

Baptism of the Lord

January 8, 2023

9:30 A.M.

*We are followers of Jesus Christ, living and sharing
the love of God through faith and action, welcoming all.*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Ringling of the Bell

Song *Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place*

Call to Worship

Leader: In the very beginning, God separated the darkness and the light. God called the light “day”, and the darkness God called “night”.

People: We were once people who dwelled in darkness, but God has given us the true light, Jesus Christ.

Leader: God has blessed us and adopted us as God’s own beloved children through the sacrament of Baptism.

People: The water of baptism brings to us healing and reconciliation; it is a symbol of nourishment and cleansing.

Leader: This day is the day of the remembrance of Jesus’ baptism.

People: As we hear the words of his baptism, let us be reminded of our own adoption by God and celebrate the joyous connection to the Almighty God.

Invocation

Leader: Spirit of the Living God, hover once more. Be present with us now as you were present at creation and at the baptism of Jesus. Help us remember our baptism in Christ. Help us to know just what this means as we live our lives in relation to others. Redeem us. Join us in worship today. We ask this in the precious name of Jesus, the Living Water; to Your glory we pray. Amen.

Hymn *Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers* # 325

Prayer of Confession

All: We are incredibly stubborn, O Lord. We have entered the season in which Your light has been given to the world, Your blessings have been poured out on the world, and yet all we can think about is our own problems, our own needs, our own desires. Help us to desire you, Lord. Help us to yearn for your presence. Pour your baptismal waters over us again, cleansing us from our self-pity and arrogance.

Nourish and heal us so that we may joyfully serve you. Wash away our jealousy, greed, and all negative thoughts and behaviors that stand in the way of our truly being the people you have called us to be. Again, let us receive the blessings offered in creation, in the birth and baptism of Jesus, and in the ministry of the saints of light. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Leader: The love of God is always offered to us, freely, joyfully, for all eternity. Rejoice, dear friends; this is the Good News of our Lord. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Children’s Time

Passing of the Peace

Hymn

Rock of Ages

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 42:1-9

Acts 10:34-43

Anthem

Built on a Rock

Jay Althouse

Chancel Choir

Built on a rock, the Church will stand, even when steeples are falling.

Built on a rock, in every land. Christ, our Lord, is calling.

Calling to the young and the old to rest; Calling to the souls of those oppressed.

Built on a rock, the Church will stand. Christ, our Lord, is calling.

This is a house of living stone built for God’s habitation.

He is a rock, on humble throne granting us salvation.

Whenever two or more come to seek His face.

God will be among them to show His grace.

He is a rock, and this His place, granting us salvation.

Built on a rock, the Church will stand firmly on one foundation.

Built on a rock in every land, this, God’s new creation.

Together we have come for to give and receive, In Christ, our Lord, we do believe.

Built on a rock, the Church will stand. This, God’s new creation.

Built on a rock. Christ, our Lord, is calling.

Scripture Reading *Matthew 3:13-17*

Sermon

Baptism – A Way of Life

Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.

Prayers of the People and Lighting of Prayer Candles

Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer (Debts/debtors)

Offering Please place your offering in the plates at the exit doors,
mail your gifts to the church, or click the WPC website ‘Give’ button

Doxology and Blessing of the Offering

White Rose Recognition

*In remembrance of: Dave McCandless Dick Tompkins Gordon Neal
Linda Haynes John Fischer Marge Wells Jeanne Rice*

Service of Holy Communion

Pastor: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at the table in the kingdom of God. Our Savior invites those that trust him to sit at the table in the kingdom of God.

Pastor: The Lord be with you,

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to You, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away and our love failed, Your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life. In the fullness of time, You gave Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior, and at his birth the angels sang glory to You in the highest and peace to Your people on earth. And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and the Wine

(A gluten-free option is available upon request to the server.)

The Words of the Institution

Pastor: Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord.

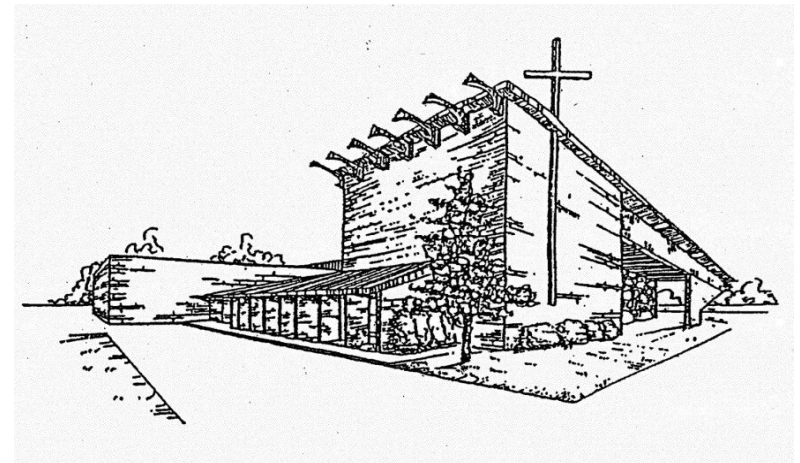
People: Amen, Amen and Amen.

