



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 11, 2026

Baptism of the Lord

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Source of salvation and Bringer of light, we fail to sense the mystery of your love. We bear grudges against our neighbors, while it is your nature to forgive. We hold tightly to our possessions, while Christ blesses the poor. In him you have spoken peace, yet we live in turmoil. We care little for this planet, which you in goodness created for our habitation. In mercy forgive us and help us to amend our ways.

✠ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God is righteous and just and forgives the iniquity of all who repent. Like “rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth,” God’s goodwill overflows toward us in the Babe of Bethlehem. Through that child, who is our risen Lord, we plead for forgiveness and claim God’s mercy and assurance of pardon.

✠ GLORIA PATRI “Glory Be to the Father” #812

***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.***

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of God be with you.

And also, with you.

Greet one another in Peace.

THE CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Congregational Life

ANTHEM “O Worship the King”

(Pethel)

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Children are dismissed to Sunday School.

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING

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Isaiah 42: 1-9	Old	630	820
Acts 10: 34-43	New	113	157
Matthew 3: 13-17	New	3	3

SERMON "Go Tell It"

✦ HYMN "Here I Am, Lord" #589

✦ THE NICENE CREED
(Please see insert)

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

OFFERTORY "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" (Smith)

✦ DOXOLOGY #815
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
O God, as wise rulers of old brought gifts and worshiped a newly born baby, so also, we bring offerings in praise of him whom you sent. The star that we follow is the light of Christ's teachings, calling us to be faithful in service to all in need. Accept what we earn, the products of our creative energy and talent. Let this be the gold, frankincense, and myrrh that we bring. By our gifts may a sad and needy world be enriched and comforted.

✦ HYMN "Go Tell It on the Mountain" #258

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ POSTLUDE "Fanfare in G" (Dixon)

WE WELCOME EVERYONE TO THE FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

We pray you'll be nourished in faith as you hear God's message for you. Jesus welcomed everyone; that is our aim, too. Whether you're here for the first time or the thousandth, we count ourselves blessed by your presence. Persons interested in more information about the First United Presbyterian Church, or in joining this congregation, are invited to fill out a 'Welcome' card found in the pews, or to call the church office. Please be sure to sign our Guest Book near the entrance to the Sanctuary. Thank you for worshiping with us today.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- ✦ Sunday Worship - 10:00 AM
The nursery is available for your use during the worship service.
- ✦ A Celtic cross (✦) preceding a service element indicates the congregation should stand.
- ✦ **Bold** indicates congregation participation.
- ✦ If you need the Pastor after office hours, please call the church and leave a message on the Pastor's voicemail. If you call during office hours and he is not available, the staff may be able to provide his cell #.
- ✦ Pre-service refreshments are available each Sunday in the Westminster Room.

FOR THE  **HEARING IMPAIRED**

Hearing assistance devices are available. If you would like to use a receiver, please ask an Usher for assistance.



***The Purpose of the First United Presbyterian Church is to:
Invite people to know and glorify God
Grow together as followers of Christ
Serve others through the power of the Holy Spirit***

We ask that you remember these people in your prayers throughout the coming week:



The family and friends of Bob Aldrich, Lee Mason, Marge Simpkins, Dee Leuvoy, Geraldine Carnahan, Mackenzie (Kalchik) Paul, Crisanne Riordan, Ronan Mouw, Dr. Pat Newhouse, all those who are sick, all those who are traveling, all missionaries, and all members of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Please keep us up to date on your prayer request.

Unless we are informed otherwise, names are listed for 2 weeks.

FUPC Meetings/Groups—standard gathering times / or as noted

Choir Practice—Every Wednesday at 5:00pm / every Sunday at 9:00am

Circle 3—2nd Thursday at 9:30am (WR)

Deacons—2nd Sunday at 11:15am (WR)

Men's Study Group—Every Friday at 9:00am (WR)

Presbyterian Women—3rd Tuesday at Noon (SH)

Session—3rd Monday at 5:30pm (WR)

Textile Social Group—1st, 3rd & 4th Thursdays at 9:30am (SH)

Trustees—3rd Monday at 5:30pm (LB)

Women's Bible Study—1st, 3rd & 4th Wednesdays at 9:30am (WR)

Minister: Rev. Mark D. Gabbard / pastor@soopresbyterian.org

Commissioned Ruling Elder: Brenda Ransom

Clerk of Session: Julie Walsh

President of Trustees: Leanne Deuman

Chairman of Deacons: Jeanne Shibley

Music Director/Organist: Kay Boyne / *Guitarist: David Blackburn*

Administrative Assistant: Maria Price / office@soopresbyterian.org

Sexton: Jason Fuller

Office Hours: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Monday-Friday

Pastor's Office Hours: 9:15 AM to 12:00 PM, Monday-Friday

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TODAY IS THE FINAL DAY to donate new socks to the Deacons sock tree in the Narthex. Thank you to all who have donated socks and warmed our community's toes.

TEXTILE SOCIAL will begin meeting again this Thursday, the 15th, at 9:30 AM in the Social Hall.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED NEXT SUNDAY FOR HOSTING COOKIES & COFFEE! Please contact Brenda Ransom or Maria Price if you can help.

OUR FOOD PANTRY is still seeking clean, gently used jackets and coats to distribute on the scheduled Food Pantry distribution days. Donations may be dropped off at the church workroom. Thank you!

RIDES TO CHURCH are available. Should you need a ride to church, please call the church office before Friday of each week and the Deacons will arrange a pickup time.

UPCOMING EVENTS



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- January 11th – Baptism of the Lord
- January 18th - 2nd Sunday after Epiphany / Cookies & Coffee
(volunteers are still needed)
- January 25th – Distribution of 2025 Annual Reports

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, 1/11

9:00am - Coffee Hour (WR)
9:15am - Choir Practice (S)
10:00am - Worship Service (S)
***Baptism of the Lord**
10:15am – Sunday School
11:15am – Deacons Meeting (WR)

Monday, 1/12

7:00pm - Scout Troop #105 (SH)

Tuesday, 1/13

3:30pm – Food Pantry

Wednesday, 1/14

9:30am – Women’s Bible Study (WR)
5:30pm – Choir (S)

Thursday, 1/15

9:30am – Textile Social (SH)

Friday, 1/16

9:00am – Men’s Study Group (WR)

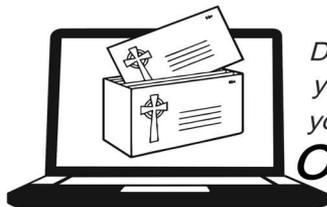
Saturday, 1/17

7:00pm - AA

Sunday, 1/18

9:00am - Coffee Hour (WR)
9:15am - Choir Practice (S)
10:00am - Worship Service
***2nd Sunday after Epiphany**
10:15am – Sunday School
***Cookies & Coffee (pending)**

WR-Westminster Room, MR-Music Room, S-Sanctuary, LB-Library, SH-Social Hall



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