

BAPTISM OF THE LORD



THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 13, 2019
10:45 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church
Bryan, Texas

GATHERING

GREETINGS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND MEMBERSHIP

(Please take a moment to sign the fellowship folder and pass it to your neighbor. If you are seeking a church home, please read the announcement in the insert related to Christian discipleship & church membership.)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Pure in Heart

Franklin Ritter

OPENING SENTENCES AND PRAYER OF PRAISE

adapted from Psalm 29

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

May the LORD give strength to his people!

May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Lord God, through community with Jesus and the Holy Spirit, you offer light and hope to people who have lived in fear and darkness. You have called us your beloved children, just as you called your Son Jesus beloved. Today we worship you and celebrate these gifts of light, hope and community. Allow us to feel your love in our hearts today. Remind us you have claimed us, as You did our Lord Jesus, in the waters and Spirit of baptism that we may share with Him. Amen.

* CALL TO CONFESSION, PRAYER OF CONFESSION, ASSURANCE OF PARDON, AND JOYFUL RESPONSE

Let us be still before the Lord. Rest quietly in his presence. And listen. *(Pause)* Together we say,

Let us bring before you Lord the words that may have hurt and all those left unsaid; the anger we have felt and resentment we have fed.

Let us be still before the Lord. Rest quietly in his presence. And listen. *(Pause)* Together we say,

Let us bring before you Lord, our fear of what people think of us. Our fear that what you ask of us, will be the tasks too big for us.

Let us be still before the Lord. Rest quietly in his presence. And listen. *(Pause)* Together we say,

Let us stand before you Lord, Unsure of what good it does to come to church. Wondering what we can do for a world waiting for justice. Really? Just us?

Let us be still before the Lord. Rest quietly in his presence. And listen. *(Pause)* Together we say,

Let us bring our sinfulness to the cleansing waters of your forgiveness Lord, that having washed, we might know refreshment and release.

God never gives up on any “beloved child.” In the real world of celebration and tragedy, nothing can separate us from God’s love. Let us be still before the Lord. Rest quietly in his presence. And listen. In Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

* HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 581

Glory Be to The Father

GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO

Come to Jesus

Chris Rice

Weak and wounded sinner lost and left to die. O, raise your head, for love is passing by. Come to Jesus, come to Jesus and live! Now your burden's lifted and carried far away and precious blood has washed away the stain, so sing to Jesus, sing to Jesus and live! And like a newborn baby don't be afraid to crawl, and remember when you walk, sometimes we fall, so fall on Jesus, fall on Jesus and live! Sometimes the way is lonely and steep and filled with pain. So if your sky is dark and pours the rain, then cry to Jesus, cry to Jesus and live! O, and when the love spills over and music fills the night, and when you can't contain your joy inside, then dance for Jesus, dance for Jesus and live! And with your final heartbeat, kiss the world goodbye, then go in peace, and laugh on Glory's side, and fly to Jesus, fly to Jesus and live!

* HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 606

Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE WORD

YOUNG DISCIPLES' TIME

(Child care is available as early as 9:20am for infants in Room 108. While children are encouraged to remain for the entire worship service, parents may take toddlers and preschoolers to Room 103 of the 31st St. hallway for supervised activities during the remainder of the worship service. Pagers are available.)

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\* Please stand in body or spirit.

Text in **bold face type** is to be read by all.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

Pew Bible, O. T., p. 672

Luke 3:15-22

Pew Bible, N. T., p. 60

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL PROCLAMATION

The River

PRAYERS OF SACRED REMEMBERING AND CONSECRATION, AND THE 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.**

\* STATEMENT OF FAITH

*from A Brief Statement of Faith*

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

## SENDING

\* HYMN No. 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

AR HYDY NOS

\* CHARGE AND BLESSING

from John August Swanson's description of The River

Some of our rituals look ordinary and some are special celebrations, but each is integral to who we are and they connect us to our ancestors and descendants.

