

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 25, 2026

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Arr.: Hal H. Hopson

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Connie Fritz, Liturgist

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,

People: For his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Give thanks to the God of gods,

People: For his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

People: For his steadfast love endures forever.

*HYMN #240 *(see bulletin)*

“All Hail the Power”

Perronet/Holden/Rippon

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us rise as we are able and stand before our God as we confess together our sins using the confessional prayer in your bulletin.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in you there is righteousness and mercy. We are spiritually poor, but in Jesus Christ you came to be merciful to the poor. We are empty vessels needing to be filled; fill us, we pray. We are weak in faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us. We are hungry in spirit; feed us. Open our hearts that our love may go out to both the friends with us and the strangers among us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Our prayers continue in silence...

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Leader: Our God is gracious and merciful. In blessed assurance we have his steadfast love and forgiveness through the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let sorrow and sighing be no more.

People: In Jesus Christ 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 #516 *(see bulletin)*

“I Love to Tell the Story”

Hankey/Fischer

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 kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH OFFERINGS AND PRAISE

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Meditation on "Leoni"

Arr.: David H. Hegarty

***DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Genesis 18:2-5

ANTHEM

"Know My Heart"

Harlan

SECOND READING:

Hebrews 13:1-2

WORSHIP COMMENTARY

"Strangers and Angels"

Terry Turner

***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 #131** *(see bulletin)*

"The Church's One Foundation"

Stone/S. Wesley

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

"Epilogue"

Lani Smith

(*) *We stand as we are able*

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Sonny and Joyce Mathis
from Marty Mathis and family.*

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.

Jan 23-25 YOUTH on ROCK THE UNIVERSE ORLANDO TRIP
Monday, January 26 PUB THEOLOGY HAS BEEN POSTPONED
Tuesday, January 27 at 4 p.m. Missions Committee
Wednesday, January 28 at 5:30 p.m. WATCH Supper
Thursday, January 29 at 1 p.m. Card playing
Sunday, February 1 at 11 a.m. worship & baptism, followed by baptism celebration (see below)
Saturday, January 31 Flint River Presbytery in Columbus
Sunday, February 1 at 8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast (at FMC)
Sunday, February 1 at 11 a.m. worship & baptism, followed by baptism celebration
Monday, February 2 at 7 a.m. Biscuits & Blessings (youth breakfast/study)
Monday, February 2 at 10 a.m. PW Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 4 SOUP KITCHEN (need volunteers)
Wednesday, February 4 at 4 p.m. Prayer Shawl
Wednesday, February 4 at 5:30 p.m. WATCH SUPPER
Sunday, February 8 at 3:30 p.m. Resonance Contemporary Worship Service

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 Alexzander 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 28

Everyone: Buffalo Wings, BBQ Wings, Lemon Pepper Wings, Steamed Veggies, Baked Beans, Fries, Salad Bar

Dessert: Ricotta Chocolate Chip Cake, Cookies, Ice Cream

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