

First Presbyterian Church



Baptism of the Lord

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**Followers of Christ, called to serve our community
and be an actively-engaging light to the world.**

We live into our faith, inspired by our worship, encouraged by our fellowship, empowered by our studies. As a Matthew 25 Congregation, we answer the call to provide food and shelter to those in need. As a More Light Presbyterians Congregation, we provide a safe and affirming worshiping community for LGBTQIA+ persons, celebrating the uniqueness and dignity of each person as they seek a home for their faith and confidence in the promises of God for them.

January 11, 2026
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PRELUDE

Adagio in A Minor

J.S. Bach

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The Spirit descends and Christ is revealed.

Congregation: We are claimed by grace and called by name.

We are delighted that you have joined us this Lord's Day. If you'd like to learn more about our mission and ministry, we invite you to speak to the Pastor or an Elder.

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

CHORAL INTROIT

Why forsake the Lord

GTG #479, vs. 1

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the waters of baptism,

Congregation: God marks us as kindred in God's name.

Leader: In the waters of baptism,

Congregation: the heavens open up and the Spirit pours out love.

Leader: In the waters of baptism,

Congregation: God names us Beloved.

Leader: In the waters of baptism,

Congregation: God claims us as God's own.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Jesus, Beloved Son of God, all that you ask of us, you first did yourself. Help us to follow the way you first traveled: to serve others and to let ourselves be served; to love stranger and neighbor, enemy and friend. When we struggle, remind us of our baptism, the waters that slake the soul's deepest thirst, and unite our hearts as one, so that we can carry out your work. Amen.

*HYMN 475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you claim us and call us, you support us and uphold us, you save us and free us from our sin. Yet we slip into old habits, worshiping idols that have claimed our hearts, disregarding our impact on the earth and our neighbors. Forgive us. Meet us at the water again, that we might know we belong to you. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

For the Lamb will be our shepherd

GTG #479, vs. 2

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: The good news has been passed down by prophets and priests: everyone who believes in Christ receives forgiveness in his name.

Congregation: We believe; help our unbelief.

Leader: Wherever you are on your journey, you are redeemed, forgiven, and loved.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI

HYMN NO. 581

*Glory be to the Creator, and to the Christ and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end!*

Amen, amen

*THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

Please greet those near to you with the peace of Christ.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

ANTHEM

*Lord God, the Holy Ghost,
In this accepted hour,
As on the day of Pentecost,
Descend in all Thy power,
We meet with one accord
In our appointed place,
And wait the promise of our Lord,
By all adored, the Spirit of grace.*

Descend, O Heavenly Dove

*Descend O heavenly Dove,
abide with us always;
And in the fullness of thy Love, come
from above
And cleanse us we pray
Like mighty rushing wind
Upon the waves beneath,*

Linda Bradley

Mark Schweizer

*Move with one impulse every mind,
One soul, one feeling Breathe:
Thy young, the old inspire
With wisdom from above;
O grant us gifts and tongues of fire,
Hearts of desire,
To pray, praise, and love*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 42:1-9

NEW TESTAMENT: Acts 10:34-43

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

OT pg. 670

NT pg. 192

NT pg. 3

SERMON

Faithful Baptism

Rev. Mari Turner

*HYMN 96 *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

MOMENT FOR HISTORY

Teri Anne Bradley

INVITATION TO OFFERING



There is only one Lord and God, from whom all things come and for whom we live. Let us offer our lives to the Lord. You may present your offering at the front of the sanctuary, or if you prefer to contribute electronically, you can do so using the PayPal QR code in your bulletin or visit our website at fpcmilledgeville.org.



OFFERTORY
*DOXOLOGY

Jesus is My Life

Todd Kendall

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of glory, as people brought gifts to the infant Jesus, we bring our gifts to you. May these gifts be used to lift up those who are oppressed, to bring deliverance to those who are in need, to support those who are poor, and to help those who are in trouble. Amen.

