

WEEK OF JANUARY 14

Monday, Jan. 14	4:00 PM	Community Dinner
	7:00 PM	Art Ministry
Tuesday, Jan. 15	7:00 PM	Session
Wednesday, Jan. 16	5:00 PM	Kids Club
Thursday, Jan. 17	7:15 PM	Bells
	8:15 PM	Choir
Friday, Jan. 18	6:00 PM	MLK Service Project/Family Event Youth Sleepover
Sunday, Jan. 20	9:15 AM	Adult Ed/ NO Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship
	<i>following worship</i>	Secret Sister Luncheon
	7:00 PM	MLK Community Worship Service, Mt. Olivet Baptist Church

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Ushers -- Mearmon and Tom Davis-Walton, Carol Duryea, Maggie Rider

Today's greeter -- Karen Klimpl

Coffee Hour - Thank you to Fern and Dick Van Hise for hosting coffee hour this morning.

Secret Sisters Luncheon -- will be held next Sunday, January 20th following worship at the home of Shirley Olsen. Please RSVP to Joanne Bini or Teri Mier (ewbinis@gmail.com or tmier@miercom.com).

Martin Luther King Jr. Community Worship Service will be held on Sunday, January 20 at 7 p.m. at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church in Hightstown. All are invited to attend and share in worship with friends and neighbors from other local houses of worship.

Scrip/Gift Cards -- are available for over 700 stores, including local supermarkets, restaurants and on-line retailers beginning at \$5 for gift giving or personal use. Proceeds benefit adult mission trips. See Carol Duryea in coffee hour or call her at 609-448-5316.

Office Hours -- The office is open M & W 10-4, T & Th 8-10 & 3-6, F 3-6.

ADULT MISSION TRIP

Interested in conversation about our next adult mission trip? You are welcome to a planning meeting on Monday, January 14 at 7:15 PM in the office conference room (Wilson House). All interested adults are invited—whether you are sure you would love to go, or are just wondering about the opportunity. If you can't make it but are interested in being kept in the loop, please be in touch with Dilys Henninger, Mission Committee Chair, at: thehenningers2@comast.net.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SERVICE PROJECT

This year the youth will be leading a Night Care Package Night. They will gather on Friday, January 18 at 6pm to package items for RISE. In the past this has been done on Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. This year, with the hope of involving more families, we will be gathering on Friday evening for a light dinner, conversation and packaging. Please RSVP if you plan to attend. We invite you to help make this endeavor a reality by donating:

- New PJs -Infant to Teen
- White socks
- Toothbrushes (indiv. packaged)
- Gently used story books
- Clean, small stuffed animals

Please consider supporting this project, our donations are very low this year. THANK YOU!

We will also accept monetary donations or gift cards from Walmart, given to Ginger Marcus or Mary Maleski. There will be a box in the Narthex for your offerings!

CONGREGATIONAL/ANNUAL MEETING

The Session of The First Presbyterian Church of Hightstown, NJ has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, January 27, 2019, just prior to worship at 10:25 to elect officers. Worship will then be followed by the annual meeting of the congregation in Fellowship Hall. The agenda of the annual meeting shall include the presentation of the annual budget, the presentation of the annual reports, election of a nominating committee, and any other business pertinent to the call of this meeting. Luncheon will be served.



First Presbyterian Church

Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 13, 2019

10:30 AM

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Worship is a word derived from two words which mean to ascribe worth to God. The main body of the service moves broadly from hearing to doing, from proclamation to thanksgiving.

GATHERING

The people gather in response to God's call, offering praise in words of scripture, prayer, and song. The people acknowledge their sinfulness and receive the declaration of God's forgiveness.

Prelude *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* arr. Whitsett
The beginning of the prelude is an invitation to silence your conversations and prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

Welcome & Announcements

↑ Call to Worship

L: Come, all who thirst. Come to the font!

P: Dip your soul into the water of life.

L: Come, all who are weary. Come to worship!

P: Rest your spirits in the house of God.

L: Come, all who thirst.

P: Come, all who are weary.

L: Come and worship God!

↑ **Hymn 475** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

↑ Call to Confession

↑ Prayer of Confession (*together*)

God of grace, have mercy upon us. Forgive us for shouting over our neighbors, when your Spirit beckons us to listen. Forgive us for our complacency, when we are called to be agents of change. Forgive us for working, rather than serving. Forgive us for producing, rather than creating. God of grace, have mercy upon us, and move us into life. (*Silence is kept for individual prayers of confession.*)

↑ Assurance of Pardon

L: Those who trust in God will renew their strength. They will run and not be weary, they will walk and not grow faint. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

P: Thanks be to God.

↑ The Passing of Peace

L: Let us now share signs of Christ's peace with one another, saying, the peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you.

You are invited share signs of Christ's peace with those around you.

↑ Response to Peace

Hymn 435 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* IN BABILONE

***There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.***

***There's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.***

***There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven.***

***There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.***

THE WORD

Scriptures are read and their message is proclaimed.

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading (PEW BIBLE – OT – PG 56) Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

L: Holy wisdom, Holy Word.

P: Thanks be to God!

Time for Children and The Lord's Prayer

Children of every age are always welcome to remain in worship. Families may also choose...

- *Loving care for infants and toddlers in our nursery.*
- *Children pre-K (potty-trained) through 2nd grade are invited to the narthex to be escorted by the leaders to Children & Worship in the Multi-Purpose Room where parents can meet them after worship.*
- *Children 2nd grade and higher are welcome to remain in worship. There are worship bags in the narthex with activities for them.*

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.

Anthem *Sing With Joy!* D. Moore

Old Testament Reading (PEW BIBLE – OT – PG 631) Isaiah 43:1-7

L: The Word of the Lord!

P: Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Compassed by Love*

↑ **Hymn 177** *I Will Come to You* YOU ARE MINE
(You Are Mine)

THE RESPONSE

Responses to the proclamation of God's Word include expressions of faith and commitment.

Prayers of the People

Offering/Offertory arr. Burkhardt

Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

↑ **Doxology 609** LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

↑ Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

The people are sent forth with God's blessing to serve.

↑ **Hymn 43** *You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord*
(On Eagle's Wings (Psalm 91)) ON EAGLE'S WINGS

↑ Charge and Blessing

↑ Benediction Response

Hymn 853 *We Are Marching in the Light of God* SIYAHAMBA

We are marching in the light of God;

we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God;

we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,

we are marching in the light of, the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,

we are marching in the light of God.

Postlude *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* arr. Wagner

*Please feel free to depart in silence during the postlude,
mindful of those who remain to listen.*

↑ **Please rise in body or spirit.**

**Large print bulletins, hymnals and assisted listening
devices are available.**

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Pastor, Rev. Lisa Day

Children & Worship Leaders, Christine Vincent and Alex Willman

Music Director, Debbie Tarby

Liturgist, Joan Newell

Pastoral Intern, Lottie MacAulay Friedman

Sanctuary Choir