



First Presbyterian Church of Ridgewood NJ

We are a welcoming community formed in Christ, committed to sharing his love with others – with feet that carry us out into the world, with hands that serve, and with hearts in fellowship and faith.
– First Presbyterian Church Mission Statement, adopted October 2018



THE SECOND SUNDAY *after* EPIPHANY SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025

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PRELUDE

Siyahambe – John A. Behnke
We are Marching in the Light of God.
Don Dexter, African Drum Djembe
Linda Sweetman Waters, Organ

WELCOME *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ Rev. Bruce Ballantine

CALL *to* WORSHIP

O come, let us sing to the Lord
and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!
**Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,
singing joyful songs of praise.**

*HYMN 464 - *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

PRAYER *of* CONFESSION

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE *of* FORGIVENESS

*HYMN 579 – *Gloria Patri*

*PASSING *of the* PEACE

ANTHEM

All My Trials - arr. Norman Lubloff
The Chancel Choir
Dr. Edward Schmiedecke, Director

If religion was a thing that money could buy, the rich would live and the poor would die. All my trials, Lord, soon be over. Too late, my brothers. Too late, but never mind. All my trials, Lord, soon be over. Now hush, little baby, don't you cry. You know that man is born to die. All my trials, Lord, soon be over. Too late, my brothers. Too late, but never mind. All my trials, Lord, soon be over. All my trials, Lord, soon be over.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MaryEllen Castaldo, Director of Children & Family Ministries
Following the Children's Message, children and youth are invited to attend Sunday School.

PSALTER READING ~ Paul Eliya
Psalm 36:5-10

GOSPEL READING ~ Paul Eliya
John 2:1-11

SERMON
God of Grace, God of Glory – Rev. Bruce Ballantine

PRAYERS *of the* PEOPLE *and* THE LORD'S PRAYER

As God's people, called to love one another, let us pray for the needs of the church,
the whole human family, and all the world, saying:

Hear our prayer.

That churches of all traditions, may discover their unity in Christ
and exercise their gifts in service of all,
we pray to you, O God:

Hear our prayer.

That the earth may be freed from war, famine, and disease,
and the air, soil, and waters cleansed of poison, we pray to you, O God:

Hear our prayer.

That those who govern and maintain peace in every land may exercise their powers
in obedience to your commands, we pray to you, O God:

Hear our prayer.

That you will strengthen this nation to pursue just priorities so that the races may be reconciled;
the young, educated; and the old, cared for; the hungry, filled;
the homeless, housed; and the sick, comforted and healed,
we pray to you, O God:

Hear our prayer.

That you will preserve all who live and work in our communities in peace and safety,
we pray to you, O God:

Hear our prayer.

That you will comfort and empower those who face any difficulty or trial:
the sick, the disabled, the poor, the oppressed, those who grieve and those in prison,
we pray to you, O God:

Hear our prayer.

That you will accept our thanksgiving for all faithful servants of Christ now at rest,
who, with us, await a new heaven and a new earth, your everlasting kingdom, we pray to you, O God:

Hear our prayer.

Merciful God, as a potter fashions a vessel from humble clay,
you form us into a new creation.

Shape us, day by day, through the cross of Christ your Son,
until we pray as continually as we breathe and all our acts are prayer;
through Jesus Christ and in the mystery of the Holy Spirit, we pray.

And now we are bold to pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.



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CALL to OFFERING

You may make your offering via Tithe.ly,
place an offering in the plate as it is passed,
or mail a check to the church office. Thank you!



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OFFERTORY SOLO

Prayer from Genius Child – Ricky Ian Gordon

Josh LeRose, Tenor

*I ask You this: Which way to go? I ask You this: Which sin to bear?
Which crown to put upon my hair? I do not know, Lord God, I do not know.*

*DOXOLOGY – Hymn 592

*PRAYER of DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT of BAPTISM

*HYMN 498 - *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

All You Works of God, Bless the Lord – arr. John A. Behnke
Don Dexter, African Drum Djembe | Linda Sweetman Waters, Organ

*Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism today is Kira Melania Mashliakevych, daughter of Ivan and
Kateryna Mashliakevych, and little sister to Yan. We rejoice with Kira on this significant day in her
life.*

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Chancel flowers are given by Dennis Yachechak in honor and memory of his mother, Lucy Yachechak.

