



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

Sunday, January 12, 2025
Baptism of the Lord
10:00 A.M.

Prelude

Baptized in Water

arr. Rudy Davenport

***Call to Worship**

Leader: God anointed Christ to console the afflicted.

People: Come, let us worship the Lord our Comforter!

Leader: God anointed Christ to emancipate the burdened.

People: Come, let us worship the Lord our liberator!

Leader: God anointed Christ to bind up the wounded.

People: Come, let us worship the Lord our healer!

Leader: God anointed Christ to deliver the troubled.

People: Come, let us worship the Lord our Savior!

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you!

People: ...and also with you.

***Processional Hymn 482**

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

Welcome and Announcements

*Indicates that the congregation will please rise, in body or in spirit.

Call to Offering

Offertory

Sanctuary Prayer

Franklin Ritter

***Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn 480**

Take Me to the Water

TAKE ME TO THE WATER

(sing 1st verse two times, 1st time - choir, 2nd time - congregation)

***Benediction**

Postlude

Postlude on ABERYSTWYTH

arr. Lani Smith

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Today's worship leaders are Rev. Kathleen Edwards Chase
and Rev. Thomas A. Brown.

Our ushers this morning are Carolyn Smith, Verna Mecadon,
Doug Haislip, and Mike Kmiecik.

Our tabulators and processor are Ric and Carrie Butler.

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for their technical assistance this morning.

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: January 13 - 18, 2025

Monday

9:30 am Next Act Brunch, off-site

7:00 pm Session, Halldorson Hall
Boy Scouts, Mulford Hall

Tuesday

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Halldorson Hall

Wednesday

9:30 am Bible Study, Theos Room

6:00 pm Dinner Church, Mulford Hall

Thursday

6:45 pm Sanctuary Ringers, Bell Room

7:45 pm Chancel Choir, Choir Room

NEXT SUNDAY, January 19, 2025

10:00 am **Worship, Sanctuary;** Nursery Care, A-9

10:15 am Church School & Breakfast Club

11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship, Mulford Hall

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Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

Leader: Today, in each other's presence, we come to the waters to renew our commitments to Christ who has raised us, the Spirit who has birthed us, and the Creator who is making all things new.

People: *In so doing, we reject the evil powers of this world and repent of our sin in order that we might proclaim the good news and live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, serving one another as his representatives in the world.*

***The Apostles' Creed (in unison)**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer and Scripture

Following the prayer and reading, all who are baptized and have renewed their vows are invited to come forward via the center aisle. You may dip your fingers in the water as a sign of renewal before receiving a stone from one of the ministers and returning to your pew via a side aisle.

Leader: Now, remember your baptism as you go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that Christ has commanded you.

People: *May God's Spirit flow through us to bless the world.*

Leader: And remember that God's promise goes before you. For thus says the Lord, "I am with you always, to the end of the age."

People: *Thanks be to God! Amen.*

Baptized in Water



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



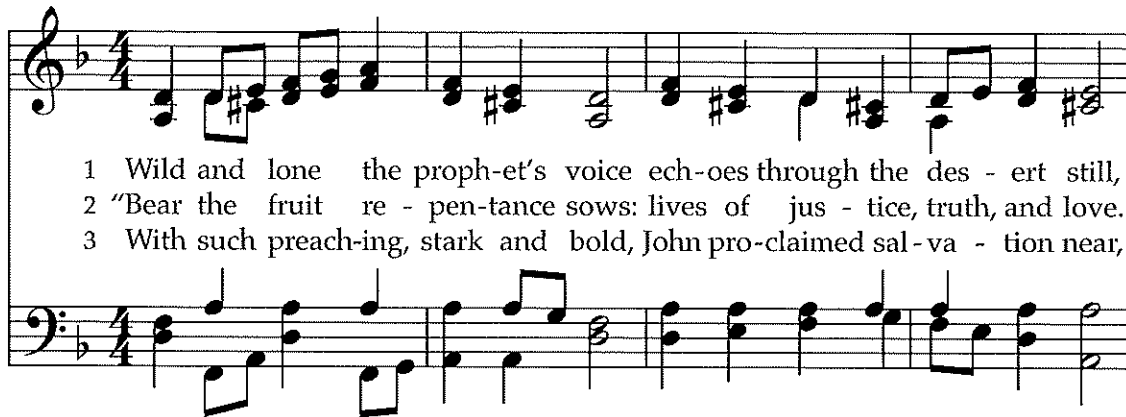
blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing the
 tomb with Christ our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
 sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's



