

# BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 11, 2026

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## THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“A Mighty Fortress”

Arr.: Lani Smith

## GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Frances Bius, Liturgist

Leader: Come to the waters, beloved, where God’s Spirit moved over all of creation, where Jesus was immersed in justice, where God leaned close to us.

**People: Let us splash in the river of God’s joy.**

Leader: Come to the waters, beloved, where God’s voice thunders, where God whispers kindness.

**People: Let us watch as Jesus steps into the muddy mess of our lives.**

Leader: Come to the waters, beloved, where the Spirit gifts us so we can stand side by side with the broken and forgotten.

**People: Let us now come and worship, as we are indeed God’s beloved children.**

### \*HYMN #8 (see bulletin)

“To God Be the Glory”

Crosby/Doane

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

We cannot be reminded enough that God claims us as beloved children even before we are perfect people. As we remember our baptisms, let us confess those foolish choices which keep us from jumping feet first into that river of grace, where God meets us in the waters of life. Please join me now in the prayer of confession, followed by a time of silent prayer.

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Unison)

*O GOD, we know we prefer to stand on the shoreline, scared to run barefoot into the waters of faith. We take small sips of the living water of grace you offer but go on binges with the mixed drinks of anger and fear. We have trouble seeing some neighbors, much less strangers, as your beloved and believe our privilege means all are as comfortable as we are. As we draw near to the waters of baptism, God of grace, have mercy on us. Whenever we forget who we are, send us to serve the vulnerable. Whenever we forget what we are, challenge us to be more gracious and just. Whenever we forget whose we are, wash us again in that forgiveness deeper than our shallow lives, and fill us with new life in Christ. Our prayers continue in silence...*

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Leader: This is our good news, friends. The Spirit descends upon us, the heavens open, and God speaks – not with judgment, punishment, or condemnation, but with joy, grace, hope, and love.

**People: We are God’s beloved children – forgiven, claimed, named, and baptized. Thanks be to God. Amen!**

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Share the peace of Christ with one another.

### \*HYMN #408 (see bulletin)

“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

Doris Akers

## WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH OFFERINGS AND PRAISE

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Domine Deus, Rex Coelestis”

Boëly

**\*DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

RELEASE TO CHILDREN’S CHURCH (*5th grade or younger*)

## WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 42:1-9

ANTHEM

“Step Into the Water”

Talley/Ferrin

SECOND READING:

Matthew 3:13-17

SERMON

“Belonging to God”

Rev. Rick Douylliez

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

*The 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, dead, and buried; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall 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.*

**\*HYMN #206** (*see bulletin*)

**“O Love How Deep, How Broad, How High”**

Webb/Miller/LATIN HYMN

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Leader: The heavens have opened and we have heard God’s voice.

**People: Let us go to speak up for all whom the world ignores.**

Leader: We have stood in the waters of baptism gathered into the welcoming arms of Jesus.

**People: Let us go to embrace everyone who finds the doors of hope, justice, life so very hard to find.**

Leader: We have felt the touch of the Spirit resting upon us like a gentle dove.

**People: Let us go to be light in the shadows cast by the privileged and powerful and bring peace to the broken places of our world.**

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Arr.: Frank W. Breazeale

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(\*) *We stand as we are able*

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are placed to the Glory of God  
and in honor of Rick and Cathy Douylliez,*

*by Aileen McNair.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ELDERS OF THE MONTH:** Aileen McNair & Melody Jenkins

***Please support FPC with a pledge for 2026. Blank pledge cards can be found in the lobby.***

Sunday, January 11 at 3:30 p.m. *Contemporary Service begins*

Monday, January 12 at 10 a.m. Christian Service

Monday, January 12 at 7 p.m. PW Evening Circle

**January 13-16 Preschool Preference Registration —current pre-K families & FPC church families**

Tuesday, January 13 at 10 a.m. PW Morning Circle (Lesson 9)

Tuesday, January 13 at 2 p.m. Joyce Laabs' funeral, *followed by visitation in fellowship hall*

**Tuesday, January 13 at 5:15 p.m. CALLED SESSION MEETING**

Wednesday, January 14 at 1 p.m. Finance Meeting

Wednesday, January 14 at 4 p.m. Prayer Shawl (parlor)

Wednesday, January 14 at 5:30 p.m. WATCH Supper resumes

Thursday, January 15 at **12:30 p.m.** Cornerstones Lunch on the Road

*Sunday, January 18 – Rock the Universe deposit deadline*

Monday, January 19 at 12:30 p.m. Cornerstones Meeting

Monday, January 19—*church office will close at 2 p.m.*

Tuesday, January 20 at 8 a.m. Preschool Open Enrollment

**Tuesday, January 20 at 5:15 p.m. SESSION**

Wednesday, January 21 at 5:30 p.m. WATCH Supper

Jan 23-25 YOUTH on ROCK THE UNIVERSE ORLANDO TRIP

Wednesday, January 28 at 5:30 p.m. WATCH Supper

### **RESONANCE: CONTEMPORARY SERVICE TODAY AT 3:30 PM**

Join us for a contemporary worship service with discussion and snacks TODAY, Jan. 11 at 3:30 p.m.

*For more details contact Austin Pounds at [dcefirstpresmoultrie@gmail.com](mailto:dcefirstpresmoultrie@gmail.com).*

### **PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2026/27 SCHOOL YEAR**

**Preference Registration for preschool & FPC church families: January 13-16**

**Open Enrollment begins 8AM Tuesday, January 20**

See the lobby table or find more details on our Pre-K facebook page under [First Presbyterian Preschool of Moultrie](#)

### **WATCH SUPPERS WILL RESUME THIS WEEK!**

**Menu: Wednesday, January 14**

**Everyone:** Soup & Sandwiches, Salad Bar

**Dessert:** Cheese Cake, Cookies & Ice Cream

### **RESERVATIONS**

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