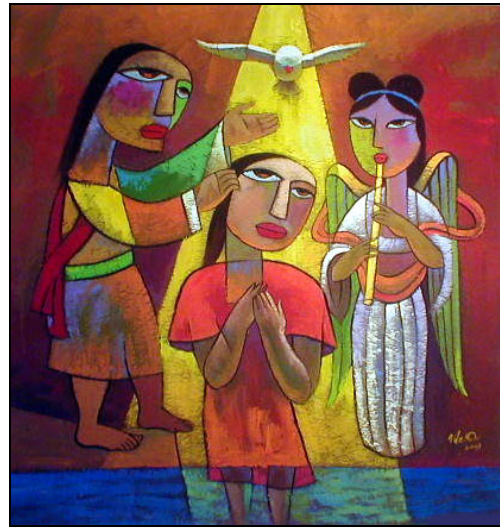


**JAN HUS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH & NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE**

**THE BAPTISM OF JESUS  
THE FIRST SUNDAY FOLLOWING THE EPIPHANY  
JANUARY 8, 2012**



Rev. Michael Carney: *Beware of Baptism* (Variation)  
(Statement to the congregation preceding Baptism)

The baptisms you are about to witness will be celebrated by a rightfully ordained clergy person, following the biblical mandate to make disciples in the name of the Mother/Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. All participants should be aware that unleashing the power of the Spirit in this manner will not only fill the candidates with God's grace and power, but may also have unintended consequences for family members, friends, and others.

St. Timothy's and the Episcopal Church USA take no responsibility for the life-changing impact of the Gospel and hereby give notice to all concerned that confessing that Jesus Christ is Lord and believing that God raised him from the dead is likely to mess with your life in the most inconvenient ways.

Annie Dillard knew about this, writing in her book Teaching a Stone to Talk:

“(Do Christians) have the foggiest idea what sort of power we so blithely invoke? Or, as I suspect, does no one believe a word of it? The churches are children playing on the floor with their chemistry sets, mixing up a batch of TNT to kill a Sunday morning. It is madness to wear ladies' straw hats and velvet hats to church; we should all be wearing crash helmets. Ushers should issue life preservers and signal flares; they should lash us to our pews. For the sleeping god may wake someday and take offense, or the waking god may draw us out to where we can never return.”

There's a possibility that lives will be changed today. Whose, I wonder?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING & WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

At the baptism of Jesus, Jesus heard God say:  
"You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased."

When we hear God's call to prayer, God is summoning us:  
"You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased."

When we hear God's call to service, God is inviting us:  
"You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased."

When we hear God's call to repentance, God is welcoming us:  
"You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased."

When we feel God's absence, God is still supporting us:  
"You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased."

Let us worship the God of our baptism.  
We come to worship the God who blesses us still. Amen.

HYMN #229 FROM ALL THAT DWELL BELOW THE SKIES

PSALM 117

229 From All That Dwell Below the Skies

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Isaac Watts, 1719

Geistliche Kirchengesäng, 1623; alt.  
Harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Unison

1. From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's praise a -  
 2. In ev - ery land be - gin the song, To ev - ery land the strains be -  
 3. E - ter - nal are Thy mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal truth at - tends Thy

Harmony Unison

rise: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Let the Re - deem - er's  
 long: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! In cheer - ful sound all  
 word: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Thy praise shall sound from

Harmony

name be sung Through ev - ery land, in ev - ery tongue.  
 voic - es raise And fill the world with joy - ful praise. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 shore to shore, Till suns shall rise and set no more.

Unison

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## CALL TO CONFESSION

O God, we bring before you the burdens of our conscience and our desire for your grace, guidance and love. Open our hearts for reflection and re-thinking as we pray together in this sacred space.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear God, you know us better than we know ourselves. As we come before you now, believers and doubters alike, we all share a deep need, for we are all lost without your grace. Search us, O God, and know our hearts, test us and know our troubled thoughts. Give us true repentance. Forgive us all our wrongs. Transform us by your Spirit to live for you each day. Help us to learn to serve each other and, through the grace of the same baptism that Jesus knew that day in the River Jordan, guide us on this path in the ways you call us to be faithful. Amen.

