

# *Parkman Congregational Church*

## *March 5, 2023*

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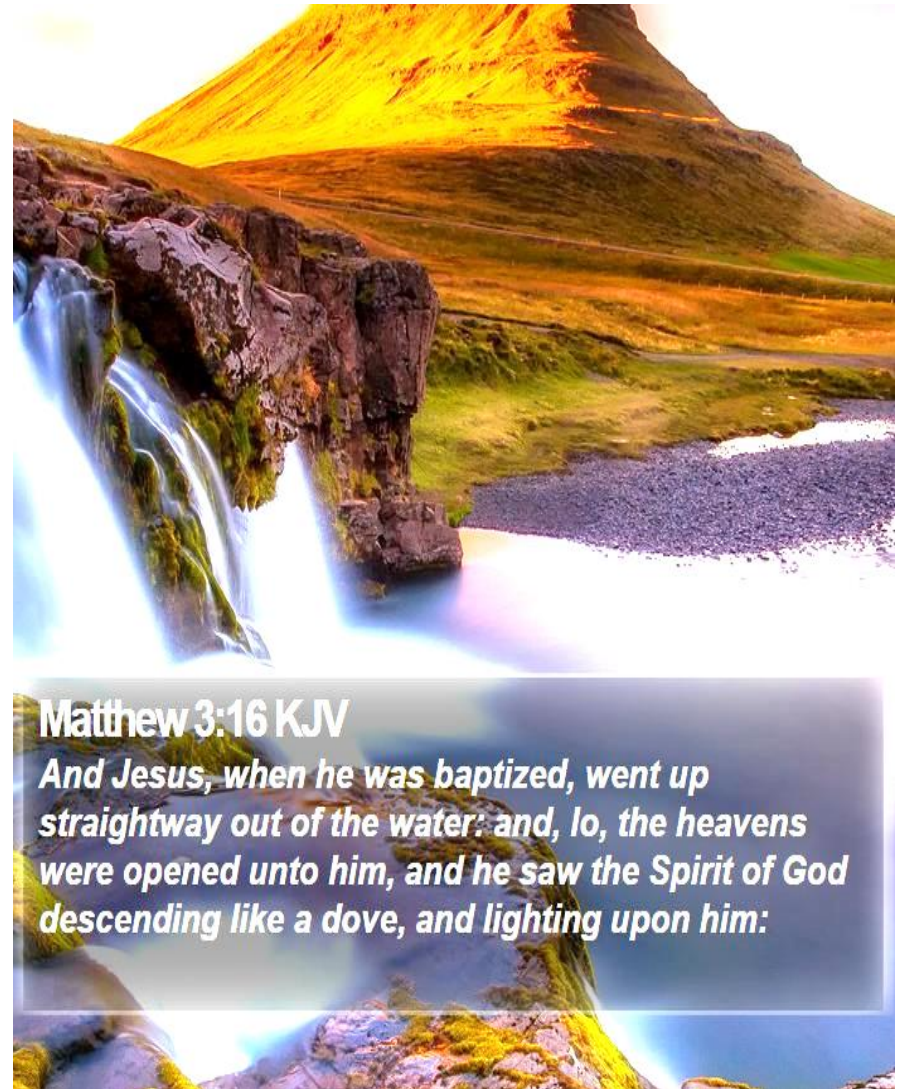
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***1823 - 2023 Bicentennial***



**Matthew 3:16 KJV**

***And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up  
straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens  
were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God  
descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:***

***Pastor: Reverend Will Coley***  
***Ministers: Members of this Congregation***

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## THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

**Sunday, March 5**                      Sunday school, 9:00 am  
   Fellowship, 10:00 am  
   Worship Service, 10:30 am  
   Observance of the Lord's Supper  
**Evening Prayer Service 6-7:00 pm**

