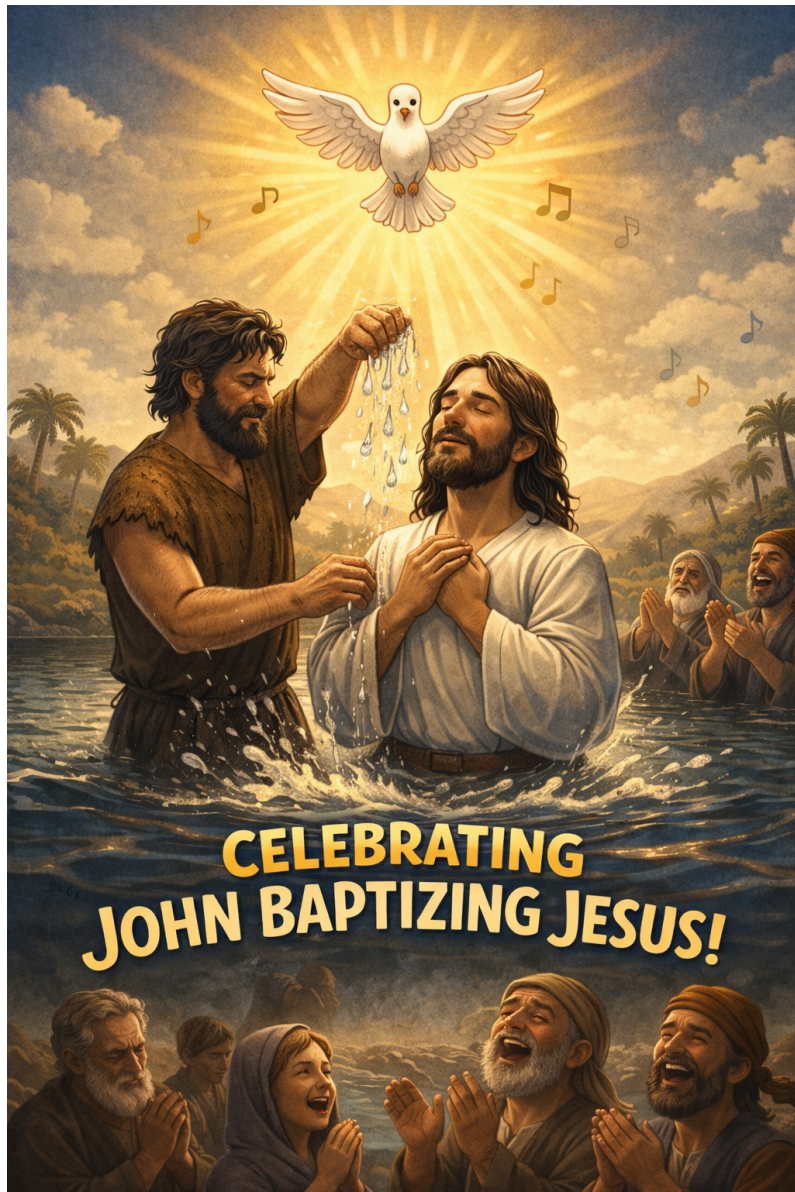


January 11, 2026 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Worship
Baptism of the Lord



**CELEBRATING
JOHN BAPTIZING JESUS!**

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Prelude and Procession *Living Water*, by Michael Shea

Nicki Kearns

Welcome and Announcements

Ron Weaver

Preparation for Worship

Introit

Rain Down, by Jamie Cortez

Choir

Responsive Call to Worship (based on Psalm 29)

Come, let us give God our attention and our praise.

We bring our whole selves—our strength, our hopes, our gratitude.

God's voice moves through the world with power and beauty.

We listen for that voice and open our hearts.

All: Let us worship God, who meets us here and blesses us with strength and peace.

***Hymn PH #487**

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Call to Prayer of Forgiveness and Healing

We know that we have not lived as God hopes. But however fragmented we become, God longs to hold us together in grace and peace. Let us come with our prayers of confession and need to the One who prepares the way for our words.

Prayer of Forgiveness and Healing (*unison*)

Ron

In these moments, Understanding God,
we bring to you all the ways we have not
lived as your people:
we stand by watching
while those in need struggle to survive;
we cast our lots with those
who worship power and success;

**we offer insults rather than words of grace
to those who care for us;
we scoff at your words
which call us to a different lifestyle.**

(Time for silent prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness *(responsive)*

Ron

This is the good news: God remembers! Not our sins, not our foolish lives, not our rebellion. God remembers us -- and redeems us!
**God prepares the way for us -- the way to grace, to hope, to new life.
Joyfully, we offer our thanks to God. Amen.**

***Gloria** *Clapping Gloria*

**Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo.
Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

"The Peace of Christ be with you." "And also with you."
Let us share a sign of that peace with one another.

Children are invited to go to Sunday School after passing the peace.

Prayers of the People - God of Life and Hope, Hear our Prayer

Presbytery's Unity Candle: we pray for Westhope Presbyterian Church, Saratoga, and Rev. Erik Swanson.

