

**First Presbyterian Church**  
Kingsford, Michigan  
Rev. Michael March, Pastor

Sermon Text: Luke 3:15–22  
Sermon

Pg. 858, Pew Bible

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 9, 2022

Greeting: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

Announcements

Opening Prayer

Prelude

\*Praise Medley

--Insert

\*Prayer of Confession:

**God, you call us to lead the way in building the world into a community of love; but we exclude those who are not like us and reject those who think differently. In baptism you claim us as your beloved in spite of our sins, but we turn your free invitation into a test of worthiness when it comes to others. You shower us with love before we do anything to deserve it, but we love sparingly and only those we think worthy. Help us, Father. We are your children. Help us to act like it, for Christ's sake.**

\*Assurance of God's Pardon

**\*Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.  
He who on the cross as Savior for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.**

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Prayer for Illumination

--Linda Smith

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 43:1–7

Pg. 603, Pew Bible

Responsive Reading: Psalm 29

Pg. 461, Pew Bible

Anthem: *Sleep, Sweet Jesus, Sleep*

--Boyd Thomas

\*Hymn: *Amazing Love*

No. 351

\*Creed: The Heidelberg Catechism of 1563 (Q. 69 & 70)

L: How does holy Baptism remind and assure you that the one sacrifice of Christ on the cross avails for you?

**P: In this way: Christ has instituted this external washing with water and by it has promised that I am as certainly washed with his blood and Spirit from the uncleanness of my soul and from all my sins, as I am washed externally with water which is used to remove the dirt from my body.**

L: What does it mean to be washed with the blood and Spirit of Christ?

**P: It means to have the forgiveness of sins from God, through grace, for the sake of Christ's blood which he shed for us in his sacrifice on the cross, and also to be renewed by the Holy Spirit and sanctified as members of Christ, so that we may more and more die unto sin and live in a consecrated and blameless way.**

\*INTERCESSIONS & PRAYER CONCERNS:

David Carlson, Mary Rushford, Alan Wall, Karyn Daft

\*Lord's Prayer:

**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.**

\*Benediction

\*Response: *Freely, Freely*

No. 436

\*Those who are able, please stand.

## CHURCH NOTES

- Today:** 6:00p.m. Sr. High Youth Group  
**Monday:** 5:00p.m. Soup Kitchen (*drive-thru*)  
5:30p.m. Session  
**Tuesday:** 10:00a.m. and 5:15p.m. Bible Study  
11:30a.m. High School Pizza Lunch  
1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry  
**Wednesday:** 3:30p.m. KID'S CLUB  
3:30p.m. 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group  
6:30p.m. Adult Choir (*Fellowship Hall*)  
**Thursday:** 9:30a.m. Sit, Chat, Finish That  
4:00p.m. Jr. High Youth Group  
**Saturday:** 4:00p.m. Worship Service

**The Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held following the 9:00a.m. worship service on Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Business to be conducted includes: electing elders, deacons, and members of the 2022 nominating committee; renewing the Pastor's terms of call; and reviewing the Annual Report and the 2022 budget.

## I LOVE TO PRAISE HIM

I love to praise him, I love to praise him;  
I love to praise him and lift up his holy name.  
Singing hallelujah, singing hallelujah,  
singing hallelujah unto Jesus, my Lord;  
We exalt him on high.

O I love to praise him, I love to praise him;  
I love to praise him and lift up his holy name,  
and lift up his holy name.

## UNTO THEE, O LORD

Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.  
Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.  
O my God, I trust in Thee;  
Let me not be ashamed,  
let not my enemies triumph over me.

## DRAW ME CLOSE

Draw me close to you. Never let me go.  
I lay it all down again, to hear you say that I'm your friend.  
You are my desire. No one else will do.  
'Cause nothing else could take your place,  
To feel the warmth of your embrace.  
Help me find the way. Bring me back to you.

*Chorus:*

You're all I want. You're all I've ever needed.  
You're all I want. Help me know you are near.  
(repeat)

