



Baptism of the Lord

January 16, 2022 @ 10:00 am

Church of The Cross

475 West Higgins Road Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

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WELCOME ALL

PRELUDE “Blessed Is He That Cometh” by Ludwig van Beethoven arranged by A. James Robert K.

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Rev. Julie Peterson

I am with you, says the Lord.

Do not fear.

I have called you by name.

Do not fear.

You are mine.

Do not be afraid.

OPENING HYMN

“Praise my Soul, the God of Heaven”

GTG #619

CALL TO CONFESSION

Stu R.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

In the waters of baptism, O God, you have cleansed us and claimed us. Forgive us for refusing your grace and rejecting your name. We have followed our own paths, and they have led us far from you. Help us to live into our baptisms, to trust that all we need is in you, for you have marked us as your own, loving us without limit. Wash us with your love again, that with clean hearts we may go in the way of Jesus.

OUR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Julie Peterson

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18-20)

“You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of the One who called you out of darkness into God's marvelous light.” (1 Peter 2:9)

RESPONSE OF JOY

“Jesus Loves Me”

SHARE GOD’S LOVE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

Stu R.

This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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SERMON

“A Common, Public Experience”

Rev. Julie Peterson

OFFER HOPE ...IN JESUS' NAME

PASSING THE PEACE

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH¹

PCUSA Baptismal Liturgy - adapted

Stu R.

For us, beloved ones of the Holy, the Spirit of God moved over the waters at creation, and the Lord God made covenants with his people. For us, the Word of God became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth. For us, and even for me, Jesus Christ suffered death, crying out at the end, “*It is finished!*” For us, Christ triumphed over death, rose in newness of life, and ascended to rule overall.

All of this was done for me, for us, even though we may never fully understand this Divine mystery. However, we will continue to profess these truths, for they are our own. And so, the promise of the gospel is fulfilled:

“We love because God first loved us.”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

CHORAL OFFERTORY

“Abide”

The Choir

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Stu R.

CLOSING HYMN

“O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Processional” by Theodore Dubois

Robert K.

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Welcome All
Share God's Love
Offer Hope
... all in Jesus' Name

Prayer REQUESTS

Linda A (sister of Judy M)
Steve A (father-in-law of Glenna's daughter)
Connie & Ed (friends of Karen)
Beth B (Stu R's sister)
Kevin B (Joe L's co-worker/friend)
Mildred B
Mary Ann B
Susan B
Andree C
Connie (Karen F's friend)
Chuck C (Laura D's brother)
Patrick C (Stu/Marie's son-in-law)
Renee C (Laura's sister-in-law)
Jim C (Mary Ann's son-in-law)
Tom C (Ann M's brother-in-law)
Sabina C (Adelaide's sister-in-law)
Erica D.
Betty D (Marie R's cousin)
Cecily (Laura D)
Linda D (Jim/ Sue's relative)
Betty F (Chris L's mother)
Abby F (Chris/Mike's granddaughter)
Donna F (Jim/Sue's aunt)
Karen F
Geri & (Son/wife) **Brian/Kim** (Adelaide's neighbor)
Adelaide G
Bruce & Linda G (friends of Stu/Marie)
Nick G (Stu/Marie's grandson)

Rita H (Jim/Ann's relative)
Jack H (friend of Mike/ Chris L)
James & Sandra (friends of John/Cheryl)
Jessica (Charlie/Nancy's niece)
Pam L
Phyllis L
Bob L. (friend of Judy T)
Luca (Ann S's grandson)
Ms Bernie & Ernie M (friends of Adelaide)
Crisann M (friend of Mike/Chris L)
Judy M
Lisa M (Karen's daughter)
Steve M
Matt / family & an employee
(friends of Cheryl and John)
Nathan P (Jeff/Julie's son)
George R
Tom R (Sue Li.'s brother)
Ann & Geoff S
Larry V (Jim V's father)
Carter W (Dave W's grandson)
Yao (Adelaide's friend)
Caregivers
People devastated by terrorism
Our world and all affected by COVID-19
Families who grieve losses

- **Virgil Abloh** (Adelaide's nephew)
- **Fely M** (Terry/Sue son-in-law's grandma)

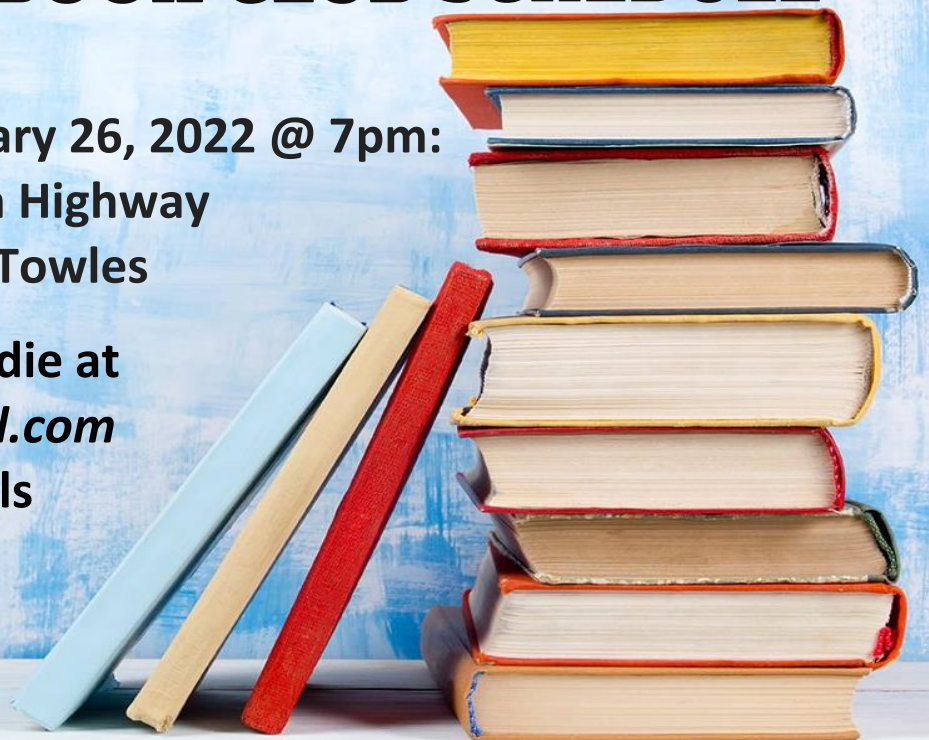


The flower arrangement this week is from:
The George and Mary Rogers in celebration
of Mary's Birthday.

ZOOM BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 26, 2022 @ 7pm:
The Lincoln Highway
by Amor Towles

Please email Judie at
judietrue@gmail.com
for Zoom details





MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our current study is on the book
"ISAIAH Trusting God in Troubled
Times" by Howard Peskett.

We meet via Zoom.

We encourage new attendees
so, if interested, please contact
Ken G. or Stu R. for access details.

LUNCH WITH PASTOR JULIE

Join us via Zoom every Wednesday at 12 noon for bible study.
We discuss scripture passages for our upcoming worship service.
Contact Pastor Julie for the Zoom access information to join.



January 19	Luke 4:14-21; Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 8-10
January 26	Luke 4:21-30; Jeremiah 1:4-10
February 2	Luke 5:1-11; Isaiah 6:1-13



CONGREGATION MEETING

**Join us on January 30 after worship for our
Annual Congregation Meeting via Zoom.**



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

**The group meets via Zoom on Sundays at 12 noon.
We are currently studying “Tattoos on the Heart”
By Gregory Boyle
Everyone is invited to join the study!
Please Contact Ken G. for the Zoom login details.**

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