

*As Faithful Disciples of Jesus Christ, We Reach Up to God*

PRELUDE  
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS  
MINUTE FOR MISSION: FOOD BANK

\*PRAISE SONG Blessed Be Your Name

\*PRAYER FOR THE DAY

**Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

\*HYMN When Jesus Came to Jordan No. 241

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins together.

**Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace. Amen.**

Please join me in a time of silent confession. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Dear People of God: Be not afraid. Be assured and fully trust. God's love is greater than our sin.

**To God we belong, for God has made it so. With a love we cannot break. A love that will never let us go. For time and eternity.**

Dear People of God: We are forgiven. Amen!

*You are now invited to share Christ's peace with your neighbor.*

\*GLORIA PATRI

*Reach Into His Word*

MUSICAL OFFERING

CHILDREN'S TIME Cheryl Hodgson

SCRIPTURE LESSON (p.60) Luke 3:15-17,21-22

SERMON Rev. Sue Watkins  
*Baptism of Jesus*

\*PRAISE SONG The River is Here

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

\* DOXOLOGY

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN Spirit, Working in Creation No. 128

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Reach Out to Love and Serve!*

**Announcements**

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- **PER CAPITA:** The per capita amount for 2019 is \$40/member. Please be sure to label your checks "per capita" in the memo line. Per capita is the primary source of funding for the Office of the General Assembly, and is how Presbyterians mutually and equitably share the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit's leading for the future.
  - **MEMORIALS COMMITTEE:** The memorials and gifts committee will be meeting after worship today in the library.
  - **CORE:** Our mid-week children's ministry will be meeting on Wed., January 16 at 6:00 pm. A kid-friendly dinner will be served. All those ages zero through 5th grade are invited to join us.
  - **PRAYER WALK:** Pastor Sue will be leading weekly prayer walks. Please join her on Friday mornings at 10:30 am. January 18th will be an outdoor walk.
  - **ANNUAL MEETING:** Our annual congregational meeting will be Sun., January 27th at 12:15 pm. The meeting will be followed by a potluck lunch, so please plan to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Mark those calendars now!
  - **SUPPER CLUB:** The next meeting of the Supper Club is scheduled for Sat., January 26th at 6:00 pm. We will be exploring Antarctica with the Stark-Arthurs. You won't want to miss it!
  - **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday-Friday 9am-1pm. Staff meetings are scheduled for Tuesdays from 10:00-11:00 am.
  - **NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES:** Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11. Please note that the office will be closed on Monday, January 21 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.
- PRAYER FAMILIES:** Please lift the following in prayer:  
Amanda Henry, 5425 S. Lawrence #304, Tacoma WA 98409  
Katie Giltner, 10321 NE 61st Circle, Vancouver WA 98662

**Prayer & Praise**

- During the coming week, please keep the following in your prayers:
- Continued prayers for Garry Anderson, Shirley Ashburn, Nola Gene Byrd, Sigrun J., James (husband of Agnes Mburu), John Rich, Maxine Schwinn, Rebecca Tapp, and Pat Walton.
  - Our Missionaries: Dave, Julie & Olivia Pederson in Kenya.
  - The men & women of our Armed Forces and their families serving at home and abroad.
  - John Asher, in his preparation for ordained ministry and Rev. Nicole McKnight as she serves God in the ministry of chaplaincy.
  - For Christ's Church around the world, our community, our nation, and peace in our world.

**This Week at First Presbyterian Church of Puyallup**

**Sunday, January 13**

9:00 am Adult Ed. Class  
 9:30 am Children's Sunday School  
**10:30am Worship Service** Sanctuary  
 12:00 pm Memorials Committee Meeting Library  
 6:00 pm Living Free Fellowship Hall, Library, Parlor  
 6:30 pm Youth Group Tacoma Rescue Mission

**Monday, January 14**

10:00 am TALC Library  
 7:00 pm PW Eve Circle Marian Duncan's Home  
 7:30 pm Adult Children of Alcoholics Parlor