**Monday, March 6**                      Leadership, 7:00 pm

**Friday, March 10**                      **Pinewood Derby, 6:00 pm**

**Saturday, March 11**                      AA – 8:30 pm

**Sunday, March 12**                      *Daylight Savings Time Begins*  
   Sunday school, 9:00 am  
   Fellowship Time, 10:00 am  
   Worship Service, 10:30 am  
   *Observance of the Lord's Supper*  
**Evening Prayer Service 6-7:00 pm**

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NOT God's plan for my life  
BUT my life for God's plan  
NOT God's vision for our church  
BUT our church for God's Vision

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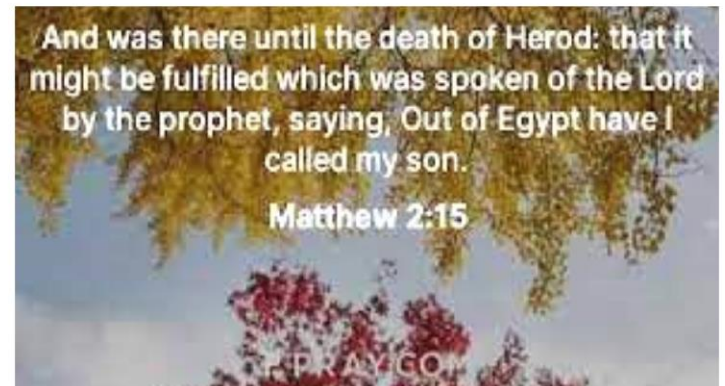


MATTHEW	
3/5 –Matthew 3:13-17	Jesus Baptism

## Scripture of the Month

### Matthew 2:15b

*This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet,  
"Out of Egypt I called my son." esv*



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### The Star

The wise men did not come directly to Bethlehem but to Jerusalem, and they came with the question on their lips: "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews?" For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him" (vs 2). Perhaps no text has been subjected to more speculation than the description of the star that led these men from the East. Some scholars have indicated that it was likely a comet's tail that gave guidance to the people in their sojourn. Johannes Kepler, for example, argued that there was an unusual conjunction of two planets in the constellation Pisces in 7 BC that would have given off an extreme luster. Still others say that these men, perhaps being astrologers, had seen in their astrological charts the appearance of certain stars that heralded the birth of a great king. The other possibility is that the star that led these men to Jerusalem and then to Bethlehem was a specific creation by God for this particular event, something like the shekinah glory cloud that led the people of Israel in their wilderness wandering.

If I had to choose from among these options, I would choose the latter. I think it would be very difficult to follow the tail of a comet, or even an inordinately bright conjunction of two planets, to Jerusalem and then from Jerusalem to Bethlehem. I suspect that this is another account of a miraculous work of God to guide the men to the proper place.

We do not know how they knew that they were looking for the King of the Jews; Matthew doesn't give us that information. But he does say that they had seen His star in the east and had come to worship Him, that is, to give obeisance to Him. The implication here is that the men were coming not merely to give homage to a monarch but to worship before deity.

- RC Sproul: Matthew: An Expositional Commentary (pg. 12, 13).

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To Parkman Congregational Church  
Thank you doesn't begin to express enough for  
all you have done for us and meant to us. We  
are grateful for our time at Parkman -

Friends made, time shared, lessons learned.  
We have been blessed by you.

We especially thank you for sending us off well.  
We feel loved and supported and prayed for.

Thank you for every hug, every kind word,  
every gift, and every prayer.

Much love,

James, Amanda & Zadok



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**Corned Beef and Cabbage Fundraising Dinner**

Friday, March 17, 2023

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

\$15.00 includes drinks and desserts

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We need help to set up the hall, prep, serve and clean up.

We also need donations. Please sign up outside the secretary's office to volunteer and/or donate.

We hope to be able to have dinner in the social hall as well as carryout!!

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**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**



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**PINEWOOD DERBY NIGHT**

**Come to Watch!! Come to Play!!**

**FRIDAY MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup> at 6:00 PM**

**DINNER!! SNACKS!! DRINKS!!**

**Join in on the fun!!**

**Everyone Welcome!!**

**Sign up at the Children's Church check-in desk or on PCC Facebook Post!!**

