



# First Presbyterian Church

## Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 2026, 11AM



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\* Indicates that those who are able may stand

**Bold type is spoken by the people.**

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*Robert Bucklee Farlee*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Robert Brady, Liturgist*

ONE: In the waters of baptism,

**ALL: God marks us as kindred in his name.**

ONE: In the waters of baptism,

**ALL: the heavens open up and the Spirit pours out love.**

ONE: In the waters of baptism,

**ALL: God names us Beloved.**

ONE: In the waters of baptism,

**ALL: God claims us as her own.**

\*OPENING HYMN: Out of Deep, Unordered Water

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### CALL TO & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE God has made a covenant with us and with our ancestors: to be a light to the nations, to bring freedom to captives, and to declare new and glorious things! In faith, let us confess our sin, saying...

**ALL: 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.**

### SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

\*RESPONSE HYMN: Lord Have Mercy Upon Us

**#575**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

**ALL: We believe; help our unbelief.**

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

\*GLORIA PATRI

#581

**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!**

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

*Rev. Katie Ory*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Isaiah 42:1-9

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SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Acts 10:34-43

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ONE: A new teaching, with authority!

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM:

Washed Anew

*Thomas Keesecker*

Washed anew with life-giving water,  
Bathed and cleansed, Kyrie eleison! (*Lord have mercy*)  
Thirsting for knowledge, thirsting for truth, Jesus, you have set us free.  
Like gentle rainfall, like morning dew, clear and clean our hearts will be.  
Cast off all weakness, cast off all sin, with his death we've been reborn.  
A mighty ocean, a quiet stream, rising, greet a glorious morn.  
Come sing God's praises, come to the feast, Christ is risen from the grave.  
A flooding river, a raging sea, trembling, stand among the saved.

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Matthew 3:13-17

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SERMON

*Kelly Appleton*

\*SERMON HYMN:

Take Me to the Water

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COMMUNAL AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Confession of 1967, 9.15*

**God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.**

## \*GREETINGS

After an exchange of Peace between the Pastor and the Congregation, we encourage you to greet one another. The Greetings will conclude with the first verse of *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*.

ONE: ...The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**ALL: And also with you.**

ONE: Let us pass the peace...

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

**#306**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ONE: ... Lord, in your mercy,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERTORY:

Baptized in Water

*Neil Maxey*

## OFFERING

## \*DOXOLOGY

**#606**

**ALL: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN:

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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## \*BENEDICTION

ONE: ...Alleluia!

**ALL: Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE:

Fugue in C Minor

*Johann Pachelbel*

# REGULAR WEEKLY CALENDAR

## SUNDAY

- **Higher Grounds Café** – 9:30am-11am, in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Religion & Culture Class** – 9:30am-10:30am, in room 6.
- **Faithful Living Class** 10am-10:45am, in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Adult Morning Bible Study** – 10am-10:45am, in the Library
- **Worship Service** – 11am, in the Sanctuary
- **Nursery** – 9:30am-12:15pm - Ages 5 and under.
- **Children's Church** - 11:15am, in Room 16.

## WEDNESDAY

- **Wednesday Night Gathering** – Resumes 01/21/26, in Fellowship Hall.
- **Choir Rehearsal** – 7:30pm, in the Sanctuary.

## THURSDAY

- **High School Youth Group** – Morning coffee talk and encouragement, 7am-7:30am, home of Rev. Ory.

## STAFF:

The Rev. Michael D. McLaughlin.....Pastor & Head of Staff  
The Rev. Katie Ory.....Dir. TTU PSA, Dir. Children & Youth Ministry  
Paul Thurmond..... Director of Music  
Virginia Fillers.....SoulSong Coordinator  
Amy Ainsley.....Office Administrator

## ELDERS:

2026: Cade Arnold, Josh Doré  
2027: Sidonie Sansom, Dee Tompkins  
2028: Ben Marsee, Donna Simpson

**CLERK:** Chris McCormick

## DEACONS:

2026: Michelle Doré, Ron Ledbetter, Stacey Trent  
2027: Kelly Appleton, Ann Hayes, Tony Lawson,  
Colleen Mestayer, Gabrielle Pate, Shelley  
Wiley  
2028: Missy Moore, Liz Tompkins, Pat Wilhelm

## BIRTHDAYS:

June, Rebecca	01/03
Glasgow, Diane	01/05
Bellis, Charlene	01/07
Boles, Hannah	01/20
Bragg, Shanon	01/22

Samon, Jerry	01/22
Hayes, Ted	01/26
Wilhelm, Matthew	01/28
Pelren, Sarah	01/31

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