**Tuesday, January 15**

10:00 am Staff Meeting Back Office  
 3:30 pm Armory Meal Kitchen  
 6:30 pm Session Library

**Wednesday, January 16**

8:00 am Men's Bible Study Good Sam. Hospital Café  
 9:30 am Pastor's Bible Study Parlor  
 12:00 pm PW (Hoff-Nicholson) Parlor  
 6:00 pm CORE Fellowship Hall

**Thursday, January 17**

12:00 pm PW (Chase-MacInnes) Parlor  
 4:00 pm Cascadia Children's Choir Sanctuary  
 6:00 pm T.O.P.S. Fellowship Hall  
 6:30 pm Choir Sanctuary

**Friday, January 18**

10:30am Prayer Walk (Outdoor)

**Saturday, January 19**

8:00 am Alcoholics Anonymous Parlor  
 8:00 am Step Up to Life- Gamblers Anon. Library  
 10:30 am PVMC Recital Sanctuary

**Next Sunday, January 20**

9:00 am Adult Ed. Class  
 9:30 am Children's Sunday School  
**10:30am Worship Service** Sanctuary  
 6:00 pm Living Free Fellowship Hall, Library, Parlor  
 6:30 pm Youth Group Senior High Room

**If your group/committee is meeting, please call our Office Manager, Darice, with the date and time.**

**SERVING YOU TODAY**

Lay Leader: .....Trinity Hourihan  
 Usher Team Leader.....Cheryl Hodgson  
 Organist.....Inok Pak  
 Video Team:..... Gert Williams, Alice Dowie, & Galen Stark  
 Sound Team: ..... Paul Arbuckle, Scott Byrd & John Dowie

**Mission Yearbook: Matanza Seminary in Havana**

Hiromis is a student who studies in the Superior Ecumenical Institute of Religious Sciences (ISECRE), a weekly interfaith academic program of the [Evangelical \(Presbyterian\) Theological Seminary \(SET\)](#) in nearby Matanzas. "The [ISECRE] program helps me teach my community better," she says. "Learning about others' faith strengthens my own beliefs so I can explain better why I am of my faith." ISECRE was founded in September 1995 to prepare leaders and members of various Christian denominations in Havana who wanted to strengthen their biblical and theological education. People were coming with great interest but no faith," Camps said, "so we changed from biblical and theological studies to the science of religion." ISECRE operates at full capacity of 100 students at a time. There is a long waiting list for the program. Participants are remarkable in their diversity: 66 percent are women; 37 percent are non-Christian. Program participants, in addition to Hiromis and two other Hare Krishnas, include Christians, Jews, Buddhists, Hindus, and practitioners of numerous Afro-Cuban religions. "They start as non-believers," says Camps, "but as they become more engaged, they become less skeptical. A true value of ISECRE is in the dialogue. This is a good space." More than half of ISECRE's 10 or so instructors are professors at the University of Havana who sacrifice their "spare" time to teach. Students study to earn bachelor's or master's degrees in the Science of Religion. Chaviano, who led the chapel service before the day's class, says "I can learn about what I think and believe by learning what others think and believe. I am more interested in being a better teacher and leader". Roberto, who is in ISECRE agrees. "I appreciate this chance as a layperson because before, all of the opportunities have been restricted to priests and clergy. And I appreciate the different points of view because there hasn't been much opportunity to share and explore them until this course. "In most ways all of our religions glorify God. Isn't that what's most important?" *Rev. Jerry Van Marter, Former Interim Director of Communications for the Office of the General Assembly*

*welcome*

**Let us know you were here!** Please sign the Friendship Pad and place the sheet in the offering plate. Be sure to include children who were here.  
**Assistive Hearing Devices & Large Print Bulletins:** Please see an usher.  
**Prayer Requests:** Please pass prayer requests for use today to an usher.  
**Getting to Know You:** We would love to get to know you over a cup of coffee and refreshments. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship.

**Welcome to Worship  
 this Lord's Day!**

Baptism of the Lord January 13, 2019  
 10:30 am Worship Service



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