



Second Congregational UCC/First Presbyterian Church PC(USA)
Energizing downtown Rockford and beyond with God's grace

Baptism of the Lord
Order of Worship

January 12, 2025
10:00 am

**= please rise, whether in body or in spirit*

No matter where you are on life's journey, no matter who you are, where you are from, whatever doubts and joys you bring, no matter who you love you are and always will be welcome here to worship at SecondFirst Church!

PRELUDE

"Prelude Modal"

J. Langlais

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

Becky Erbe

CALL TO WORSHIP♦

Leader: The heavens open. The Spirit descends.

All: Jesus emerges from the water.

Leader: And a voice echoes through the blue expanse.

All: "This is my child, the Beloved, with whom I am well-pleased."

Leader: Jesus is named. Claimed.

All: We come to the water. We remember we are named. Claimed.

Leader: Can it be so? What a thing to be named. Claimed.

All: Let us worship the one who names and claims us still.

HYMN #35 vs. 1-3

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

LOBE DEN HERREN

CONFESSION OF FAITH; Baptism of Jesus

Leader: I believe in God who speaks through the prophets and lifts our gaze up to high and beautiful paths and peaks.

All: I believe in Christ Jesus, free of corruption yet willingly numbered among the sinners, baptized in the waters of the Jordan.

Leader: I believe in the Spirit who rested on Jesus like a dove, and who inspired him with such love as the world has not seen before or since.

All: I believe that those who are baptized into Christ shall share his Spirit, his mission and his ultimate victory over sin and death.

Leader: I believe that there is no human ability that cannot be enlarged, and no weakness that cannot be used by Christ to the praise of God.

All: I believe that this believing is a gift from God, not to be used for self-gratification but for the building up of the church and for humble service the world

Leader: I believe in myself as a baptized child of God, the recipient of a healing grace which precedes and supersedes all my efforts to be true.

All: With the help of God, I will attempt to live my belief all the days of my life, and by his grace, dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

One Minute of silent reflection

WORDS OF GRACE

***THE PEACE**

Leader: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen Amen.

EARLY WORD

ANTHEM

“Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized”
Sanctuary Choir

arr. K. Lowenberg

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

LATER WORD

“Playing In Water”

Becky Erbe

HYMN #688 vs. 1-5

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

MORECAMBRE

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Marge Maynard

There are many ways to give of yourself to the church: The obvious, money. You can mail in your offering or click the orange DONATE button top right at secondfirst.org. Text to give is live! Text Give \$__ to 815-335-9911 and follow the instructions. Please send your prayer requests to Pastor Becky: becky.erbe@secondfirst.org.

SONG OF OFFERING

“Living Water of Life”
Sanctuary Choir

D. Lantz III

***DOXOLOGY**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN #547 vs. 1-3

“Go My Children With My Blessing”

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*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“In Thee is Joy”

J.S. Bach

please remain seated for the postlude

◆ written by Caela Wood, Pastor at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Manhattan, Kansas

◆◆ written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on Bruce Prewer’s Home page.

Valerie Blair, organist, pianist, director of music

Hayley Gotzsche, choir director

Bill and Sandy Hoff, greeters

Wes Hegge, sound, video

Tim Riddle, van driver

The flowers on the chancel are given by Sally and Bill Hoff in honor of the recent 12th anniversary of the federation of Second Congregational and First Presbyterian Churches.

Prayer Requests

- Continue prayers for Mary Spindler, Christopher Scharnweber (John Lindblade’s cousin in law), Bob Schwan (Jean Herro’s brother), Bethany Stiltner, Kim Craft, Rick Gallegos, Jean Reese, Joyce Pogue, John Livermore, Jeanne Page, Linda Miller, Jacob Crow (Adrian and Joshua Crow’s nephew), Randy Beeman (Holly Beeman’s brother), Brian and Patty Breuhaus and family (Lenore Lund and John DeWaters Son), Hayden Hallberg, Lenore Lund, Kathy Moton, Ann Stites, Katy Paterson, Sally Baker, Philip and Shirley Davidson.
- And we pray for all those at home and in long-term care facilities, who may not be in worship regularly, but who remain part of our family of faith: Betty Klingensmith, Shirley Anderson, Jeanne Page, Marsha Martin, Billye Vernam, Jan Elliott, Wally Gayle, Charles Rosche.

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CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: At SecondFirst Church we feel it is important for families to worship together. Do not feel that your child must be absolutely quiet and still. We can’t overlook children’s ability to worship even though they wiggle, giggle and drop hymnals. We are glad to have our children in worship! As Christ taught us, “Whoever welcomes one of these children in my name welcomes me.” (Matt. 18:5) For those who prefer, we do offer Sunday school for preschool through elementary school age children. Class meets on the third floor. We also offer childcare which is also on the third floor.

Rock River Valley Pantry needs --- Boxes of cereal, pasta, cans/jars of spaghetti sauce, and/or canned vegetables and fruits. "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." Helen Keller

**Calendar at a Glance
January 12, 2025- January 19, 2025**

<p><u>Sunday, January 12</u> 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School</p> <p><u>Monday, January 13</u> 11:30 AM- Serious Soup 5:30 PM- Deacons/Fellowship</p> <p><u>Tuesday, January 14</u> 7:00 AM – Men’s Prayer Breakfast 9:00 AM - Thrift Shop</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, January 15</u> 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting 6:00 PM- Martin Ringers 6:00 PM- Trustees</p> <p><u>Thursday, January 16</u> 9:30 AM- Carillons 4:30 PM- Delta Capa Gama 5:30 PM- Governing Council 7:00 PM- Choir</p> <p><u>Friday, January 17</u> Office is closed</p>	<p><u>Saturday, January 18</u> No Scheduled Activities</p> <p><u>Sunday, January 19</u> 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School</p>
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