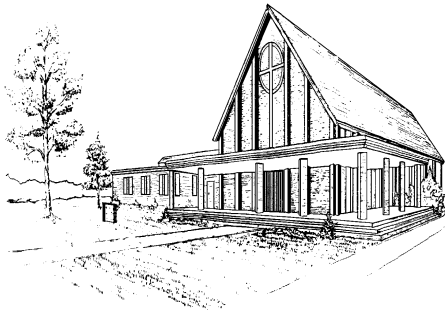


## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**Sunday Service of Worship  
January 8, 2012  
Baptism of the Lord Sunday  
Deacons' Sunday  
Guest Preacher the Rev. Tom M. Castlen, H.R.**

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**Sunday Service of Worship**  
**January 8, 2012 10:30 am**  
**Baptism of the Lord Sunday / Deacons' Sunday**

**CHIMES**

Bill D'Andrea

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Elder Ginny Bailey

Holy God, you sent your Son to be baptized among sinners, to see and save the lost. May we, who have been baptized in his name, never turn away from the world, but reach out in love to rescue those who are cut off from you; by the mercy of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

**PRELUDE**

*We Three Kings*

John H. Hopkins, Jr.  
Arr. Victor Labenske

**BRINGING IN THE LIGHT**

Acolytes Matthew Polcer and Mark Polcer

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please fill out "Ritual of Friendship & "Concerns of Our Church Family"*

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 530**

*Morning Has Broken*

**CALL TO WORSHIP AND POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER**

Elder Ginny Bailey

Leader: We give you thanks, Eternal God, for you nourish and sustain all living things by the gift of water. In the beginning, your Spirit moved over the watery chaos, calling forth order and life.

**People: In the time of Noah, you destroyed evil by the flood, giving righteousness a new beginning.**

Leader: You led Israel out of slavery, through the waters of the sea, into the freedom of the promised land.

**People: In the Jordan, Jesus was baptized by John and anointed with your Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection, Christ set us free from sin and death and opened the way to eternal life.**

Leader: We thank you, O God, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. From it we are raised to share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**The Pouring of Baptismal Water**

**All: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this water, that this font may be your womb of new birth. May all who pass through these waters be delivered from death to life, from bondage to freedom, from sin to righteousness. Amen.**

**SONGS OF PRAISE**

Deacon Debbie Eitel

*Spirit of the Living God  
Give Thanks*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Rev. Tom Castlen

**CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)**

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.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**    Genesis 1:1-5

**pg. 1, lg. print pg. 1**  
Elder Ginny Bailey

**HYMN No. 368**

*Lord, I Want to be a Christian*

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**ANTHEM**                    *Come, All Who Thirst*    (see insert)  
Chancel Choir

Luigi Cherubini  
Arr. Hal H. Hopson

**RESPONSE**

*Doxology*

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above the heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING**            Mark 1:4-11

**pg. 1045, lg. print pg. 1551**  
Rev. Tom Castlen

**SERMON**

**“Baptism Is for Keeps”**

Rev. Tom Castlen

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Elder Roger Kaufmann

*Worshippers briefly share joys and concerns as part of their offering to God of their prayers of supplication, intercession, and thanksgiving.*

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

Rev. Tom Castlen

**THE 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, the power, and the glory—forever. Amen

\* **CLOSING HYMN** *The Summons* (see insert)

\* **CHALLENGE AND BLESSING**

\***SINGING OUR HOPE** **Hymn No. 209, Verses 1, 2**

*Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.*

*Before our Father's throne  
We pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our sins are one  
Our comforts and our cares*

**POSTLUDE** *Christmas Rejoicing* Arr. Marilyn Ham

**Calendar for the Week of 1 / 8 / 12**

**Today, Sunday 1/8, Baptism of the Lord Sunday, Deacons' Sunday**  
9 AM EBENEZER WESLEYAN CHURCH  
WORSHIP SERVICE CE  
10:30 am Worship Service, Guest Preacher the Rev. Tom M.  
Castlen H.R.  
12 pm Adult Bible Study  
6:30 pm Friendships of Women  
7 PM EBENEZER WESLEYAN CHURCH  
WORSHIP SERVICE CE

**Monday 1/9**

**Tuesday 1/10 7:30 pm Committee Meetings**

**Wednesday 1/11** **Pastor Fred's Lectionary Bible Study will resume Wednesday, January 18, at 2 pm.**

Thursday 1/12      1 pm      Joy Circle  
7 PM      EBENEZER WESLEYAN CHURCH BIBLE  
STUDY CE