Lord's Prayer *(unison)* from the First Nation New Testament, Matthew 6:9-13)

When you send your voice to the Great Spirit, here is how you should pray:

O Great Spirit, our Father from above, we honor your name as sacred and holy. Bring your good road to us, where the beauty of your ways in the spirit-world above is reflected in the earth below. Provide us day by day – the elk, the buffalo, and the salmon. The corn, the squash, and the wild rice. All the things we need for each day. Release us from the things we have done wrong, in the same way we release others for the things done wrong to us. Guide us away from the things that tempt us to stray from your good road, and set us free from the evil one and his worthless ways. Aho! May it be so!

Anthem *Wade in the Water*, arr. Michael Myrick Choir

Lord, I know I've been changed, Lord, I know I've been changed.

Lord, I know I've been changed,

The angels in the heavens done signed my name. (repeat)

Went down to the river Jordan,

The water was chilly and cold,

The water did chill my body,

But the Lord did warm my soul.

Wade in the water, Wade in the water, children,

Wade in the water,

The angels in the heavens done signed my name,

The angels in the heavens done signed my name.

I looked over Jordan and what did I see,

Lord, I know I've been changed.

A band of angels welcoming me,

The angels in the heavens done signed my name,

The angels in the heavens done signed my name.

I know I got my salvation,

The Lord knows I'm not ashamed.

Yes, the Holy Ghost is my witness,

And the angels done signed my name.

*Wade in the water, Wade in the water, children,
Wade in the water,
The angels in the heavens done signed my name,
The angels in the heavens done signed my name.*

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Ron

Let us pray that the light of Christ may shine in the Church, in the world, and in every life, according to each need.

Holy God—holy and mighty, holy and everlasting—we praise you.

In the baptism of Jesus, you open your heart to us and show us who you are.

Readings

Responsive Hebrew Scripture Reading: Psalm 29 (NRSV)

Ron

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.**

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**He makes Lebanon skip like a calf
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl
and strips the forest bare,
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

**The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

May the LORD give strength to his people!

May the LORD bless his people with peace!

New Testament Reading: Matthew 3:13-17 (NRSV)

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon When God Shows Up in the Water or Listen Up! Laura Hamby

Celebrating Jesus' Baptism

Call to Offering

Offertory *A Canticle of Peace*, by Franklin Ritter

Nicki

***Doxology PH #591**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication *(responsive)*

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the gifts you give to us this and every day.

We give of ourselves this morning in order to express in tangible and material ways our belief that all we have and all we are comes from you.

We give to witness to the importance of your justice and love for all people.

We give thanks, O God, for your commitment to us.

Out of joy we respond with our commitments of ourselves.

All: Loving God, you challenge us with your call. Accept our gifts of money, time, and self, that your love, your peace, your justice, and your presence may be felt through us and the ministry we share. Amen.

***Hymn PH #485**

To God Be the Glory

*Blessing and Charge

***Amen**

Choir

*Postlude

The Heavens Are Telling, by Ludwig von Beethoven

Nicki

*We invite all to stand in body or in spirit.

PH - Presbyterian Hymnal

Special Thanks to Our “Sunday Saints”

Pastor: Laura Hamby

Music Director: Nicki Kerns

Lector: Ron Weaver

Usher: Pete Halper

Greeter: Russ Hobbs

Flowers: Ellen Bauerle

Coffee Hour: Jeff and Patti Lawton

Audio/Video/Zoom Techs, Chad Bell, Chuck Cobery, Rosie Bell

Announcements

Laura Hamby is a life-long member of the Congregational Church of Soquel where she served on staff as Director of Christian Education & Youth for 25 years and currently serves as moderator. She is retired from a 35-year career as Site Program Coordinator of categorical programs and technology at Mission Hill Middle School. Laura Chairs *A Taste of Soquel* and is active in the Mid County Homeless Coalition. She is past moderator of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches and president of the Congregational Foundation Board of Governors.

Welcome to Trinity Presbyterian Church Are you new today? We look forward to getting to know you. Please fill out a visitor welcome card and place it in the offering plate during the Call to Offering. After worship, join us for coffee/refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. We're glad you're here!



Pastor Diane's Schedule in January. Diane goes to New Jersey, January 7-12 to attend the celebration of the merger of her previous congregation with First Presbyterian Church, Matawan. Laura Hamby will be preaching at Trinity on January 11. In the case of a pastoral emergency, please get in touch with our Moderator of Deacons, Kim Johnston, or our Clerk of Session, Ellen Bauerle. They will contact a pastor who is on call when Diane is away.

Join us January 25 for our Annual Congregational Meeting after the 10:30 service. Committee reports will be shared, along with our financial standing and budget for 2026.

The 2026 Per Capita assessment for Trinity is due to the Presbytery on February 6. The total amount per person is \$45.50. If you would like to contribute to Trinity's payment, please note "Per Capita" in the memo of your check. Thank you!

Please continue to remember these people and situations in your prayers.

- Kim: joy for son, Noah, who is getting married.
- Jeff: prayers for Betty Gangware, who is not doing well. Update: Our dear Betty passed away Sunday afternoon, January 4.
- Linda: prayers for long-time friend, whose youngest son died due to drug abuse.
- Joanne: prayers for Richard Robinson's mother, who is in Palliative Care for cancer. Cards can be sent to her in care of Richard.
- Jolynn: prayers for her daughter, who is still looking for a job.
- Michael: prayers for Marta, who is dealing with medical issues. Also prayers for the country of Venezuela.
- Ron: Linda requests prayers for healing and recovery.



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