



# Welcome to Barrington United Methodist Church!

We are glad that you joined us for worship this morning! At Barrington United Methodist Church we believe that worship is the place where we receive the comfort, hope and strength to sustain us along our journey of faith. You are always welcome and always invited.

Rise in body or in spirit where designated by. \* Please join in speaking the words in bold.

## Prelude

*Adagio in A Major from The Octet Op. 166*  
Alexander Zintchenko, organist

by F. Schubert

## Welcome

Jody Antrim

Today, we welcome guest Pastor Steve Pierce and our Interim Director of Music, Jennifer Whiting.  
To learn more about them, turn to the announcement page

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Jody Antrim

The heavens opened. The Spirit descended.

**At the river, Jesus was baptized and named beloved.**

In our baptism, we too were claimed and called.

**With thankful hearts, we come to worship and reaffirm our faith.**

We come to remember the waters that marked us with grace..

**Amen.**

## \* OPENING HYMN #2114 (TFWS)

*At the Font We Start Our Journey*  
(Please be seated after hymn.)

(Verses 1, 3, 4)

## OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Steve

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Steve

## CALL TO CONFESSiON

Jody Antrim

Brothers and sisters in Christ, God's covenant is faithful, yet we often forget who we are and whose we are. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin and turn again toward the waters of grace.

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSiON

Jody Antrim

**Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from the promises of our baptism. We have followed voices other than yours and neglected to love our neighbors as ourselves. We have trusted our own strength instead of your Spirit.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Wash us anew in your grace and lead us in the way of Christ. Amen.**

(A time of silent prayer.)

## WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor Steve

Hear the good news: The same God who spoke over the waters at Jesus' baptism speaks now to us: "You are my beloved; in you I delight." Thus, I declare to you that in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Jody Antrim

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

\* HYMN #347 (UMH)

*Spirit Song*

(Verses 1)

\* THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 3: 13-17 (NRSV)

Pat Gradt

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on him; and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\* RESPONSE TO THE WORD #70 (UMH)

*Glory Be to the Father*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen  
(Please be seated.)

SERMON

*"Baptism: No Quitters Day!"*

Pastor Steve Pierce

ANTHEM (9:00 AM)

*Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)*

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Jenna Hesseln, soloist; Bill Williams, drums; accompanied by Jennifer Whiting, piano

(10:30 AM)

*Dona Nobis Pacem (Grant Us Peace)*

Franz Schubert, arr. Nygard

Chancel Choir directed by Jennifer Whiting, Interim Director of Music

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

Jody Antrim

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Jody Antrim

CALL TO OFFERING

Jody Antrim

We are called to use our whole selves to care for creation, community, and the church. We are invited to share our financial gifts for the ministry and work of the church in mission and service. Together we speak God's kin-dom into being. I invite the ushers to come forward to receive our gifts, tithes, and offerings.

## OFFERTORY

Alexander Zintchenko

\* DOXOLOGY #95 (UMH) *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* tune Old 100th  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND GRATITUDE Jody Antrim  
**Generous God, as water gives life, may these offerings flow outward in service, that all may know they are beloved in Christ. We dedicate them to you in Jesus' name. Amen.**

\* HYMN #2241 (TFWS) *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

\* BENEDICTION Pastor Steve

POSTLUDE *Rondo in C Major* by W. Mozart

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## NOTE OF APPRECIATION:

We are thankful for our Lay Liturgists who faithfully prepare and lead the Prayers of the People each week. Your thoughtful words and voices enrich our worship. To learn more about this team and ways to get involved, please contact Dennis Rossow at [DennisRossow@comcast.net](mailto:DennisRossow@comcast.net)

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO OFFER PRAYERS OF HOPE AND HEALING FOR:**

**THOSE IN A CARE FACILITY:** Sherry Schairer (Chapters Living Barrington)

**THOSE HOSPITALIZED:** Mike Black, brother of Steve Black (ICU), Steven VanPuyenbroeck (nephew of Walter VanPuyenbroeck)

