

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 18, 2026

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Jesus Shall Reign”

Arr.: Benton Price

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Elaine Barber, Liturgist

Leader: God calls us here together — each of us, all of us, our whole selves.

People: We bring our questions, our longings, our hopes, our dreams and our fears.

Leader: Jesus invites us to come and see where God is at work.

People: Across the street and across the globe, Jesus is present.

Leader: Within these walls and within our hearts, God is here.

People: Let us worship the God who reaches out in love and invites us to come and see!

*HYMN #49 *(see bulletin)*

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

Katholisches Gesangbuch

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus, the Lamb of God, came to redeem and reconcile, to take away the sin of the world. We are invited in our worship to tell the truth about the places in need of healing and wholeness in our lives followed by a time for silent prayer. Let us pray...

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (based on Psalm 40)

Saving God, we confess that we often have not waited patiently for you. We have preferred to sing our own song, to go our own way, and to put our trust in idols, institutions and individual strength rather than trusting you. We confess that it is easier to bring you sacrifices and offerings, rather than offering our lives to you. We search for delight in all the wrong places. We keep quiet about the ways we have experienced your love and presence, and we fail to invite others to come and see you, the source of life and love, at work all around us. Forgive us, God. Abide in us until your new song of hope and redemption pours from our lips, and your love is shared in our words and deeds...

Our prayers continue in silence...

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (based on Psalm 40)

Leader: God inclines to us, rescues us and sets us again on solid ground. God has not withheld mercy from us.

People: May we learn to trust in the steadfast love and faithfulness of God and know that we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

*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 #378 *(see bulletin)*

“Be Thou My Vision”

Arr.: Norman Johnson/IRISH MELODY

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH OFFERINGS AND PRAISE

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Setting: Hal H. Hopson

***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

Holy God, reveal yourself to us once again as we hear your Word. By the power of your Holy Spirit, inspire us to follow where you lead, and to answer your call. Amen.

FIRST READING:

Psalms 40:1-11

ANTHEM

“Lamb of God”

Twila Paris/Lloyd Larson

SECOND READING:

John 1:29-42

SERMON

“What Are You Looking For?”

Rev. Rick Douylliez

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

from a Declaration of Faith

We know our efforts cannot bring in God’s kingdom. But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil that are possible now in the world, the church, and our individual lives. Hope gives us courage and energy to contend against all opposition, however invincible it may seem, for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

***HYMN #726** *(see bulletin)*

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

Bell/Maule

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Leader: Go and see!

People: God is at work all around us.

Leader: Go and see!

People: Jesus invites us to follow.

Leader: Go and see!

People: The Holy Spirit sends us out, empowered, renewed, inspired and equipped to do our part.

Leader: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit are with us, today and always. Amen!

***POSTLUDE**

“Naschspiel”

Anton Bruckner

(*) *We stand as we are able*

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God

and in memory of Laura Beard

by her children Tom, Jim, David and Becky.

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 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

Tuesday, January 27 at 4 p.m. Missions Committee

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

Sunday, February 1 at 11 a.m. worship & baptism, followed by baptism celebration (see below)

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2026/27 SCHOOL YEAR

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](#)

YOUTH TRIP TO ORLANDO

Please keep our youth group in your prayers as they travel this week to Orlando, January 23-25.

HELPING HANDS BOX: HOPE HOUSE MOMMY MALL

This quarter, we are collecting baby goods for the Hope House Mommy Mall. **Items most needed:** Newborn up to 2T boys clothes, breastfeeding supplies (breast pumps both manual & electric, bags for breast milk, nursing pads); Dr. Brown or Philips Avent bottles and bottle brushes, play mats, mesh or plastic baby tubs, tummy time pillows, thermometers/healthcare kits, diaper bags, bouncers, baby carriers for carrying baby close to mom, baby shampoo, diaper bags and size 5-7 diapers. See the board above the Helping Hands box for other needs. Hope House also needs volunteers to work with women in online parenting classes.

BAPTISM: Sunday, February 1

Talmadge & Michelle Williams would like to invite you to join them for the Baptism of their grandchildren, Michael Alexandar and Addilynn Spencer, Sunday, Feb. 1 at 11 a.m., with a reception in the fellowship hall following the service.

WATCH SUPPER

Menu: Wednesday, January 21

Everyone: Fish Fry, Baked Fish, Cheese Grits, Cole Slaw, French Fries, Salad Bar

Dessert: Apple Dumplings, Cookies, Ice Cream

RESERVATIONS: 229-985-3158 or firstpresmoultrie@gmail.com