## SILENT PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION:

## RESPONSE: BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD



1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life a - new.  
That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what Thou wouldst do.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The good news is that God sees all we are, accepts us where we are, loves who we are, and offers forgiveness and healing. We walk in the light of the power of God, pardoned, loved, and called to serve.  
**Our thanks and praise to the God of life and hope!**

Friends, believe in the good news of the gospel!  
**God's grace dwells among us!**

May the Peace of Christ be with you all!  
**And also with you!**

Let us greet each other, loved and forgiven!

## GREETING EACH OTHER, LOVED AND FORGIVEN

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Be with us, O God, as we listen to the words of those people whose stories tell the presence of your love and wisdom for all the ages.

**Guide us, O God, in our reflection so that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, in your will discover peace, and in your love find our salvation.**

## FIRST READING: GENESIS 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness God called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

## GOSPEL READING: MARK 1:4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

SERMON *WHY BAPTISM?*

*CHRIS PEET, GUEST PREACHER  
SEMINARIAN INTERN, PRESBYTERIAN WELCOME*

HYMN #263 IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

# Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 263

ST. DENIO 11.11.11

Welsh folk melody

Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867; alt. 1987

Adapted in *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3. To all, life Thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry, Thou rul - est in light,

In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;  
 In all life Thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;

Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.  
 Thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 Then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth Thee.  
 'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee!



## PREPARING FOR THE OFFERING

In this world, someone has too much.  
**Someone has barely enough, someone has nothing at all.**

When we share our commitment and financial support, we act on the imagination of Jesus.  
**Jesus, who sees enough bread to go around, enough courage to speak the truth, and enough love to overcome all things.**

O God, to those of us who have hunger, give bread. And to those of us who have bread, give the hunger for justice.  
**When the 5,000 were hungry, the disciples came to Jesus and said: "Send the people away, so they may get something to eat."**

Jesus answered: "You give them something to eat."

## OFFERTORY MUSIC

### BLESSING THE OFFERING:

And the people reached in their pockets and pulled out the bread and the fishes and shared them, and there was abundance for all, and even more.  
**Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE PRAYER THAT JESUS TAUGHT US (IN UNISON)

**Our Mother/Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kindom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kindom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

### BLESSING RESPONSE: Thanks be to God!

### HYMN #267 WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME

# Will You Come and Follow Me

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1 Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?  
 2 Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?  
 3 Will you let the blind-ed see if I but call your name?  
 4 Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?  
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?  
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?  
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?  
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?  
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

## BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

### BENEDICTION Sung Blessing (English)

Christians rise and act your creed,  
 Let your prayer be in your deed;  
 Seek the right, perform the true,  
 Raise your work and life anew.  
 Come then law divine and reign,  
 Freest faith assailed in vain.  
 Perfect love, bereft of fear,  
 born in heaven and radiant here. Amen.

### (Czech)

Amen to pozehnani prijdiz na nas vsecky,  
 Abychom po skonani vesli v raj nebesky,  
 A tam s angelskou risi, boha take ctilli,  
 Dejz nam to; o Jezisi, spasitely mily.  
 Amen.

## POSTLUDE

8.1.2.7,6.3.4.5

\*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

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## EXCEPTIONAL MINISTRY INTERNS

Cynthia Gardner-Brim, Gloria-Jean Skeete  
 New York Theological Seminary



## Today...

Thank you to Chris Peet for joining us today and bringing us the message. We also wish to than Presbyterian Welcome, which has long worked for the full participation of individuals in contexts of faith, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or expression. For more information on Presbyterian Welcome, please visit their website at [www.presbyterianwelcome.org](http://www.presbyterianwelcome.org).

Following worship today, please join us for a light fellowship meal. We invite you to take this opportunity to talk and come to know one another a bit better.

\*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

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**Fifteen-Minutes-of-Fame**  
15 pieces by 15 composers in 15 minutes!

