

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 12, 2025

Baptism of the Lord

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE UNITY CANDLE

PRELUDE Give To Our God Immortal Praise

David Cherwien

CHORAL INTROIT Come and Find the Quiet Corner

GREETING L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gather from East and West, from North and South.

God is calling us; listen, for God is naming you.

The voice of God thunders through our midst.

The voice of God is powerful and full of majesty.

Bow in awe before the one who created you.

God knows you completely, yet accepts you.

The voice of God commands our attention.

The voice of God is like fire and tornado.

God reaches out to strengthen, not condemn us.

God brings us through terror to a place of peace.

Ascribe to God glory and strength.

Worship God in awe, wonder, and joy!

MORNING PRAYER (read by Lay Reader)

God of cleansing waters and purifying fires, touch our lives today to recall us to the power of our baptism and reconfirm our commitment to Jesus Christ. Name us again as your own people: precious, gifted, created to glorify you in fullness of life, in peace with ourselves and one another. Send your Holy Spirit once more to energize our worship and enliven our witness in the world. Hear us as we pray for one another and for your church in every place. Amen.

***HYMN** For the Beauty of the Earth

#353

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O God, the waters of faithfulness run deep, and we have been afraid they will overwhelm us. The fires of your Spirit burn brightly, and we fear we may be consumed if we display too much enthusiasm. We retreat to safe places where we hope to avoid challenges, conflicts, and uncertainty. When we shrink from risks, we

miss much that enriches life. We fail to notice your amazing activity among those who respond to your leading. Free us, we pray, for daring service. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God has redeemed us, claimed us, called us by name. We are precious in God's sight. Surely our God will strengthen us to face times of difficulty. There are no safe hiding places in life, only the assurance of a relationship with a God whom we can trust in life and in death. Our God forgives and empowers. God blesses us with a peace that is more powerful than any outward circumstance. The assurances of God are eternal.

***GLORIA PATRI**

#805

CHORAL ANTHEM Love Grows Here

Don Besig

CHILDREN'S CHAT Rev. James Deters

***HYMN** I Was There to Hear Your Morning Cry

On insert

SCRIPTURE Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 (p. 604)

MESSAGE Rev. James Deters

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Nicene Creed

#15

PERIOD OF GUIDED PRAYER Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

OFFERINGS OF GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY When Love Is Found

John Ferguson

Please sign the friendship pad at the end of the pew and pass it on.

***DOXOLOGY**

#809

***OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

For bringing us safely to this hour, we give you thanks, O God of wind and fire.

May our offerings honor you. May our lives reflect your mercy. May our hands bestow on others the blessings we have received. May our prayers unite us with one another and with Christ, in whose name we celebrate the privilege of giving.

Amen.

***HYMN** In the Bulb There Is a Flower

#678

***COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

Dare to face the world in joyous freedom.

You have been baptized with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

We pray for courage to do what is right.

We seek the strength to witness for peace.

We are God's beloved children.

Let us seek to live in ways that are pleasing to God.

God has created us for glory.

We will worship the God of power and strength.

Even now God's hand of blessing rests on us.

The dove of peace descends upon us.

We welcome the Spirit's presence among us.

We celebrate the Spirit's work within us. Praise God. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION** God Be With You

#840

POSTLUDE Rondo in G

John Bull

*All those who are able, please stand.

Large print bulletins, children's bulletins, and aids for the hearing impaired are available. All people are welcome in the sanctuary; however, a play room is available for kindergarten and younger children needing a place to invest their excitement. There is also a children's room for families who need a quiet space for babies and young children. Please ask an usher for assistance.

ORGANIST Nancy Dufek

CHOIR DIRECTOR Diana Mann

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SANCTUARY SOUND Open

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TECH SUPPORT Ernie Bliss

LAY READER Betty Yankee

USHERS Mahnke family

COFFEE HOSTS Betty Yankee and Lois Armstrong

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Lots of upcoming events. See the bulletin inserts.

Also look at the UPCC website: <https://upccchurch.org/>

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/UnitedPresbyterianCongregationalChurch>

Join our Facebook group at UPCC Connection



United Presbyterian/Congregational Church

214 Vaughn Ave, Ashland, Wisconsin 54806

PASTOR: Reverend James Deters

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 am

Illustration by Ben Cogger

488 I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry



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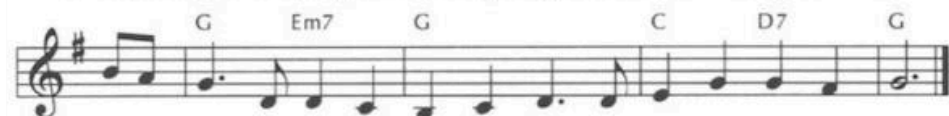
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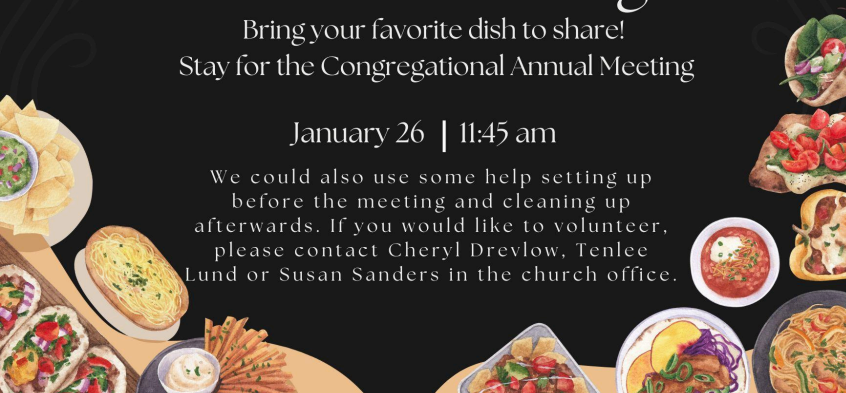
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FROM 5:30 TO 7:00 PM. ENTRANCE #5

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Join us for a special night out, presented by The BRICK as its signature fundraiser and hosted by Northland College.

All proceeds go toward serving under-resourced community members through The BRICK's emergency food and financial assistance programs. Enjoy a fun evening featuring samples of food from restaurants and caterers from all over the local area and support The BRICK all at once!



SATURDAY JAN 25
 7:00 TO 9:00 PM

NORTHLAND COLLEGE
 PONZIO CAMPUS CENTER

\$30 / PERSON
 IN ADVANCE
 \$40 / PERSON AT THE DOOR

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE BRICK AND FROM BRICK BOARD MEMBERS
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Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 (p. 604)

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

a time to tear, and a time to sew;

time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

What gain have the workers from their toil?

I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with.

He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of Heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.