SEALING GOD'S WORD

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Sentences of Scripture

Profession of Faith

*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: O Lord our God, we give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 543 *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

All who come may take this gift

GTG #479, vs. 3

POSTLUDE

Bourrée from 'Water Music'

G.F. Handel, arr. Noel Rawsthorne

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Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Nancy Holbrook for her January 9 birthday by Bill, Ruby and Lizzie Werts.

***At these times the congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.**

Lord, hear our prayers

CHURCH FAMILY:

Harry Beck, ongoing health concerns

Nan Carpenter, ongoing health concerns

Louise Sallstrom, recovering at Lynn Haven Health and Rehabilitation in Gray, Georgia

Marshall Hodgman, ongoing health concerns

EXTENDED FAMILY:

Darryl Allen, Andrew Allen's father, ongoing health concerns

Nannette Green Allen, childhood friend of Margaret Ivester with serious health issues

Mark Archer, Sunda Coleman's brother-in-law, hip replacement, recovering at home

Michael Bledsoe, Mary Lucik's grandson, multiple health concerns

Taylor Croghan, Craig Callender's niece, EDS diagnosis

Don Goggans, Elaine Goggans' son, stage four cancer

Alonzo Kelley, Craig Callender's father, Stage 4 Melanoma

Velma Kelley, Craig Callender's grandmother, ongoing health concerns

Elizabeth Knobel, Carolyn Morgan's daughter, ongoing health concerns

Charles Morgan, Jennifer Flory's father, ongoing health concerns

Joanne Murphy, Kathy Carroll's mother, ongoing health issues- at Carlyle House in Macon

John J. Murphy, Kathy Carroll's father, recovering from kidney operation

Paul Orman, Barbara Orman's husband, ongoing health concerns

Chris Pearson, Sunda Coleman's son, recovering at home; dialysis

Renee Pearson, Sunda Coleman's daughter-in-law, diagnosed with congestive heart failure, at home

Runette Pounds, Sunda Coleman's mother, ongoing health concerns

Bob Smart, Anne Smart's husband, ankylosing spondylitis

Windy Spaide, Craig Callender's sister, ongoing health concerns

Randy Stewart, Haywood Edwards' son-in-law, ongoing health concerns

Ike Thomas, ongoing cancer treatments

Dudley Weathers, Anne Weathers' husband, at home in hospice care

Wayne Woodard, Ruby Werts' brother, diagnosed with Parkinson's

IN ASSISTED LIVING

Nan Carpenter, PO Box 527, Jefferson, GA 30549

Jude Hirsch, Fellowship Home at Meriwether, 10 Meriwether Place

Laura King, The Cottages of Milledgeville, 1010 Fernwood Drive

Maryanne Morris, Fellowship Home at Meriwether, 10 Meriwether Place

Runette Pounds, in hospital, moving soon to Fellowship Home

Greeters

January 11: John & Emily Bradley

January 18: Pat & Sherry Henry

January 25: Nancy Miller/Becky Humphrey

Nursery Volunteers

January 11: Susan McGill/Nancy Miller

January 18: Joel Burns/ Laurie Peebles

January 25: Margaret Ivester/Gloria Burns

Liturgist

January 11: Joel Burns

January 18 & 25: Melba Burrell



THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: January 11-18

Today	9:45	Sunday School
	10:15	Children's Sunday School
	11:00	Worship
	12:00	Youth
	5:00	PW Bible Study
Monday	7:00	Oconee Recovery Coalition
Tuesday	9:30	Food Pantry
	11:00	PW Bible Study
	12:00	Kiwanis
	6:30	Session Meeting
	7:30	NA Meeting
Wednesday	10:00	Have a Mug with Mari
	6:30	Potluck and Bible Study
Thursday	7:30	NA Meeting
Saturday	7:30	NA Meeting
Sunday	9:45	Sunday School
	10:15	Children's Sunday School
	11:00	Worship
	12:00	Youth

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, January 19th in honor of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Bicentennial Ornaments are available for sale before worship or in the Church Office. The cost is 1 for \$15 or 2 for \$25.