**THOSE UNDERGOING MEDICAL TREATMENT:** Theresa and Charlie Brady and their granddaughter (friends of the Gradts), Brian Kotila

Al Sauer, Alton Parker (brother of Sydney Whitley), Paul Semanic, Ken Rossow, Marge Marlowe (sister of Nancy Jensen)

Scott Wilk (brother of Pam Kocian), Tim Ryan (brother of Sean Ryan), Gerry Deneen (friend of Kenneth Slack), Michele Evans

**THOSE RECOVERING AT HOME:** Christine Oettinger, Phil Pardun, Chris Winkler (back surgery)

**THOSE TO HOLD IN PRAYER:** Pastor David and Shirley, Pastor David's mother, Pastor's family

Paul Bergetz, husband of Jane, George Nikolaou (cousin of Walter VanPuyenbroeck), Vaughn Simon, Marilyn Helberg (surgery)

Priscilla Akins, Ted and Pat Gradt, Paulette Todd, Rev. Duk Kwon, Anne Courter (hospice care), Lawrence Huff, son of John Todd

Adam (friend of Ashley P.), Matthew Jachim (son of Mike and Kathy), Ray Maxwell, Pastor Luis Vega

**Prayer Requests:**

We believe in the power of prayer and have a dedicated prayer team committed to praying your requests.

If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office, (847) 836-5540,

Paula Gordon ([pgordon@barringtonumc.com](mailto:pgordon@barringtonumc.com)), or Linda Snyder ([jamesmom5082@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jamesmom5082@sbcglobal.net)).

You can also visit the church website or use your church app to submit a request.

Please be sure to indicate if you would like your request to be printed in the Sunday bulletin.

**Flowers for the Altar**

Each Sunday there is an opportunity to provide flowers on the altar. If you are interested in providing an arrangement on a Sunday, please contact Paula Gordon either by email - ([pgordon@barringtonumc.com](mailto:pgordon@barringtonumc.com)), phoning the office - 847-836-5540, ext. 105, scanning the QR Code or by visiting our website [barringtonumc.com](http://barringtonumc.com)



Dear Church Siblings,

I am writing to share that, due to pressing family matters, I will be away in Chile for the next two and a half weeks.

My mother is currently facing a delicate health situation. She is living with Alzheimer's disease and cellulitis, and at this time she requires consistent care, attention, and the steady presence of family. As the eldest, it is my responsibility to help ensure that my parents receive the care, advocacy, and support they need during this season.

While this is not an easy moment, I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to honor my parents by being present for them now. Many of you have walked similar paths and understand the weight these moments carry, as well as the love and faith they require. I am thankful for our shared understanding and for the knowledge that I do not walk this road alone.

Please know that while I step back physically for a short time, I will remain in touch and stay connected regarding church matters as appropriate. I trust in the strength, faithfulness, and care of this community, and I am grateful for the ways you continue to support one another. You will be in the care of wonderful pastors who will continue to teach and preach the Word of God, and I am very thankful for their support.

Thank you for your prayers, your understanding, and your grace on this journey. They are a deep reminder of God's presence made visible through our community.

I hold you in my prayers, just as I feel held by yours.

In Christ's service and yours.

Pastor David

## **Welcome Rev. Steve Pierce**

Steve is a follower of Jesus, husband to Susie, father of two sons, and "Papa" to three wonderful grandchildren. He and Susie enjoy pickleball, reading, spending time with friends, and traveling. Steve is a retired Presbyterian pastor who grew up in northern Minnesota and is a graduate of Macalester College and Princeton Theological Seminary. He received his doctorate from San Francisco Theological Seminary. We are grateful for his presence with us today at Barrington UMC.

**Jesus and Me Sunday School** | Children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to JAM, "Jesus and Me," Sunday School after children's time during both services.