**May our baptisms remind us to walk out the door today and keep growing in understanding and compassion for all people, and to see our common source. Hallelujah. Amen.**

\* POSTLUDE

Blest Be The Tie That Binds

arr. Franklin Ritter

*(For text, see Hymn No. 306.)*

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It is our pleasure to welcome to the pulpit The Rev. Amy Klinkovsky, a full-time communications professional, PC (USA) minister, and director of United Campus Ministries in Aggieland.

**LARGE PRINT HYMN BINDERS** are available at each entrance to the sanctuary.

**ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES** are available in the narthex. Please help yourself or ask an usher for assistance.



# A WARM WELCOME!

*We are delighted to have you worship with us today.*

## WORSHIP NOTES

### GUEST PREACHER

Rev. Amy Klinkovsky

### LITURGIST

Lois Basenfelder

### USHER CAPTAINS

Kim Miller  
Andrew Weichert

### USHERS

Cheryl Moreno  
Nancy Self  
Beth Pennebaker

### MUSICIANS

Kathrine MacNeil, *organist*  
Michelle Lassiter, *pianist*  
David Kipp,  
*Director of Music Ministries*

### COVER ART

"The River"  
by John August Swanson

### LITURGICAL BANNERS

Pulpit side: Cross  
Organ side: Fish

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## THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### BAPTISM OF THE LORD, JANUARY 13

9:20am Sunday Church School-VC \*  
10:45am Worship-S \*  
12:00pm Young Adults Fellowship & Lunch-Razoo's, College Station  
6:00pm Circle VII-P  
6:00pm Youth (GR 7-12) Fellowship-CCF/403

### MONDAY, JANUARY 14

7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 976-FH

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

9:30am Circle V-P  
10:15am Staff Meeting-L  
5:30pm The Bryan Group of AA-13  
6:00pm Associate Pastor Nominating Committee-8  
6:00pm Small Group Bible Study (child care available upon request)-304  
7:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal-BR

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

11:30am Church Ladies Lunch & Fellowship-  
Embassy Suites Restaurant,  
The Saber, 201 University Dr E, CS  
3:30pm Prayer Partners | CareTeam-L  
6:00pm Chancel Choir New Year Party/Rehearsal-  
Home of David Kipp, 909 Crooked Stick, CS  
6:00pm Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner-Carino's, College Station

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

7:15pm Mad Dogs Women's AA Meeting-13

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

### 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY, JANUARY 20

9:20am Sunday Church School-VC \*  
10:45am Worship-S \*  
12:00pm NEWSLETTER DEADLINE  
12:00pm Young Adults Fellowship & Lunch-  
Taqueria del Sol De Mexico, Bryan  
5:00pm Concerts on Carter Creek: Fandango!-S\*  
6:30pm Mission Committee-13

**The First Presbyterian Church of Bryan, Texas, invites YOU  
to join its 2019 Peru Mission Trip – May 17-27, 2019**



*2018 Peru Medical Mission Team and Peruvian Partners*

**Where is the 2019 Mission Team going?**

Team members will fly from Houston to Lima Peru, proceed to the ancient Andean capital of Cuzco and travel by private bus to their home base in the rain forest city of Quillabamba (“The land of perpetual summer”).

**What will Mission Team members do?**

- Medical professionals: triage, medical assessments, delivery of services;
- Assist with the delivery of health & wellness workshops;
- Assist with fitting reading glasses and VBS activities art, music, puppets, sports activities for children;
- Spanish speaking team members can help with translation in any and all areas of the mission effort.

**Who can participate?**

Individuals 18 years + who enjoy good health, have a servant’s heart, a spirit for adventure and desire to experience new cultures.

**What will it cost to go on this mission trip? Approx. \$1,450**

- FPC Bryan will cover: in-country meals, lodging and transportation by Air and private bus (\$850)
- Church members are responsible for:
  - \$250 registration fee to be submitted with the application;
  - Round-trip airfare between Houston and Lima Peru (approx. \$800-\$1,200)  
*(trip insurance is highly recommended);*
  - Passports, required/recommended vaccinations, medications/ personal purchases & side trips that may be taken after the mission work is completed are the responsibility of each participant and emergency medical procedures.

