

The Presbyterian Church  
at Bound Brook  
January 11, 2026  
10:00 a.m.

Baptism of the Lord

WELCOME

PRELUDE Pastorale Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

TOLLING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP



Sing a new song!  
**Make a joyful noise!**  
Let the sea roar,  
**And let the sky shimmer.**  
Let the earth be glad,  
**And let the children run and roll.**  
Let the old laugh with deep wisdom.  
**Let the young listen, wide-eyed and wondering.**  
And let us worship God.

\*HYMN #409

“God Is Here!”

ABBOT’S LEIGH

\*OPENING ACCLAMATION

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
**Alleluia! All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious God, source of all light and life,  
Lord of mercy and grace, hear our prayer.  
We come before you in need of healing:  
The healing of our bodies and souls,  
The healing of our relationships,  
The healing of our pride and fear and apathy.  
We know that with you, nothing is impossible, not even our healing,  
Not even the restoration of the whole world.  
We pray that you will heal us, that you will heal our world,  
So that we will be freed to serve and love and dream and be,  
As Christ calls us. Amen.**

**\*KYRIE ELEISON**



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, siblings in Christ: hear this good news and see the grace of God:  
You are forgiven. You are free to go and live in the light of love.  
**Thanks be to the God whose light is revealed to us today. Amen.**

**\*CELEBRATION OF GRACE**

John Bell



*Refrain*  
Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah!

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*Fine*  
Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal-le - lu-jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

*Children may make their way to the front  
of the sanctuary for Children's Time.*

## CHILDREN'S TIME

*Children are dismissed to Sunday School.*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 42:1-9

Response after reading:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God!**

## PSALTER Psalm 29 | A Responsorial Setting

Martin Tel (2011)

**Refrain** *[the soloist sings first, then the congregation sings  
on the repeat and each subsequent refrain]*



Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,  
Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name;  
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. **Refrain**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
The Lord is upon the mighty waters.  
The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;  
The voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.  
The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees,  
The Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;  
The Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
And Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. **Refrain**

The voice of the Lord  
    Bursts forth in lightning flashes.  
The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
    The Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.  
The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe  
and strips the forests bare.  
    And in the temple of the Lord  
    all are crying, "Glory!"

***Refrain***

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;  
    The Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.  
O Lord, give strength to your people;  
    Give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

***Refrain***

GOSPEL READING     Matthew 3:13-17

Response after reading:

    The Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

    "Me...Really?"

    Elder Keith Bellamy

\*HYMN #69

    "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

    HERE I AM, LORD

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & 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 and the power and the glory, forever.  
Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

    The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Erbarme Dich

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

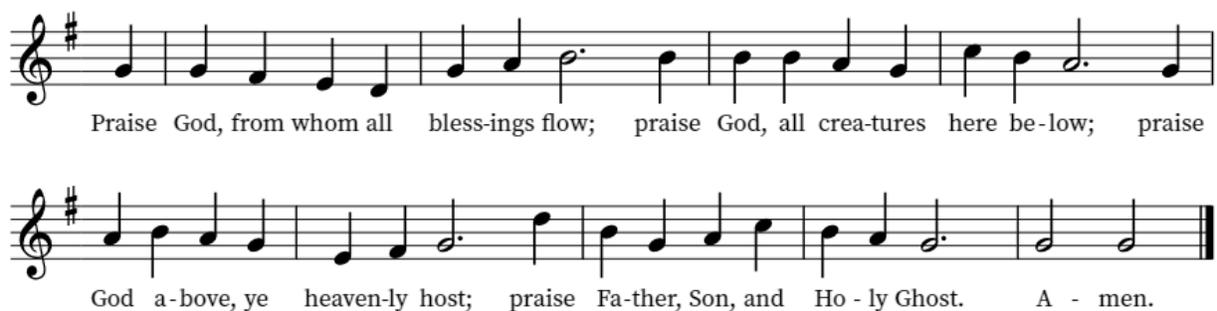
from *St. Matthew Passion*, BWV 244

Erbarme dich, mein Gott,  
Um meiner Zähren Willen!  
Schau hier, Herz und Auge  
Weint vor dir bitterlich.  
Erbarme dich, erbarme dich!

*Have mercy, my God,  
for the sake of my tears!  
Look here, heart and eyes  
weep bitterly before you.  
Have mercy, have mercy!*

### \*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be-low; praise  
God a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

### DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS

\*HYMN #480 "Take Me to the Water"

TAKE ME TO THE WATER

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE



He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may  
have light; he came down that we may have light; hal-le - lu - jah for-ev - er - more.

## LEADING IN WORSHIP

Reader: Connie Sopko

Anthem: Lila Dettelback

Director of Faith Formation: Lissette González Sosa

Director of Music: Benjamin T. Berman

Technician: Bill Heller

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## Giving, Sharing, Growing ...

**Please consider what you have to give in time, talent and treasure to God's work in the world through the church.**



**Financial gifts should be sent to the church.**

**409 Mountain Avenue, Bound Brook, NJ 08805**

*or you can give online at*

**BBPC.ORG/GIVING**

*or*

**TEXT (732) 641-8448**



*If you are a visitor, welcome!  
Please fill out a visitor card found in the pew racks  
and put it in the collection plate or hand to an usher*

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*If anyone is having trouble hearing the worship service, we do have hearing  
devices for your use next to the chair lift in the reception area.  
If you need assistance, please ask an usher to assist you.*

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**CONFIRMATION  
CLASS**  
will begin January 25<sup>th</sup>

**Do you have a 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grader  
who would be interested in  
confirmation?**

CONTACT LISSETTE FOR INFO [LISSETTE@BBPC.ORG](mailto:LISSETTE@BBPC.ORG)

The poster features a dark background with colorful fireworks in the corners. The text is in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font. At the bottom, there is an illustration of four diverse young people (two boys and two girls) standing together, some holding books. The contact information is in a yellow box at the very bottom.



1. **Wednesday at 1 – 2:30** Men and women needed to unload food (muscles appreciated) received from ShopRite (and sometimes other places) and sort it for appropriate placement (freezer, refrigerator, shelf).
2. **Thursday at 1:30 pm – 3:00** People (muscles less important) to sort through bread to separate types preferred by our Food Pantry recipients (white bread) from other bread types that are sent to other organizations with more adventurous bread eaters!

Every week on numerous days food is brought to the PCC from nearby grocery stores and from organizations that glean food from nearby grocery stores and share it with us. That food makes its way to us in the cars of our church members. Once it arrives, it is sorted and placed in refrigerators and freezers as needed or stored on various racks and shelves if shelf stable. The food is then placed on tables Saturday and Sunday for distribution when the Food Pantry opens Sunday afternoon. There is currently a weekly need for the two times listed above.

Helping on one of these days could be a perfect New Year's resolution!!  
It's not too late!

If available to help, please contact D'Maris Dempsey at: [joedm88msn.com](mailto:joedm88msn.com)  
or 908-334-1439.

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