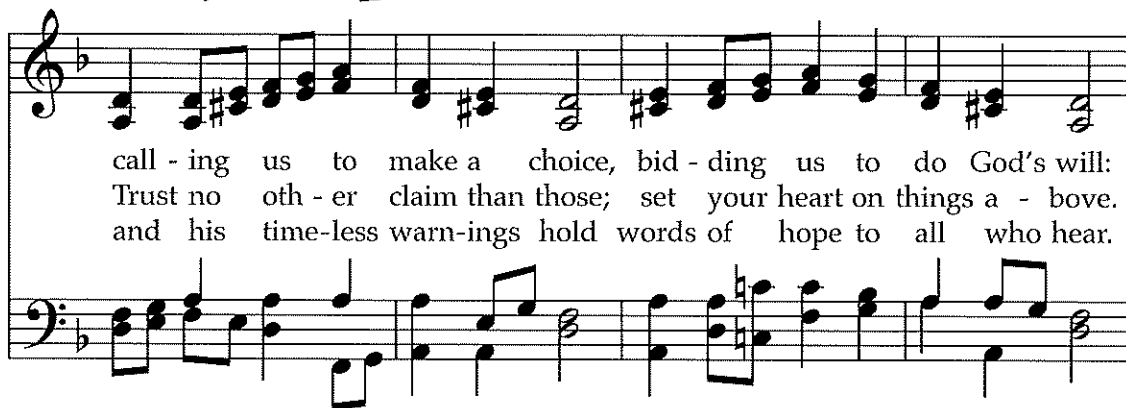
prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

Each stanza of this compact and carefully constructed text about baptism begins with allusions to John 3:5 and Ephesians 1:13. The interplay of constant and changing lines accentuates each added image. It is set here to a Gaelic tune first transcribed in the 19th century.

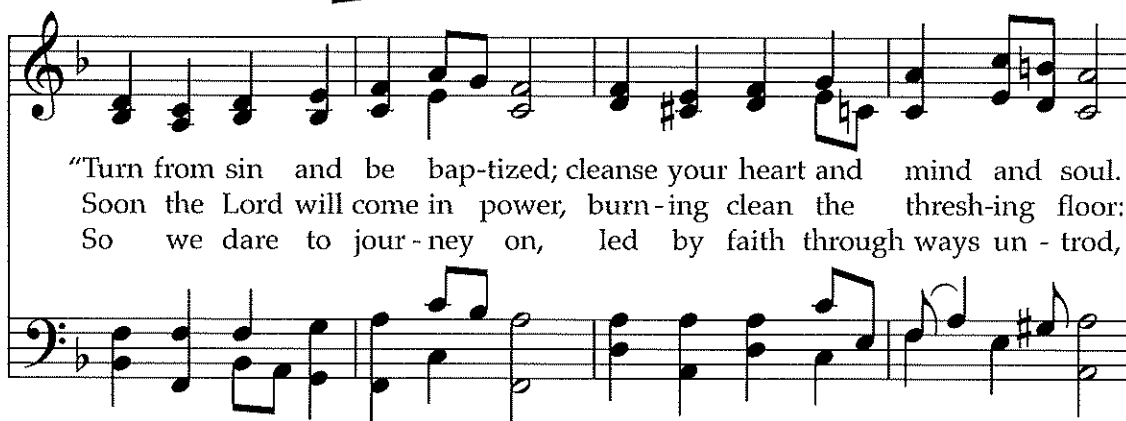
163 Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice



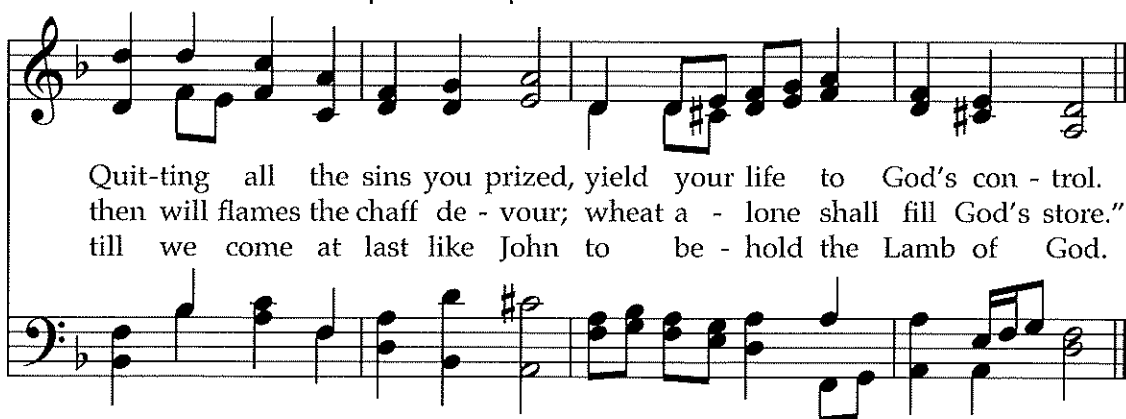
1 Wild and lone the proph-et's voice ech-oes through the des - ert still,
 2 "Bear the fruit re - pen-tance sows: lives of jus - tice, truth, and love.
 3 With such preach-ing, stark and bold, John pro-claimed sal - va - tion near,



call - ing us to make a choice, bid - ding us to do God's will:
 Trust no oth - er claim than those; set your heart on things a - bove.
 and his time-less warn-ings hold words of hope to all who hear.



