

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsford, Michigan
Rev. Michael March, Pastor

2ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

January 8, 2023

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

Response: And also with you.

Announcements / Opening Prayer

Prelude

*Praise Medley

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*Prayer of Confession:

We come as your baptized believers, O God, confessing our sins. You set us apart as water is poured over us, yet our behavior in faith does not match our unique status as your chosen ones. Forgive us when your Spirit comes to empower us to new life, yet we continue to live in our old ways. Have mercy on us, and in your love renew us and send us again. Teach us to drink deeply from the wellspring of your Holy Spirit that we might serve you in Jesus' name.

*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

Children's Message (Sunday)

Prayer for Illumination (Saturday)

--Lorrie Vross

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--Christine Sericati

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

Pg. 602, Pew Bible

Responsive Reading: Psalm 29

Pg. 461 Pew Bible

Anthem (Saturday)

Choral Anthem (Sunday)

Sermon Text: Matthew 3:13-17

Pg. 808, Pew Bible

Sermon

*Hymn: *Baptized in Water*

No. 465

*Creed: *The Second Helvetic Confession*

There is but one baptism in the Church of God; and it is sufficient to be once baptized or consecrated unto God. For baptism once received continues for all of life, and is a perpetual sealing of our adoption...Baptism, therefore, calls to mind and renews the great favor God has shown to the race of mortal men. For we are all born in the pollution of sin and are the children of wrath. But God, who is rich in mercy, freely cleanses us from our sins by the blood of his Son, and in him adopts us to be his sons, and by a holy covenant joins us to himself, and enriches us with various gifts, that we might live a new life. All these things are assured by baptism.

The Offering (Sunday)

*Doxology (Sunday):

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*INTERCESSIONS & PRAYER CONCERNS:

Mark Kaad, Harvey Johnson, Darlene Duff, Tobias Cook, Karen Daft, Pat Quick, Sara Miller; for the right person to answer the call to be our Youth Pastor

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.

*Hymn: *Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine*

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*Benediction

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

CHURCH NOTES

- Monday:** 3:30p.m. Prayer in the Chapel
5:00p.m. Soup Kitchen (*drive-thru only*)
- Tuesday:** 10:00a.m. and 5:15p.m. Bible Study
1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry
- Wednesday:** 3:30p.m. KID'S CLUB
3:30p.m. 5th/6th Youth Group
6:00p.m. Senior High Youth Group
6:30p.m. Adult Choir
- Thursday:** 9:30a.m. Sit, Chat, Finish That
6:00p.m. 789 Youth Group
- Saturday:** 4:00p.m. Worship

Everyone is invited to a Martin Luther King Day Celebration next Sunday, January 15th, at Trinity United Methodist Church, 808 Carpenter Ave. from 3:00p.m.- 4:00p.m. There will be music, readings, prayers, video clips and personal stories. Music will be provided by our Praise Band. Afterward a free homemade meal will be served. No reservations needed! This event is sponsored by the local CRU, "Christians for Racial Understanding" and you can get more information at northwoodscru@yahoo.com.

Soup Kitchen: Cookies Needed!

Our freezer is empty of cookies and we serve approximately 16 dozen every Monday. If you are in a baking mood, please consider donating any amount of cookies or if you'd like to join the baking group that is forming to come in and make cookies on a regular basis, call Patti at 396-6951 or call the office. There are sign-up sheets on the table in the Fireside Room to donate cookies or to join the baking group.

The per capita for 2023 is \$39.

Ushers: Jeff, Audrey, Aksel, and Samson Hutchinson