

# SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## The Baptism of the Lord



January 12, 2025 - 11:00 a.m.

# *Order of Worship*

## **Centering Music**

In God's temple everything says, "Glory!"

Psalm 29

## **Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Cathy Meyer

Welcome to Second Presbyterian Church, we are glad that you are here! If you are a visitor, please fill out the red visitor card in the pew and place it in an offering plate at the back of the sanctuary. We invite you to listen for the Spirit, in word, in song, in this space. You are safe here, settle in with expectation.

## **Choral Introit**

*Come, Let Us Worship*

## **Prelude**

*In the Presence of Jehovah*

Geron Davis

## **Call to Worship**

The voice of God resounds upon the water.

**The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.**

The Son of God is named, "Beloved."

**And all who worship shout out, "Glory!"**

Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.

**Worship the Lord in holy array.**

## **Hymn 463**

*How Firm a Foundation*

## **Prayer of Confession**

**God, we are precious in your sight, yet we often forget that we are your beloved. You call us into beloved community but we exclude and reject those we deem different. You lead us in Christ's light but we follow selfish goals and deny that our way of life harms others and hurts your world. Forgive our worldly ways. Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve, reconcile us one to another, and bless us with your peace.**

## **Silence is Kept**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

## **Gloria Patri** (hymnal, back cover)

## **Time with Young Disciples**

Pris Shartle

*After the time with young disciples, children through Kindergarten may be dismissed for childcare upstairs.*

## **Anthem**

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

arr. Nelson

Mindy Grohman, violin; Anne Marie Ford, cello

**Isaiah 43:1-7**

But now thus says the Lord,  
 he who created you, O Jacob,  
 he who formed you, O Israel:  
 Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
 I have called you by name, you are mine.  
 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
 and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
 when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
 and the flame shall not consume you.  
 For I am the Lord your God,  
 the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
 I give Egypt as your ransom,  
 Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

Pris Shartle

Because you are precious in my sight,  
 and honored, and I love you,  
 I give people in return for you,  
 nations in exchange for your life.  
 Do not fear, for I am with you;  
 I will bring your offspring from the east,  
 and from the west I will gather you;  
 I will say to the north, "Give them up",  
 and to the south, "Do not withhold;  
 bring my sons from far away  
 and my daughters from the end of the earth  
 everyone who is called by my name,  
 whom I created for my glory,  
 whom I formed and made."

**Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

**Hymn 482***Baptized in Water***Sermon***An Invisible Mark*

Rev. Cathy Meyer

**Confession of Faith***The Belhar Confession*

insert

**Prayer of the People/The Lord's Prayer**

**Before we are born, before we do anything or make something of ourselves, before we make our first mistake or confess our first sin or fail majorly, you claim us, God our Creator, and call us beloved. We give you thanks and praise this Sunday for Jesus' baptism and for ours, for the sign and seal of your claim on us and the sacred water from which we emerge newly born in Christ. You call us to you in love, O God, and send us to love others in Christ's name. Hear our prayers this day as we hold the weary and the suffering, the sick and those without hope, in our hearts and minds. (Offer your prayer in silence.) Your love knows no boundary or border, Holy God. Help us to love as you love. You have called us by name and we all belong to you. Unite us in purpose as we lift these prayers to you, in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray...**

**Hymn 611***Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee***Charge and Benediction****Postlude***To God Be the Glory*

arr. Brown

## Sunday Worship

### January 12

Baptism of the Lord  
Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22  
Lunch  
Deacons meet

### January 19

Moccasin Bend Worship Companions  
Racial Justice Sunday  
The Confession of Belhar  
I Corinthians 12: 4-11  
Session meets

### January 26

Third Sunday after Epiphany  
Luke 4: 14-21  
Lunch  
Mission Committee meets

## Weekly Calendar

### January 12

Lunch  
Deacons meet

### January 14

Faith Community Nurse 10:30 a.m.  
Bible Study 2:00 p.m.

### January 15

Tai Chi 9:30 a.m.

### January 16

Second Hands 10:00 a.m.

### January 18

Silent Meditation 9:30 a.m.  
Mini Tennis 10:00 a.m.  
Children's Epiphany party 10:00 a.m.

*Offering plates, hearing assistance devices,  
and large print Bibles are located at the back  
of the sanctuary.*

## Prayer Requests

Frederick Joyce   Dorothy Jump   Kathryn Walker  
Bill Ransom (NHC Healthcare Room 325, 2700  
Parkwood Ave. 37404).   Kent Dailey

## Announcements

**Everyone is invited to the Helwig Fellowship Hall after worship today for a delicious lunch of fried chicken (regular and tenders), green beans, macaroni and cheese, salad, rolls, chocolate cake, and Jello!**

### Tuesday Bible Study | January 14

The Tuesday Bible Study resumes this week. They will be studying Jesus' parables on the Kingdom using a book by John Timmer. All are welcome to join each week at 2:00 p.m. Please contact Paul Hesselink with any questions.

### Moccasin Bend Worship Companions | January 19

All are welcome to be a part of worship at Moccasin Bend Mental Health Institute on Sunday, January 19 at 9:00 a.m. Please meet at MBMH if you would like to participate in this meaningful ministry.

### Dining Out | January 22

Get your Thai on! Join the Dining Out crew on Wednesday, January 22 at 6:00 p.m. at Sweet Basil, 5855 Brainerd Rd Suite 125. Let Martin know by noon the Wednesday prior (937-609-4681) if you would like a ride from the church.

### Second Outdoors | January 31

Join Second Outdoors on Friday, January 31 as we take a trip to nearby Rhea County ([rheacountyheritage.com](http://rheacountyheritage.com)). We'll visit the Courthouse, home of the famous Scopes Monkey Trial Museum, and afterwards enjoy lunch at Monkey Town Brewing. For more information, please contact John Doyal at 423.315.0965, or [2ndoutdoorscha@gmail.com](mailto:2ndoutdoorscha@gmail.com).

### Souper Bowl of Caring | February 9

Help tackle hunger in our community by making a donation during the Souper Bowl of Caring! Following worship on Sunday, February 9, our youth will be at the back of the sanctuary with soup bowls to collect monetary donations to be given to the CHATT Foundation. If you wish to give by check, please make it out to Second Presbyterian and indicate Souper Bowl on the memo line. More information may be found at [tacklehunger.org](http://tacklehunger.org).

### Bags of Hope

The Bags of Hope program is heading in a new direction with their work, and will no longer be collecting plastic grocery bags. Thanks to everyone who brought bags to support this ministry.

The children's Epiphany party has been rescheduled to  
January 18 from 10:00 a.m. - noon.

Security Phone Number 423.777.0620

Please call this dedicated number for any security related issues, including fire, suspicious activity, or emergency of any kind.

WiFi Information Network: 2ndPres-Guest Password: @SecondPres!

**Second  
Presbyterian  
Church**

Rev. Cathy Meyer, Pastor | Dr. Kevin Ford, Director of Music | Jody Brown, Organist  
Claire Broome, Administrator | Hayden Perry, Sexton | Kacey Dodson, Sound Technician  
700 Pine St. Chattanooga, TN 37402   [secondpreschattanooga.org](http://secondpreschattanooga.org)   423.266.2828