

*First Presbyterian Church
Baptism of the Lord
January 12, 2025*



SHARE the amazing love
of God

REFLECT the light of Jesus
Christ

LIVE and serve joyfully
in the Spirit's
power

Welcome and Announcements-Thank you for joining us for this morning's worship service. We are glad to have you here! If this is your first time visiting with us, please fill out a visitor's form, found in the back of most pews. We would be pleased to add you to our email list. Welcome.

Prelude

"Deep River"

Adolphus Hailstork

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

Holy Triune God, author of community, come baptize us.

Remind us what it means to belong to one another.

God who tears the heavens, come baptize us.

Reveal to us Your power that ushers in new realms.

God who calls us beloved, come baptize us.

Declare to us Your great delight and hold us in your pleasure.

God of vulnerability, come baptize us.

Welcome us into the paradox of strength that comes from weakness.

Together, let us remember this day.

In the Creator's love we are held, into Christ's body we are baptized, and by the Spirit's power, we are claimed. All glory to God. Amen.

*Hymn 475

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession-followed by a time for silent confession and prayer

God of baptism, You emptied Yourself of privilege to free us from supremacy. You were submerged in the depths so that we would not be alone in them. You were lifted from the waters so that we might be filled.

Assurance of God's Grace

Hear the good news. We are forgiven and called to new life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Song of Praise

"Sing a New Song"

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Anthem

"Be Thou My Vision"

Rutter

*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.

Bibles can be found in the back of the pew in front of you.

Please rise is body or spirit. Words in **bold print are spoken aloud or sung in unison.*

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, died, and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he will 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.

Time with the Children

*Hymn 76

“Do Not Be Afraid”

Prayers of the People

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.

First Lesson

Isaiah 43: 1-7, page 623

Second Lesson

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22 page 891

Sermon

“The Kingdom’s Doorway”

The Rev. Steve Frazier

*Hymn 482

“Baptized in Water”

Benediction

Benediction Response

“Jesus, Be with Us”

David Gambrell

**Jesus, be with us. Help us each day to follow the gospel and live as we pray.
Send us your Spirit and show us your way. Jesus, be with us today.
Where there is hunger and thirst in the land, scatter the systems of greed.
Jesus, be with us; make use of our hands. Lift up your people in need.**

Passing of the Peace

Please join us in the Courtyard Lobby for snacks after worship!



The Session will be meeting today, January 12, 2025, after worship.

The First Presbyterian Book Club will meet in the social hall on Sunday, January 26, immediately following post worship fellowship. Two books will be considered: Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain and James by Percival Everett, a retelling of the same story from the point of view of Jim, the runaway slave. Discussion will be led by Linda Audet and Pat Sparks.

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Prayers of the People

Wayne Braswell	David Stuart, Mary's brother
Connie, friend of Oralie	Paul and Alice Butler
Lane Pittman	Oralie and Lou Wilhite
Josh Bennett	Robert and Peggy Norfleet
Monica Manley	Kathy Goolsby
Jackie LaPonte	Betty Hunt, friend of Michele
Maria Rhodes	Mary, friend of Bobbi Stegall
Gus and Clara Spanos	Barbara Bond
Isaiah Burgess, friend of Matt and Gabbi	Sonia Powell
Cecilia Fry and children Alfred and Teresa	Bev Smith, Mallory's mother-in-law
Dana Arden	Mary Leming
Mae Holoman	Nancy J, friend of Oralie and Raymond
Donna, friend of Oralie	Jean Byers
John Hackworth	

Church Staff

Steve Frazier – Covenant Pastor
Edna Broadhurst – Director of Music
Gabrielle Goodrich – Secretary

SESSION

Steve Frazier – Moderator of Session
Cameron McCormick
Norma Halterman
Todd Taylor
Oralie Wilhite
Linda Audet
Michele Graupmann
Diane Griffin
Mary Ann Taylor
Michael Broadhurst

TRUSTEES

Earl Griffin
John Hackworth
Pat Sparks

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

7 David Turner
15 Beth Lutz
17 Carl Rhodes, Jr.
18 Brantley Aliff
25 Alyssa Furman
26 Sylvie Joyner
27 Kay Kidd
31 Kelsey Smith
31 Abby Taylor