



# First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 2026

10:00 a.m.

*In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.*

## **ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

Gathering Music: Hymnal 582

Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Consolation”

Franz Liszt

Call to Worship

*from Ps. 29 and Mark 1*

The voice of the Lord is over the waters,

***and in the temple God's people say: Glory!***

The heavens opened, the Spirit descended,

***and a voice sounded: This is my Beloved Son.***

\* Hymn 744

“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

***Merciful God,***

***in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,  
making us part of the body of Christ.***

***We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,  
separated from one another.***

***We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,  
and show reluctance to welcome one another.***

***We allow the past to hold us captive.***

***In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us,  
and free us from sin.***

***Fulfill the promises of our baptism  
so that we may rise to new life and live together in grace.***

\* Silent Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

\* Response 582

***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. Amen.***

## **PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Matthew 3:13-17 (NT, p. 3)

## Psalter: Psalm 29 (Hymn 10) A Time with Children

## Anthem

## Second Lesson: John 1:19-34 (NT, p. 92)

## Sermon: "From Question to Insight"

Rev. Carter

## *Sermon Series: Waking Up to Grace*

## **RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\* Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant (Hymnal, p. 21)

## Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering  
Offertory  
Doxology 606  
Prayer of Dedication      "Tune for the Oboe"      Gilbert M. Martin

# GO IN GOD'S NAME

\* Hymn 757      “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

## \* Charge and Benediction

### \* Postlude “Cornet Voluntary”

*If you are leaving before the postlude is finished, please do so quietly.*

\* All who are able shall stand.

**Today's flowers** are given to the glory of God ---

We are grateful for the many ways that people support our church's ministry to the community and world. If you wish to contribute by cell phone, **scan here.**

## **PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Pastor	Rev. William Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Jan Thyren
Liturgist	Kim Barrows
Ushers	Sue Flynn & Bet

## Church Family Announcements

Our congregation worships God. equips God's people for ministry in the world. and serves God in ways that are faithful to the Gospel.

Thank you for joining us for Worship.

- We gather each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in person or on our YouTube channel, (or stream the service on YouTube at a later time).
- Please use the red attendance pads to record your presence today.

**Adult Education** meets on Wednesdays at 6 p.m., Room 206. We will return to regular meetings on January 7.

**Presbyter and Weekly E-Mail** - We currently have the weekly e-mail and the monthly Presbyter to stay up to date on all Church Community happenings. Do you have happenings to share? Deadline for weekly newsletter 3 p.m. Monday for the same week. E-mail Joy at [office@fpccs.org](mailto:office@fpccs.org).

**Bridge Club**, Do you like to play Bridge? Come join us every Wednesday and (or) Friday at 12:15 p.m. all are welcome.

**You're invited to an Undecorate Party** on Saturday, January 10 at 10:30 a.m. as we undecorate the church after the Twelve Days of Christmas have concluded.

**2026 Offering Envelopes** are available to pick up in the Narthex

**Tell us your prayer concerns.** Prayer Request Cards are in the pew racks. Pass them to the center aisle to be collected during the first hymn.

**Please pray for:** Debbie, Molly, Ellen, Jeff, Jean, Dawn, Jim, Nancy, Sarah, Carol, Leslie, Kim, Craig K., Gary K., Judy S., AJ, Lee, Sally, Terry, Estelle, Nate, Len, Millie, Faith, Erin, Katie, Sue and family, Renee, Wendy, Margaret, Jim L., Robyn, K.J., Christine, Rachel and family, Theresa, Cindy, Bob, Dick, Kate, Shirley, Peg, Dorina, Jane & Family, Diane, Morgan, Riley and Shelby.

**Coming Soon:** Clarks Summit Festival of Ice, January 30-February 1.

**Coming Sooner:** The World's Greatest Sermon, January 25.

## **This Week at a Glance**

Sunday, January 11

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- 11:15 a.m., Winter Session Meeting
- 3 p.m., OA, Room 210

Monday, January 12

- 7 p.m., AA

Tuesday, January 13

- 9:30 a.m., Yoga, Room 111
- 10:00 a.m., My Brothers' Keeper Quilts
- 6:15 p.m., Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary
- 6 p.m., OA, Room 210
- 7 p.m., AA, Room 111

Wednesday, January 14

- 10:30 a.m., Prayer & Share
- 6 p.m., Adult Education, Room 206
- 7 p.m., Bell Choir Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, January 15

- 8:30 a.m., Men's Breakfast
- 11 a.m., Presbytery Training, Room 206
- 2:00 p.m., Sr. Game day
- 4 p.m., Mobile Food Pantry, Fellowship Hall
- 5:30 p.m., Worship/Music/Arts committee, Room 206

Friday, January 16

- Presbyter deadline for ALL entries

Saturday, January 17

- 9:45 a.m., OA

Sunday, January 18

- 10 a.m., Worship
- 11 a.m., Confirmation
- 3 p.m., OA, Room 210
- 5:30 p.m., Girl Scouts, Room 111

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