All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to support the Bicentennial celebration in 2026.

Are you interested in reading or sharing a moment in history about someone who was important in the life of this church?

See Ruby Werts.

Offerings in January	\$ 6,053.00
Anticipated January expenses:	\$17,114.00
(Monthly expenditures may exceed anticipated amounts)	



**Join us for worship in-person or online
on Facebook Live every week.**

9:45 AM Sunday School Class (meets in the Betty Newton Campbell parlor), we are studying *The Bible With and Without Jesus: How Jews and Christians Read the Same Stories Differently* by Amy Jill Levine and Marc Zvi Brettler. Please contact Joel Burns joeldburns@gmail.com if you are interested in attending via Zoom.

Sunday: 9:45 AM Fellowship Sunday School Class (meets in small room next to office at end of hall), studying *Being a Presbyterian in the Bible Belt* by Ted V. Foote Jr. & P. Alex Thornburg.

Sunday: 10:15AM Children's Sunday School Class, singing, crafts and stories, (meeting in the Craft Room upstairs)

Sunday: 12:00PM Youth Group (Youth Room)

Wednesday: 6:30PM Wednesday Night Potluck and Bible Study, studying *Uppity Women of the Bible* by Hebrew Bible professor Dr. Lisa Wolfe, (meeting in the Fellowship Hall).

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475

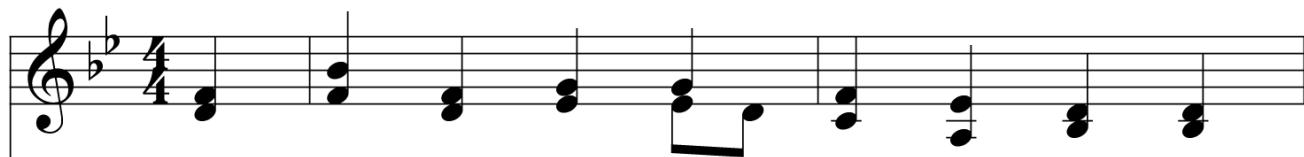
1 Come, thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee.

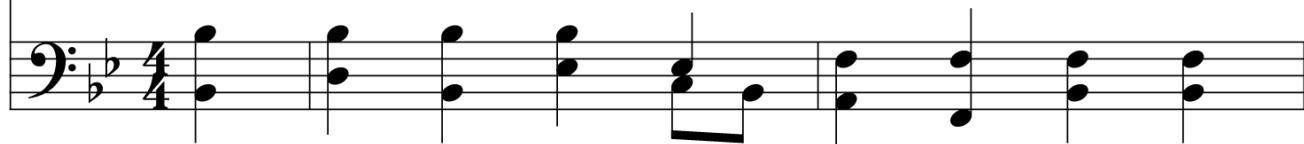
Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - dering from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love!
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

96 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry



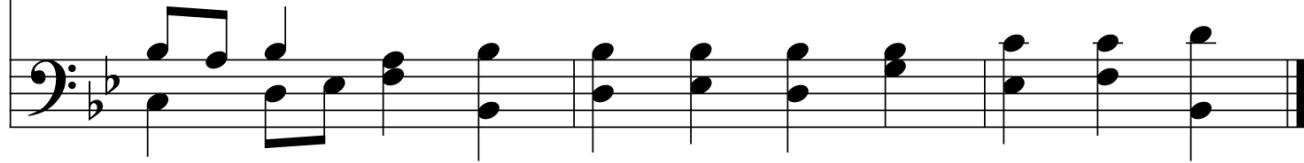
1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery life from sin; make
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our
 4 Stretch forth your hand; our health re - store, and



noun - es that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 straight the way for God with - in, and let us all our
 ref - uge and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
 make us rise to fall no more. O let your face up -



for he brings glad ti - dings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.



God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

O Christ, Surround Me

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1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
 2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness-
 3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
 4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
 5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that

move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
 es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
 strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
 light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
 hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:

O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.