

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PHILIPSTOWN

January 11, 2026

Baptism of the Lord

1st Sunday After Epiphany



*Knowing that all community is a gift of God,
we affirm there can be no exclusiveness about the body of Christ.
We welcome into our community and membership all people of God,
regardless of ethnic heritage, national origin, age, gender,
marital status, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic standing;
and we encourage the full participation of all in the life of our congregation.*

Adopted by the session, March 9, 1995

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*“The Church of the Open Door”, where
All Are Welcome*

- *We seek to live out the truth of God’s love*
- *Worship is inclusive and inventive*
- *Joy is found in nurturing one another*
- *We seek to bring comfort to all people*

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

**Please stand in body or in spirit.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Ekama Eni

CHORAL INTROIT

“When Jesus Came to Jordan”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Annie Becker

One: The voice of the Lord is powerful and full of majesty.

All: May the Lord bless us with God’s Peace!

One: The voice of the Lord proclaimed Jesus as God’s beloved.

All: In our own baptisms, we are claimed as God’s beloved.

*OPENING HYMN 316 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

CALL TO CONFESSION

On this Baptism of the Lord Sunday, we remember our own baptisms, where we were claimed as children of the covenant and beloved of God. Yet we live as those who are alienated from God. We have turned away from God, one another and the earth. Let us confess our sins, trusting in God’s mercy.

CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we are estranged from you and from one another. We treat others as strangers rather than as people created in your image and fellow children of God. We exploit the earth as though it were our possession rather than a gift entrusted to our care and a reflection of your image and glory. Forgive us our sins and transform us by your Spirit that we might live as people who have been baptized as your own children. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the good news of the gospel — and of Jesus’ solidarity in his own baptism by John with all who have been immersed in baptismal waters, repenting of their sin. In his name, God has forgiven us of our own sins and set us on new paths. Let us remember our baptisms and trust in God’s mercy to restore our right standing as God’s own.

Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSIVE HYMN Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you all **All: And also with you!**

ANTHEM

“Gather By the River to Pray”

WE HEAR THE WORD PROCLAIMED

*WE LIMIT NOT THE TRUTH OF GOD

Anglo-German Psalter 1556

**We limit not the truth of God to our poor reach of mind,
by notions of our day and sect, crude, partial, and confined.
No, let a new and better hope within our hearts be stirred,
the Lord hath yet more light and truth to break forth from the word.**

YOUTH SERMON

QUARTER COLLECTION

Every Sunday, our children collect quarters from the congregation and place them in a tube. When full, it equals the amount necessary to purchase a goat for a needy family through Heifer International.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 42:1-9

(Pg. 670)

Annie Becker

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

(Pg. 3)

SERMON

Rev. Ekama Eni

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*HYMN 326

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERING

*THE DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OVER GOD’S GIFTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our God, 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.**

*CLOSING HYMN

O Christ, Surround Me (insert)

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Ekama Eni

POSTLUDE

“The Church of the Open Door” makes every effort to use inclusive language. Realizing that words have power, we encourage substitution of words/images that are most comfortable for you during this time of worship.

**The 197th Annual Meeting of the First Presbyterian Church of Philipstown will be held on
Sunday January 25, 2026, following the morning worship service, for the purpose of
receiving and approving 2025 reports, electing Elders, Deacons, and
Nominating Committee members, and any other appropriate congregational business.**

THE 2026 PER CAPITA amount is \$41.31. This is the amount that our church must send to the Presbytery and National Church, per member, for their support. Of this amount, \$11.26 goes to the General Assembly (or PCUSA), \$4.25 to the SYNOD of the Northeast, and \$25.80 to the Hudson River Presbytery. You may pay your per capita however you normally donate to the church, with the designation “per capita 2026”.



Please note our new QR code: a direct way to donate to the church, pay your pledge, or make any other church-related payments. Thank you for contributing to our church and surrounding community!

THIS WEEK:

Monday, January 12

*Greg Smith Music Lessons 2:15 – 6:00 pm
Joining Forces Group Meeting, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, library*

Tuesday, January 13

*Greg Smith Music Lessons 2:15 – 4:00 pm
Tom McCoy Music Lessons 3:00 – 6:00 pm
AA Women’s Group Meeting, 7:30 pm, library*

Wednesday, January 14

*Prayer Group, 7:00 am, on zoom
Tom McCoy Music Lessons 3:00 – 6:00 pm
Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm, sanctuary*

Thursday, January 15

PSSP Meeting, 6:30 pm, on zoom

Friday, January 16

*Food Pantry Setup 12:30 – 2:00 pm
Greg Smith Music Lessons 2:20 – 4:00 pm*

Saturday, January 17

Food Pantry 8:30 – 10:00 am

WANT TO DONATE FLOWERS FOR A SUNDAY SERVICE? Please email or call the church.

PRAYER CHAIN for 2026 - Email prayerchain1presbyterian@gmail.com with a prayer request or to be part of the prayer chain to receive prayer requests.

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First Presbyterian Church of Philipstown operates on the ancestral homelands of the Lenape, Munsee, and Wappinger people.

We gratefully acknowledge their stewardship of this land, past and present.