**Bateira Trio**



Sooyun Kim flute  
Conway Kuo viola  
Satoshi Okamoto double-bass

**WEST POINT WOODWIND QUINTET**

Performing the works of

Liza Sobel  
Matt Frey  
David Wolfson



Douglas DaSilva's *Jor-el's Juju* premiered by:



Domenica Fossati flute  
Matt Frey clarinet  
Josh Henderson violin  
Ju-Young Lee cello

**Sunday, January 29, 2012 1:00 PM**

**Today's Concert!** Also following lunch at 1 PM, you are invited to join us for a free concert in the Vox Novus/Composer's Voice series. See the flyer on the next page that outlines today's exciting performances.

**Future Composer's Voice Concerts include:**

January 29: Fifteen-Minutes-of-Fame: Bateira Trio (see attached poster) and the West Point Woodwind Quintet and much more!!!

February 12: Fifteen-Minutes-to-12: Music for the end of the world: Shiau-uen Ding, piano and electronics.

February 26: Trajetória Brasileira: music of Brazil's Preludio 21! Sarah Carrier, flute; Andrea Christie, piano; Josh Henderson, violin; Sophia Yan, piano; and the New York Guitar Trio! Introduction by Preludio 21's Sergio Roberto de Oliveira.

March 11: Women's Month Part I: Guest curator: Maria Incontrera. Fifteen-Minutes-of-Fame: Michelle McQuade Dewhirst, horn. Plus performances by Marie Incontrera and Viola Yip!

March 25: Women's Month Part II: Guest curator: Delea Shand. Music and performances by Martha Cargo, Anne Goldberg, Kjersti Kveli, Julia Menwald, Rachel Peters!

April 8: EASTER!! Our first JAPANESE themed concert with Fifteen-Minutes-of-Fame: Thomas Piercy, clarinet and Claudine Hickman, piano. Music and performances by JX; Kenji Haba; Kyoko Ozawa and more!!

April 29: Spring Winds with Fifteen-Minutes-of-Fame: West Point Woodwind Quintet, and music and performances by Ray Blue, Rob Voisey, Alex Sramek, Roger Blanc, Sophia Yan, Laura Patterson and more!!

May 13: Liana Alexandra Tribute concert: Fifteen-Minutes-of-Fame: Wonki Lee, saxophone and Riko Higuma, piano! Plus music Jasmin Bey Cowin, Serban Nichifor and more!!

*Please join us!*

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"WHERE YOU ARE WELCOME, LONG BEFORE YOU ARRIVE."



Since 1888, the doors of this church have been open to those who seek a new way to engage with the Spirit and be nourished at the welcome table. In those early years, Jan Hus served the needs of the Czech immigrants who founded the church and named it after the martyr Jan Hus. Today, our mission has expanded to include people from many different walks in life who want to share this stage of their journey with others in a God-centered community. We continue to honor our Czech founders by singing our

closing hymn in the Czech language and often being visited by delegations and groups from the Czech Republic.

Worship at Jan Hus is a time for the Body of Christ to affirm God's vision for the world and witness the Gospel of Hope, Justice, Love. We believe that God is greater than human language or experience, so you may notice that in order to more fully experience God, we embrace language that acknowledges God the Mother and God the Father. We hold fast to the tenets of the Reformation that call for the priesthood of all believers, therefore ours is a community pulpit, one in which we hear the Scriptures interpreted by both clergy and laity and that allows for a greater reflection of the community as a whole – a diverse expression of the presence of God in each believer and at the core of our collective experience

At Jan Hus, we see the sermons that are offered as conversations that give us an opportunity to hear how God's voice speaks through each of us. We hope that you feel the invitation in such sermons, giving thought to new ways of seeing and hearing God, while deepening and affirming the beliefs we hold most true.

It is possible that worship at Jan Hus Presbyterian Church and Neighborhood House may seem different than what you expect. That's fine – we tend to agree that God loves to challenge us with the unexpected! Whatever your experience here, please know that you are truly welcome as one created by the God who loves us all.

We are happy to have you with us and thank God for bringing us together on this, the day that God has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it, especially during this time of the Epiphany and the Baptism of Jesus, seeking to make each day a day in which we remember the birth of Christ, his life, teachings, and sacrifices – and the call we face to be faithful.