**For more information contact Peru Mission Coordinator Trish Burk,  
(979) 220-4955 or [pagburk@suddenlink.net](mailto:pagburk@suddenlink.net)**

**Applications are on available at  
<https://www.fpcbryan.org/mission-outreach>  
and due by January 22, 2019**

**CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP.** Worship clipboards with lectionary related activity sheets are available on the tables in the Narthex and also the hallway leading to the office. For those younger than 5, a loving childcare staff is available in the nursery. A pager system is provided to keep you in touch, should you be needed during the service. If you are unfamiliar with our building and need assistance, an usher will be pleased to help you. Also, two rocking chairs are located in the narthex, where the worship service can be heard via a ceiling speaker.

**NEW MEMBERS** may be received any Sunday by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith, or transfer of membership. If you feel led to inquire about becoming a church member or deepening your commitment as a disciple of Jesus Christ, please indicate your desire on the fellowship folder. You may also call the church (979.823.8073) or email Pastor Ted Foote ([tfoote@fpcbryan.org](mailto:tfoote@fpcbryan.org)). He will be glad to arrange a mutually convenient Sunday when you can be received by the Elders and introduced to the congregation.

### **NOMINATE A “VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR”**

Today is the deadline to nominate a “Volunteer of the Year” for 2018. Previous recipients included JACK CURRIE, MICHAEL WESP, DIANE NORMAN, JOHN HALSELL, KATHRYN NACHLINGER, KATHRINE MACNEIL, CHERYL MORENO, PROPERTY COMMITTEE, CHANCEL & HANDBELL CHOIRS, KATHY BURDETT, and ALLYN JORDAN. If you know an individual who has served the church well in 2018, submit your nomination with a brief narrative supporting your nomination **TODAY** to Karen Berg, [office@fpcbryan.org](mailto:office@fpcbryan.org).

### **MISSION OPPORTUNITY**

**GIFTS FOR THE BRAZOS CHURCH PANTRY.** The first Sunday of each month is “Stock the Pantry” Sunday when FPC-Bryan’s Mission Committee invites the congregation to recognize the needs of others in the community with donations to the Brazos Church Pantry. **Throughout the month of January 2019, the committee is emphasizing diapers for infants and adults.** *The Pantry truly appreciates your generous gifts.*

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

On Sunday, January 20, the sermon by The Rev. George Klett, *Parish Associate*, is titled **On Being a Part of the Body of Christ**. In preparation for worship, you are invited to read **Acts 10:34-35 and 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**.

**CONCERTS ON CARTER CREEK.** All are invited to our sanctuary on Sunday, January 20, at 5:00pm. Concerts on Carter Creek presents **FANDANGO!** — a toe-tappingly spicy mix of Latin, Spanish, Sephardic, Balkan, and classical sounds founded by four multi-award-winning, globe-trotting virtuosi who hail from Spain, the USA, former Yugoslavia, and the UK. **Eugenia Moliner**, *flute*, **Desirée Ruhstrat**, *violin*, **Denis Azabagic**, *guitar*, and **David Cunliffe**, *cello* have played, separately and together, in the world’s most prestigious concert halls and festivals. This concert is free. Child care is provided. A reception follows the concert. **HOSPITALITY OPPORTUNITY!** For the reception, Cheryl Page is looking for volunteers to bring light refreshments (cookies, cheese/crackers, nuts, etc.), and to help set up and/or clean up. To give Cheryl a helping hand, contact her at 979.219.1505 or [capage1952@gmail.com](mailto:capage1952@gmail.com).

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The deadline for the next issue of our newsletter, The Chimes (incl. the February Calendar), is **NOON** on **SUNDAY, JANUARY 20**. This issue will cover news and events January 31 to February 13.

For the newsletter, announcements, upcoming bulletins, and updates, visit the church website: [www.fpcbryan.org](http://www.fpcbryan.org).

Stay connected with others in this community of faith at **CHURCH UPDATES**, FPC-Bryan’s online tool for church-related announcements, needs, and prayers. Login and create your password-protected account at <https://fpcbtx.churchupdates.org/login>.