"Turn from sin and be bap-tized; cleanse your heart and mind and soul.
 Soon the Lord will come in power, burn-ing clean the thresh-ing floor:
 So we dare to jour-ney on, led by faith through ways un - trod,



Quit-ting all the sins you prized, yield your life to God's con - trol.
 then will flames the chaff de - vour; wheat a - lone shall fill God's store."
 till we come at last like John to be - hold the Lamb of God.

While all four gospels identify John the Baptist with the prophecy of Isaiah 40:3, this text (well set to a vigorous Welsh tune) draws on the report of his preaching in Matthew 3:1-12. The final lines recall that he was the first to name Jesus "the Lamb of God" (John 1:29, 36).

480 Take Me to the Water

1 Take me to the wa - ter. Take me to the wa -
 2 I love Je - sus. I love Je -
 3 He's my Sav - ior. He's my Sav -
 4 Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah. Glo - ry hal - le - lu -

ter. Take me to the wa - ter to be bap - tized.
 sus. I love Je - sus, yes, I do.
 ior. He's my Sav - ior, yes, he is.
 jah. Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah to be bap - tized.

This African American spiritual sums up the commitment of a candidate for baptism: the request for the rite, an expression of motivation, and a succinct affirmation of faith. The widening melodic lines build anticipation and give weight to the final phrase of each stanza.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 12, 2025

We are delighted you've chosen to worship with us today. Please let an usher or the minister know if we can assist you in any way. Our Sanctuary is equipped with an induction loop system for those with hearing difficulties.

TODAY AT CHURCH

9:15 & 11:00 am	Confirmation Class, Youth Suite
10:00 am	Worship, Sanctuary; Nursery Care, A-9
10:15 am	Church School & Breakfast Club
11:00 am	Coffee & Fellowship, Mulford Hall
11:30 am	New Elder Training, Halldorson Hall



CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and with thanksgiving for all the PCCT staff did to make it a wonderful Christmas season!
Lissa and Ian MacCallum

WELCOME BACK

This morning we welcome Rev. Kathleen Edwards Chase back to our pulpit.

DINNER CHURCH: Wednesday, January 15, 6:00 – 7:15 pm in Mulford Hall

Join us for an informal, all-ages dinner and worship service focused on the theme: "Turn the Page – Worship to Begin a New Year." We'll be considering God's work in our midst to bring renewal and hope to a weary world. Participants will have an opportunity to share their hopes and dreams for the year ahead and each will receive a "Star Word." Please RSVP using the link on our website and eblasts or on the board in the Upper Lobby.

WOMEN'S EVENING FELLOWSHIP MILESTONES: Tuesday, January 21 at 7:00 pm

Please join other PCCT midlife moms for our next "Milestones, embracing grace in the middle place" evening of fellowship. We'll gather on Tuesday, January 21 at Meghan Hess's home. We'll be discussing Angels, God's Secret Agents by Billy Graham. You can RSVP to Stacy McCann at swmccann@optonline.net if you plan to attend and to find out more about the group.

COMMUNITY FOODBANK OF NJ: Saturday, January 25, 9:00 – 11:00 am

Sign up to help at the Community FoodBank in Hillside. Volunteers ages 12 and up help sort and repackage food for distribution. Advance sign up is required. Contact Joslin Ruffle for more information.

ANNUAL MEETING & WINTER BREAKFAST: Sunday, January 26, in Mulford Hall

Please join us for our Winter Breakfast and the Annual Meeting in Mulford Hall following worship on Sunday, January 26. Your attendance is important as we vote on Nominating Committee recommendations for Elders and Deacons, and the Terms of Call for the Pastor. We'll also review the 2025 Budget as approved by the Session and the Annual Financial Reports from 2024.

LYRICA: Sunday, January 26, 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Acclaimed pianist Inna Faliks performs a solo recital of Brahms and Schoenberg. Please stay after the concert for a reception in Halldorson Hall and an opportunity to meet the artists. Complimentary tickets are available for church members - please call the office to reserve a ticket.

FELLOWSHIP DROP-IN EVENT

Friday, February 7, 6:00 pm at Untied Brewing Company in New Providence

Start off the New Year spending a casual evening with PCCT friends. This will be a "drop-in" event - no RSVP required. BYOF (Bring Your Own Food. Outside alcohol not permitted.) Friends are invited! For questions, contact Rob Eisenhardt at rob.eisenhardt@gmail.com. The brewing company is located at 140 Spring Street Unit C in New Providence.

FLOWER MINISTRY: Many dates are open!

Thank you to everyone who dedicates flowers each Sunday. Your continued support allows us to continue the care and connection of the Deacons' flower ministry by delivering flowers to members of our congregation as a sign of appreciation, celebration, or concern on behalf of the church. To place a dedication for 2025, you can sign up on the board in the Upper Lobby or on our website (click on the "News" tab). If you have any questions, please contact Gloria in the church office at 973-635-2340.