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January 11, 2026

We welcome you not as strangers but as a part of God's family! We are a community of faith that gathers to praise our Lord and Savior, serve others, search for answers, and enjoy the fellowship of one another. We hope today you will be challenged and discover encouragement. The peace of Christ be with you!

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Baptism of the Lord

January 11th, 2026

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

*Worship begins with the Prelude. Please use this time for **silent** preparation.*

PRELUDE

Lani Smith

"An Epiphany Arrangement"

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

CHORAL INTROIT

Ruth Duck

“Arise, Your Light is Come!”

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) Psalm 96:1-3 (NIV)

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song;
People: *sing to the Lord, all the earth.*
Leader: Sing to the Lord, praise his name;
People: *proclaim his salvation day after day.*
Leader: Declare his glory among the nations,
People: *his marvelous deeds among all peoples.*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

*HYMN OF ADORATION # 366

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Holy God, you have called us to new life through Jesus, whom we claim as Lord and Savior. We confess that too often we depend on our own strength to live as your people, yet our willpower fails again and again. Help us turn to your Word, trusting in your voice above all others. Open our hearts to the power of your Holy Spirit to change us from the inside out. And strengthen our faith and trust in you day by day. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*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.*

A MOMENT WITH OUR CHILDREN

*HYMN OF PREPARATION # 377

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.*

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 43:16-21, page 672

ANTHEM

Bernadette Ferrell

“Christ Be Our Light”

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Colossians 3:1-14, page 201

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

The Rev. Kathryn Dudley

“Those Old Comfortable Ways”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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“Apostles’ Creed”

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Fred Pratt Green

“When In Our Music God is Glorified”

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn # 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING GOD’S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT # 363

“Rejoice, the Lord is King!”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Traditional

“Danish Amen”

*POSTLUDE

Alfred Hollins

“Trumpet Minuet”

**Please stand if able.*

Opportunities for the Week of January 11th – January 18th

Sunday: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Choir Practice
10:00 a.m. Worship Service / Rev. Kathryn Dudley
11:15 a.m. Session Meeting

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Announcements

Please welcome Rev. Kathryn Dudley as she brings forth our message. Rev. Dudley retired in 2021 after serving five churches in Lee and Moore counties as interim minister. Rev. Dudley continues to preach occasionally, serves two churches as Moderator, and volunteers as a reading partner in a local school. She enjoys family life, especially 10-year-old granddaughter Katie who shares her love of reading and her organizational skills. Rev. Dudley's husband, David, is also a retired Presbyterian minister.

The PW will be providing a Soup & Salad Luncheon on January 25th in the Family Life Center at 11:00 am. Please be sure to join us and bring a friend.

Office hours for January: The church office will be open on Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Sonya will be working from home on Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and can be reached by email at infofpc397@gmail.com. If you need assistance after these hours, please do not hesitate to send an email as emails are checked periodically.

Please consider serving on a church committee this coming year.