*Please stand if you are able.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

for SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025

PSALTER READING

Psalm 36:5-10

⁵Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. ⁶Your
righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgements are like the great deep; you save humans
and animals alike, O Lord. ⁷How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in
the shadow of your wings. ⁸They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from
the river of your delights. ⁹For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we seelight. ¹⁰O continue
your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!

GOSPEL READING

John 2:1-11

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and
his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to
him, 'They have no wine.' ⁴And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My
hour has not yet come.' ⁵His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' ⁶Now standing
there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷
Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, 'Now
draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that
had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water
knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and
then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' ¹¹
Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed
in him.

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7 D

Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.

Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824
Adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867); alt.

1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2. All Thy works with joy sur - round Thee, Earth and heaven re - flect Thy rays,
3. Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus Which the morn - ing stars be - gan;

Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore Thee, Open - ing to the sun a - bove.
Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us, Join - ing all in heav - en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; Drive the gloom of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flower - y mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - joice in Thee.
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life.

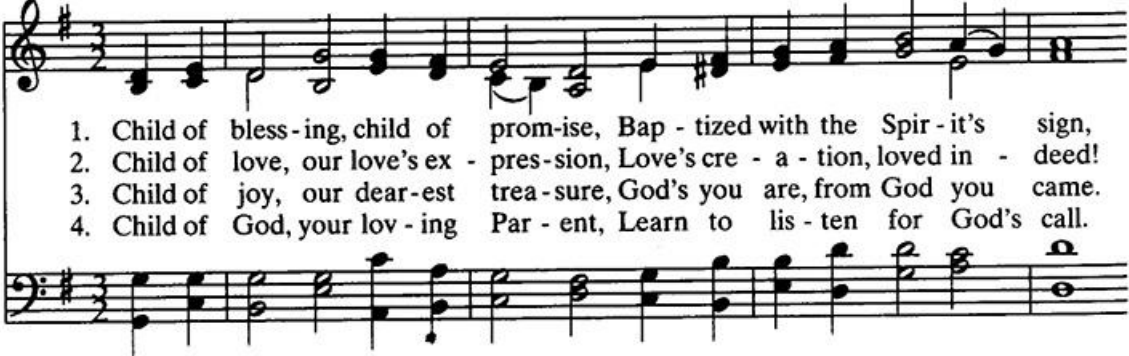
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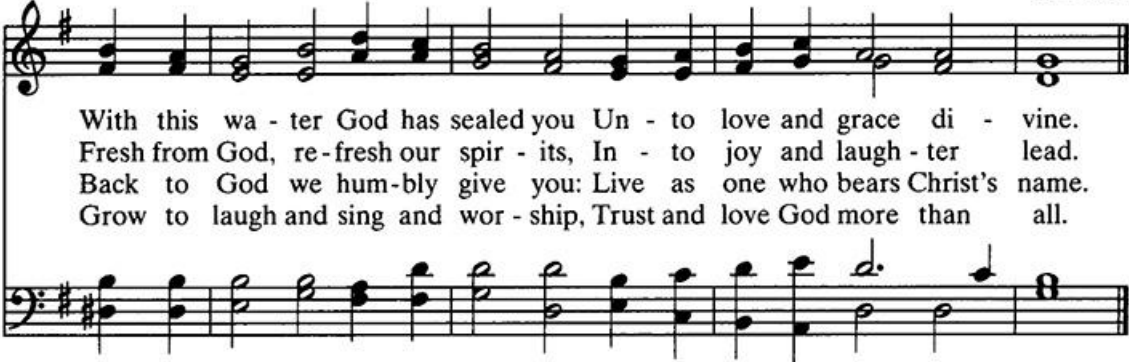
Ronald S. Cole-Turner, 1980

KINGDOM 8.7.8.7

V. Earle Copes, 1959



1. Child of bless - ing, child of prom - ise, Bap - tized with the Spir - it's sign,
2. Child of love, our love's ex - pres - sion, Love's cre - a - tion, loved in - deed!
3. Child of joy, our dear - est trea - sure, God's you are, from God you came.
4. Child of God, your lov - ing Par - ent, Learn to lis - ten for God's call.



With this wa - ter God has sealed you Un - to love and grace di - vine.
Fresh from God, re - fresh our spir - its, In - to joy and laugh - ter lead.
Back to God we hum - bly give you: Live as one who bears Christ's name.
Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, Trust and love God more than all.

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