



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 2026 ~ 10:30 a.m.

CENTERING MUSIC ~ “For the Beauty of the Earth,” arr. Diane Bish

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PASTORAL UPDATES

MINUTE FROM OUR PASTORAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE ~ Tammie Davis

GATHERING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;

I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

You have a mighty arm; strong is your hand, high your right hand.

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;

Steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

Blessed be the Lord forever. Amen and amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE (No. 482) ~ “Baptized in Water”

INVITATION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mighty and merciful God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling. We have been timid and frightened disciples, forgetful of your powerful presence and the strength of your Spirit among us.

(Time for silent confession). O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways. As you have chosen us and claimed us in our baptism, strengthen us anew to choose Christ’s way in this world. Give us your Holy Spirit that each one in ministry may be provided with all the gifts of grace needed to fulfill our common calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

HOLY INTERRUPTION ~ *An intentional time to share the peace and fellowship of Christ*

SCRIPTURE ~ Matthew 3:13-17

SERMON ~ “Righteous Baptism” by Rev. Brad Walker

SPIRITUAL RESPONSE

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

CHORAL RESPONSE ~ “Take My Life, That I May Be” by Dori Erwin Collins

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS (*Follow prompts*)

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.

In baptism, each of these people were clothed with Christ, and are now called by God through the voice of the church to enter into ministries of service and governance, announcing in word and deed the good news of Jesus Christ.

We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we celebrate God’s particular call to our brothers and sisters.

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God’s purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ,

And individually members of it.

*HYMN OF SENDING (No. 69) ~ “Here I Am, Lord”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*GO FORTH IN PEACE ~ “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing,” arr. Diane Bish

Ordination and Installation of Officers

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Elders ~ Class of 2028

Wesley Combs
Candi Harker
Julianna King
Larry Maston
Daniel Robertson
Kathy Ruffel

Deacons ~ Class of 2027

Judy Cox
Jamie Davis
Ella Deakins
Agnese Goin
Alex King
Sarah King
Greta Robinette
Cindy Sharitt

Youth Elders ~ Class of 2026

Lylah Combs
Lleyton Good

Constitutional Questions for Ordination and Installation of Officers

Do you trust in the Lord Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? **I do.**

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you? **I do.**

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God? **I do and I will.**

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our Confessions? **I will.**

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? **I will.**

Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit? **I will.**

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world? **I will.**

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church? **I do.**

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? **I will.**

For Deacons

Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will.**

For Ruling Elders

Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will.**