. Adult Education Class	5:30 p.m. Jr. High Pipe Praise Band Practice
10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study	5:30 p.m. Dinner
11:30 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous	6:00 p.m. Contemplative Singers Rehearsal
4:00 p.m. Grief Support	6:15 p.m. Bee Helpful (K-6)
4:45 p.m. Cantus Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m. Contemplative Service
4:45 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m. Jr. High Girls Bible Study

WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

A light supper will be served in the Parish Hall beginning at 5:45pm. The suggested donation is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children, maximum of \$20 per family. All are welcome to gather in the Chapel at 6:30pm for a Contemplative service. This week the focus will be on Praise and Adoration. Children's classes will begin at 6:15pm for those not attending service.

Thursday, January 14

9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study	1:00 p.m. Kitchen Task Force Team
9:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study	7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. Book Discussion Group	7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous
11:30 a.m. Downtown Kiwanis Club	

Friday, January 15

11:30 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, January 16

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study Class	11:00 a.m. Memorial Service for Marian Keel
8:30 a.m. Salem Housing	1:00 p.m. Evelyn Minshall Visitation
9:00 a.m. Handbell Breakfast	2:00 p.m. Evelyn Minshall Memorial Service
10:00 a.m. Visitation for Marian Keel	

Ministers,
Members of First Presbyterian Church
Senior Pastor,
John L. Musgrave
Associate Pastor,
Paul Ytterrock
Commissioned Lay Pastor,
Steve Baillie
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Jaime Powell
Director of Gerholz Counseling Center,
Andy Armstrong
Director of Music and Fine Arts,
Mark Riddles

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Kim Skaff
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Jim Pope
Building/Kitchen Manager,
Greg Kelly
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Lisa Horne
Congregational Care Specialist,
Lee Doll
Gerholz Staff Counselor,
Jerry Walden
Organist,
Brenda Portman
Parish Nurse,
Frankie Bonner

First Presbyterian Church of Flint

*Engaged by Christ's love to invite,
worship, nurture and serve.*



*Now thus says the Lord, who created you:
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name; you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I am with you.
When you walk through the fire,
you will not be burned.
For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel.
You are precious in my sight, and I love you.
Do not fear, for I am with you."*

~ Isaiah 43

Baptism of the Lord
Sunday, January 10, 2010 9:30 a.m.

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The Worship of Our Lord Jesus Christ

The Gathering of the People of God

We gather, knowing God is with us.

We bring the Bible, Chalice, and Water as visible evidence of God's self-giving.

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Call to Meditation and Preparation

John L. Musgrave

Prelude

Aria in F Major
Brenda Portman, organist

G.F. Handel

Acolyte: Carson Koegel, 4th Grade

Silently prepare your hearts for worship at the first note of the prelude.

Announcements

*Call to Worship

When Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan
the Holy Spirit descended like a dove
and a voice from heaven spoke these words:

**You are my child, my beloved;
with you I am well pleased.**

When we are baptized into Christ Jesus,
we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit,
and from heaven, God speaks these words:

**You are my child, my beloved;
with you I am well pleased.**

*Processional Hymn 461

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Call to Confession and Corporate Prayer of Confession

Steve Baillie

**In the waters of baptism, O God,
you have cleansed us and claimed us.
Forgive us for resisting your grace
and for denying your name.**

**We have followed our own paths,
and they have led us far from you.**

**Help us to live into our baptisms,
to trust that all we need is in you,
for you have marked us as your own,
loving us without limit.**

**Wash us with your love again,
so that with clean hearts we may go in the way of Jesus.
Amen. (Silent Confession)**

Kyrie (Congregation and Choir)



Lord, have mercy up-on us. Christ, have mercy up-on us. Lord have mer-cy upon us.

Assurance of God's Grace:

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*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.***

†Late arrivals may be seated

The Service of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Charlie Sheridan

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7 (Pew Bibles pg. 631-632 O.T.)

Psalm 29



"Glo - ry to God! Glo-ry to God!" Sing for- ev- er "Glo- ry to God!"

Epistle Reading

Acts 8:14-17 (Pew Bibles pg. 118 N.T.)

Congregational Response:



Al - le - lu - ia! - Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

(The children may come forward)

Children's Message

Paul Ytterrock

*Hymn 72

When Jesus Came to Jordan

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(The children may return to their seats)

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:15-22 (Pew Bibles pg. 56 N.T.)

Sermon

Passing Through the Waters

John L. Musgrave

*Renewal of Baptismal Vows

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles Creed

**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 cruci-
fied, 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.**

*Passing of the Peace of God

(You may extend the hand of peace or cross your chest as a sign of blessing.)

*Offertory Sentence

*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***

*Offertory Prayer

Offertory

How Firm a Foundation
The Chancel Choir

Walter

Invitation

Concerns of the Week

To the family of Clarence Johnson (grandfather of Jennifer Hatch)
deceased on December 24, 2009.

To the family of Leonard Horne (father of Lisa Horne) deceased on
December 28, 2009.

To the family of Alexander Beardslee (father of Kelly Beardslee) de-
ceased on January 2, 2010.

To the family of Marian Keel (wife of Bob Keel) deceased on January
3, 2010.

To the family of Bill McRorie (husband of Shirley) deceased on Janu-
ary 4, 2010.

Those hospitalized this past week were: John Cole, Linda Gibbs,
Lillian Maxon, Marsha Schmit and Judy Wells; Hospice: Katherine
Jackson

Those in the military, world and national leaders, the church, and
those distressed by natural and human disasters.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Sanctus (Hymn 568):

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest....

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Table and Agnus Dei

Bread of Life (Please partake of bread
Cup of Salvation and cup when served.)

The Sending

*Closing Hymn 300

Down to Earth, as a Dove

PERSONENT HODIE

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Postlude in G Major

G.F. Handel

PERSONAL PRAYER

Personal prayer is available in the Prayer Room on the first floor after the
service of worship. Elder Sally Werdel will assist after the service.

~ * Indicates where those who are able may stand.

~ Child care for infants through preschool is available on the second floor.

~ Hearing aids are available, please see an usher.

***You may place an order for a CD of the whole service at the Welcome Desk for
\$3.00 Or Visit our website to hear the radio sermon podcast.***