

ORDER OF WORSHIP

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 11, 2026

Prelude "I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry" .. *Emily Mathys, Instrumentalist*

Welcome

Please sign and pass the black pew pad.

Gathering "Away in a Manger" *Junior Choir*

*Call to Worship

Leader: God anointed Christ to console the afflicted.

People: Come, let us worship the Lord our Comforter!

Leader: God anointed Christ to emancipate the enslaved.

People: Come, let us worship the Lord our liberator!

Leader: God anointed Christ to bind up the wounded.

People: Come, let us worship the Lord our healer!

Leader: God anointed Christ to deliver the troubled.

People: Come, let us worship the Lord our Savior!

*Hymn of Praise "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How Wide"
Hymn #618

Call to Confession *Linda Rinehart*

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving-kindness have mercy on us and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life and live together in grace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Response of Praise "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" (refrain)
Hymn #136

*Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also, with you.

Anthem "Manger Songs" *Junior Choir*

Scripture *Matthew 3:13-17*

Sermon Epiphany Series: Gifts that Keep on Giving *Rev. Diane Flynn*
"The Gift of Committed Community"

*Affirmation of Faith *On Screen*

Pastoral Prayer (with 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.

Announcements

*Doxology *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*
Hymn #608

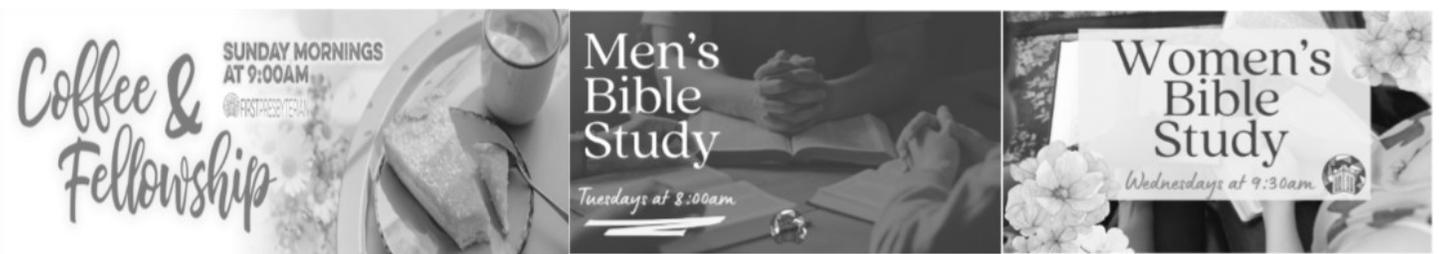
*Offertory Prayer

O God, in our baptisms we have been named and claimed as your covenant people, connected deeply with you, with one another, and with the earth. May these gifts be used as a witness to your love, peace and justice at work in the world, renewing the face of the earth. In Christ's name we pray, Amen .

*Closing Hymn *"Down Galilee's Slow Roadways"*
Hymn #164

*Benediction *"Away in a Manger"* Junior Choir

Postlude *"Holy Water"* Emily Mathys, Instrumentalist



IN OUR PRAYERS: Pam Archer, Sarah Bolden, Thelma Carlson, Noah Cassion, Greg Clark, Lori Disbennett, Rev. Donald Leckrone, Karl Leckrone, Gary and Elesa Thompson.

HOME BOUND: Larry & Helen Fox, Wilma Miller, and Beverly Shearer, Paul & Carolyn Wiehe.

IN A CARE FACILITY: Evelyn Rutherford at Heritage; Vivian Lowe at Bluebird; and Bob Huffman at Prestige Gardens.