

**GOOD MORNING!** We welcome each of you to this service of worship and we are glad you are here. We invite you to fill out the Welcome card found in the pew rack and place the card in the offering plate, so we can welcome you further and start to get to know you better.

**THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**

<b>Today</b> (01/11)	9:30a 10:30a	Sunday School Worship Service— <i>Communion</i> Installation of Officers
<b>Mon</b> (01/12)	6:30p 7:00P	TACC Rehearsal Stated Session Meeting
<b>Tue</b> (01/13)	10:00a	Personnel Committee Meeting
<b>Wed</b> (01/14)	9:00a 7:00p	Weight Watchers Choir Rehearsal
<b>Sun</b> (01/18)	9:30a 10:30a 11:30a 12:00p	Sunday School Worship Service Annual Congregational Meeting Hillbilly Hideaway Luncheon

*Financial Update can be found on the bulletin board.*

**Installation of Officers:** Today, Rich Tincher and Spencer Sharp will be installed as Elders for the Class of 2028.

**Committee Annual Reports:** Committee Chairs should have their annual committee reports turned in to the church office by end of business on Thursday, January 15, 2026.

**Congregational Annual Meeting:** The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 18, immediately following worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to hold the meeting of the Corporation and to approve the Pastor's Terms of Call.

**SAVE THE DATE!** On Monday, February 2, we will begin making eggs. Our working schedule will be Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The first week will be:

Monday, 2/2	Kitchen staff (begins at 8:30a) Shapers
Tuesday, 2/3	Kitchen staff, Shapers, Chocolatiers and Dippers
Thursday, 2/5	Everyone needed!

We look forward to seeing you and putting your good volunteer skills to work.

**The Gathering:** There won't be a Gathering this month (January). However, we will offer a trip to Hillbilly Hideaway in Walnut Cove after church on Sunday, January 18th. If you plan to attend, please register on the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

**Pennies for Hunger:** Don't forget to drop your pennies in the "Hunger" pail located in the Narthex.

**Dollars for Missions:** All loose dollar bills placed in the collection plates will be earmarked for mission work—divided between FPC Mission Team and a Salem Presbytery mission.

**Blessing Box:** Please continue to support the Blessing Box. It is being visited quite frequently and because of this we are in need of the following:

- ◆ Canned Vegetables
  - Green Beans
- ◆ Canned Pasta
- ◆ Canned Soup
- ◆ Canned Meat
  - Tuna, Chicken, Beef Stew, etc.
- ◆ Boxed Pasta
  - Mac & Cheese, Hamburger Helper, etc.
- ◆ Dry Pasta / Pasta Sauce
- ◆ Ramen Noodles
- ◆ Instant Potatoes, Pasta and Rice Mixes
- ◆ Other Non-perishable Foods



# First Presbyterian Church

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January 11, 2026—Baptism of the Lord

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### GATHERING

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: A voice of power and majesty calls out to us: I am your God; I have called you in righteousness.

**All: We are amazed that God knows us and calls us. By God's breath and spirit, we receive life.**

One: God takes us by the hand and leads us. In covenant with God, we extend light to the world.

**All: Eyes are opened and prisoners are freed. Justice and peace prevail, by God's strength.**

One: Worship with joy and give glory to God's name. Listen for the new thing God declares.

**All: We remember that we have been baptized. May we live as those with whom God is pleased. Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN NO. 475

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

NETTLETON

\*You may stand in body or spirit.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory, we confess that our lives have not glorified you. God of justice, we admit our complicity with systems of injustice. God of light, we are aware of the shadows we create that keep others from seeing you. All-inclusive God, we repent of our narrow vision and our tendency to exclude. Purge us of the idols that keep us from full commitment to the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. *(The prayer continues in a time of silent, personal confession.)*

Amen.

### RESPONSE

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The prophets testify that all who believe in God's messenger receive forgiveness of sin through his name. We believe that Jesus is that beloved messenger, with whom God is well pleased. Through this One on whom God's spirit was poured out, like a descending dove, we know ourselves to be beloved by God, forgiven and freed from the bonds of sin. Friends, believe the good news...

**All:** *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.*

### \*GLORIA PATRI

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.

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All:** *And also with you.*

*(Please share a sign of peace with others.)*

## ANTHEM

### THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All:** *Thanks be to God.*

Isaiah 42:1-9

Matthew 3:13-17

### SERMON

*"Dangerous Waters"*

Rev. John Pruitt

## SENDING

### \*HYMN NO. 482

*"Baptized in Water"*

BUNESSAN

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*"The 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.

### INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

Spence Sharp & Rich Tincher (Class of 2028)

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

### \*DOXOLOGY

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 DEDICATION

### THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Words of Invitation

The Prayer of Thanksgiving - 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.

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of God's Gifts

The Communion Prayer

### \*HYMN NO. 838

*"Standing on the Promises"*

PROMISES

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

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#### Serving Today (Jan 11)—Communion

Greeters/Ushers: Joy Budkey, Jim Ingram

Element Prep: Joanne Dramstad, Priscilla Henderson

Assisting Elders: Nancy Bolen, Linda Volcek,  
Mike Polinsky, Skip Smith

#### Serving Next Sunday (Jan 18)

Greeters/Ushers: Skip & Pam Smith

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