**Youth Gatherings** | Middle and High School students are invited each Sunday for a time of fun, connection, and growing in faith together. Bring your friends, bring your questions, and come ready for games, conversation, and community.

Middle School Youth – Meet in the Youth Room at 9:00 a.m.

High School Youth – Meet in the Youth Room at 10:30 a.m.

**Starlight Talent Showcase** | Today, from noon to 3 p.m.

Come celebrate the amazing talents within our church family! Congregation members and friends are invited to enjoy the God's Squad Starlight Showcase—a joyful evening filled with music, creative performances, original artwork, and a delicious meal. You'll experience vocals, instrumentalists, ukulele duets, the written word, baked goods, and more, all shared by members and friends of our community in support of our youth ministry.

**Cover art:** The Baptism of the Christ by artist Daniel Bonnell

## Welcome Jennifer Whiting, BUMC Interim Director of Music

Jennifer brings a rich and diverse musical background to her role as Interim Director of Music. She holds advanced degrees in choral conducting from Northern Illinois University and a strong foundation in piano and English from Rockford College. Jennifer has led community choruses, church music programs, and academic ensembles at all levels – notably she directed Glen Ellyn-Wheaton Chorale and Gary United Methodist Church’s music ministry. She lives in Huntley with her husband, and has two married daughters in the area. We look forward to Jennifer’s contribution to our music program, and to sharing God’s love by continuing to experience vibrant and meaningful worship through music.

### **Lectio Divina** | This morning, 9-10 a.m. in the Dining Room

Everyone is invited to join our Second Sunday Lectio Divina in the Dining Room. Lectio Divina is simple to pick up and provides a restful way to reflect on scripture and encounter the presence of God.



*Friday, January 23, at 5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall*

Escape the winter chill and join us for a tropical evening of family fun! Put on your brightest Hawaiian shirt, grab your flip-flops, and get ready for games, music, food, island vibes—and a sweet treat from Kona Ice—at our Family Luau Night! There is no cost and all are invited.

Sign up through the QR code.



### **Northern Illinois Food Bank**

BUMC is committed to fighting food insecurity. Our teams serve monthly at the Northern Illinois Food Bank’s Geneva warehouse on the first Tuesday from 1:00–3:30 p.m. and the third Tuesday from 9:00–11:30 a.m.—helping provide food to those in need. Join a team by scanning the QR code or contacting Pat Zeibart at [psziebart@gmail.com](mailto:psziebart@gmail.com).

### **Rescheduled! Board Games/Card Games Fellowship Event**

New date, Sunday, February 1, noon–2:30 p.m.!

All are invited to an afternoon of fun and games! We will gather in Fellowship Hall for a light lunch of sandwiches and snacks, then have a time of fellowship and friendly competition. The games will be quick and easy (most rated for ages 8+) so we can rotate folks around the tables to experience a variety of games and groups. Come ready for laughter, connection, and a little friendly competition!



## **Introduction to Loss & Mourning: Grief Within Family Systems**

A workshop led by Michael J. Pearson, LCSW

Sunday, February 1 | Noon-1:00 p.m., a light lunch will be provided

Grief touches each person—and each family—differently. This workshop offers an introduction to the experience and process of grieving, with attention to how



family systems shape mourning. Learn how healthy mourning can support adjustment and healing. Participants will also have the opportunity to meet Mike Pearson and learn about a small support group he is offering for those who are experiencing grief. Scan the QR code to express your interest.



## **A Wesleyan Journey of Prayer**

Wednesdays, February 18–March 18 | In person or online, 10 a.m. or 7 p.m.

This Lent, explore the many forms of prayer—confession, lament, petition, fasting, examen, and more—through scripture, conversation, and meaningful prayer practices. This study connects with the Lenten sermon series and offers space to reflect, learn, and grow in faith together. All are welcome. Please register and indicate which time works best using the QR code.



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