7 pm      Men's Bible Study Group  
8 pm      Choir

Friday 1/13      10:30 am      Bible Study  
7:30 pm      "Friday Nite Live" Youth Group

Saturday 1/14

Next Sunday 1/15      9 AM      EBENEZER WESLEYAN CHURCH WORSHIP  
SERVICE CE

10:30 am      Worship Service  
12 pm      Adult Bible Study  
6:30 pm      Friendships of Women  
7 PM      EBENEZER WESLEYAN CHURCH  
WORSHIP SERVICE CE

**UPCOMING STEEPLE CHIMES DUE DATE AND FOLDING DATE**

**Materials for the February Steeple Chimes are due by Tuesday, January 17, 10:00 am, and will be folded on Wednesday, January 25, and mailed.**

**ANNUAL REPORT DUE**

**The Annual Report materials are due in the office by January 17, 10 am.**

**Announcements for the week of 1 / 8 / 2012**

- ◆ **We welcome to our pulpit this morning the Rev. Tom M. Castlen H.R.** Tom is the retired Executive Presbyter for the Presbytery of Long Island. In his retirement, he consults with and coaches congregations, pastors and leaders of churches across the country, and he is the "Presbyterian-in-Residence" at Little Portion Friary, Mt. Sinai (an Episcopal Franciscan retreat center). He lives in Nesconset, New York.
- ◆ **In the Church Year Calendar, today is Baptism of the Lord Sunday.** It's a day to remember our baptism and to renew our commitment to follow Jesus Christ no matter what.
- ◆ **The flowers on the Lord's table are given to the glory of God.**

- ◆ **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the Congregational & Corporate Meeting to be held immediately following worship on January 29, 2012 for the purpose of receiving the annual reports, as well as any other business that may come before the congregation.**
- ◆ **Materials for the February issue of Steeple Chimes are due by January 17, 10:00 am and will be folded on Wednesday, January 25.**
- ◆ **Annual Reports are due by January 17, 10:00 am.**
- ◆ **The Friday Morning Bible Study group meets at 10:30 am in the Parlor. During this time we share ideas and discuss what the Bible says to each of us. All are welcome to join us.**
- ◆ **Pastor Fred's Office Hours Pastor Fred will be on vacation Sunday, January 8th through Saturday, January 14th. You can find Pastor Fred at the church between 11 am and 5 pm Monday through Thursday, though he can be contacted outside those hours for appointments and consultations (631-626-3702). It is still a good idea though to call ahead to make sure that the pastor is not out making visits or attending a meeting.**
- ◆ **Come Grow In Christ The Sunday Adult Bible Study meets at 12:00 Noon.**
- ◆ **Friendships of Women Womens' Bible Study meets Sunday 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm in the Parlor. All women welcome!**

#### **MINISTRIES WEEK OF 1 / 8 / 12**

**GREETERS:** Greeting us today before the service are Sue and Pat Perrotta.

**ASSISTING IN THE PULPIT** this morning is Elder Ginny Bailey.

**SESSION LISTENING POST:** Elder Meg Lawrence, 757-1245, will be available after Worship in the hall by the office for any who would like to share their ideas or insights about the ministry of the Church.

**COFFEE HOUR:** Assisting with Coffee Hour are the Deacons.

**ELDER ON CALL:** Elder Ginny Bailey, 499-2955, will be available during the week to respond to questions or concerns you might have related to the ministry of this church.

**DEACONS ON CALL:** Deacon Laura Smith, 754-4693, and Deacon Corinne Burdett, 261-4636, are here to serve you. If you or someone you know has a spiritual, physical, or financial need, the Deacon on Call will try to help you! Just call the Deacon or call the church office. All information will be kept confidential.

**THERE IS AN ACTIVE PRAYER MINISTRY IN GREENLAWN CHURCH.** Please feel free to call with your request for loved ones, friends, neighbors or yourself. Call Betty Chatfield at 261-8104 or email her at [bbcny22@aol.com](mailto:bbcny22@aol.com).

**NEEDS REQUESTS** If you know of someone in need, please fill out the blue form & place in the box located by the food pantry.

**FLOWERS FOR THE CHANCEL**—Each Sunday flowers beautify the Chancel of our church. We would encourage any and all to donate flowers for birthdays, anniversaries, “in memory of”, etc. A check for **\$30 (please note the change in price)** should be made to Greenlawn Presbyterian Church. *To order flowers in November, please call the church office, 261-2150. Barbara Small will collect the money.*