Hymn

In Christ Alone

Benediction and Postlude

WEBSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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through faith and action,
welcoming all.*

Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings; I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers # 325

Spirit divine, attend our prayers, and make this house Your home.
Descend with all Your gracious powers; O come, great Spirit, come!
Come as the light; to us reveal our emptiness and woe;
And lead us in those paths of life where all the righteous go.
Come as the fire and purge our hearts like sacrificial flame.
Let our whole soul an offering be to our Redeemer's name.
Come as the dove and spread Your wings, the wings of peaceful love.
And let the church on earth become blest as the church above.
Spirit divine, attend our prayers; make a lost world Your home.
Descend with all Your gracious powers; O come, great Spirit, come!

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.

Rock of Ages

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.
Let the water and the blood from Thy wounded side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.
Not the labors of my hands can fulfill Thy law's demands.
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone. Thou must save, and Thou alone.
Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress, helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.
While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgement throne.
Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my Light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought
and storm.
What heights of love! What depths of peace, when fears are stilled,
when strifings cease.
My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came
to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied,
For every sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.
There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His, and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.
No guilt in life, no fear in death: this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns, and calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, January 8th, 2023</u>	<u>Next Sunday, January 15th</u>
Old Testament	<i>Isaiah 42:1-9</i>	<i>Isaiah 49:1-7</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 29</i>	<i>Psalm 40:1-11</i>
New Testament	<i>Acts 10:34-43</i>	<i>I Corinthians 1:1-9</i>
Gospel	<i>Matthew 3:13-17</i>	<i>John 1:29-42</i>

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MEMORY VERSE

*Commit to the Lord whatever you do
and He will establish your plans.
Proverbs 16:3*

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today, January 8 - Communion

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. LGBTQ & Discussion in Room 9/10
- 4:00 P.M. Youth Fellowship in the Youth Room

Monday, January 9 - Annual Reports Due

- 5:30 P.M. Officer Training in Room 9/10
Session Meeting in Room 9/10
- 6:30 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social Room & Sanctuary

Tuesday, January 10

- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:30 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10
- 6:00 P.M. Girl Scout Leaders in the Social Room
- 7:00 P.M. Worship and Music Committee Meeting on Zoom
Trustees' Meeting in Room 9/10

Wednesday, January 11

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys' Restaurant
- 12:00 P.M. Naomi Circle Luncheon
- 6:30 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room
- 7:00 P.M. Boy Scout Committee in the Memorial Room

Thursday, January 12

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 9:00 A.M. Glory Bells in the Sanctuary
- 10:00 A.M. King Circle in the Memorial Room
- 1:45 P.M. Adult Ed. Committee Meeting at the Saylor home
- 6:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 752 in the Social Room
Alleluia Bells in the Sanctuary
- 6:30 P.M. Youth Committee Meeting in the Youth Room
- 7:00 P.M. PNC Meeting in Room 9/10

Friday, January 13

- 10:00 A.M. Flying Club in the Social Room
- 10:30 A.M. Book Club on Zoom

Saturday, January 14

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom
Girl Scout Troop 425 Event in the Social Room

Sunday, January 15

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. Speaker: Sienna Petrino in the Sanctuary
- 3:00 P.M. Worship Service at Cherry Ridge
- 4:00 P.M. Youth Fellowship in the Youth Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. WELCOME to Webster Presbyterian Church! We are pleased that you are worshipping with us, whether in person or by live-streaming. Sunday services continue to be live-streamed. You can watch them live at 9:30 or later at your leisure using:
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Websterpres/> or
YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzM5thYxua2HQSPF6P71wA>
THIS SERVICE IS LIVESTREAMED on YouTube and Facebook. Participation in and/or observation of the service implies acknowledgement that your image may be seen on the stream at the time of the service and in the future, as the services are saved for future viewing.
2. ANNUAL REPORTS from Committee Chairpersons and Treasurers are due in the church office by tomorrow. You can submit your information by email as a Word or Excel file, or bring a paper copy to the church office.
3. WEBSTER HOPE has requested the following items for their many clients with ongoing need: ketchup, canned pineapple, mayo, coffee, cooking oil, dish soap, laundry detergent, warm socks, gloves and hats. Please help as you are able by placing items in the box in the Narthex. Many Ukrainian families are moving into our area so there is a special request for gently used pots and pans with lids.
4. THANK YOU for your continuing donations to the Food Barrel. Especially needed are: juice, soup, tuna and other canned meat, condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayo), canned vegetables and fruits, peanut butter, cereals, crackers, coffee and tea.
5. DRIVERS are occasionally needed to pick up non-driving members who would like to worship in person on Sunday morning. If you are willing to provide transportation to someone on a Sunday morning, please call the church office or Nikki George (671-1103).



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