

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Baptism of the Lord

January 11. 2026

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *When Jesus Came to Jordan*

David Cherwien

Prayer of Preparation (*you may prepare for worship by praying silently*)

Jesus, Beloved Son of God, all that you ask of us, you first did yourself. Help us to follow the way you first traveled: to serve others and to let ourselves be served; to love stranger and neighbor, enemy and friend. When we struggle, remind us of our baptism, the waters that satisfy the soul's deepest thirst, and unite our hearts as one, so that we can carry out your work. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Gwen Combs

Call to Worship (responsive)

In the waters of baptism,

God marks us and claims us as God's own.

In the waters of baptism,

the heavens open up and the Spirit pours out love.

In the waters of baptism,

God names us Beloved.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn of Praise 10 – *Sing Glory to the Name of God*

* Call to Confession

God has made a covenant with us and with our ancestors: to be a light to the nations, to bring freedom to captives, and to declare new and glorious things! In faith, let us confess our sin.

* Prayer of Confession (unison)

Gracious God, you claim us and call us, you support us and uphold us, you save us and free us from our sin. Yet we slip into old habits, worshiping idols that have claimed our hearts, disregarding our impact on the earth and our neighbors. Forgive us. Meet us at the water again, that we might know we belong to you. (time for silent confession)

* Declaration of Forgiveness (responsive)

The good news has been passed down by prophets and priests: everyone who believes in Christ receives forgiveness in his name. **We believe; help our unbelief.**

Wherever you are on your journey, you are redeemed, forgiven, and loved.

* The Congregation's Response: *Gloria Patri* Hymn 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen, amen.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Time with Children

Pam Love

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, by the gift of your Holy Spirit show us the Word made flesh — good news of great joy for all — so that we may sing with the angels: glory in the highest and peace on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading – Isaiah 42:1-9

pew Bible pg. 584

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem – *This Is My Beloved Son*

Dan Uhl

When John baptized the Christ, our Lord, the heavens opened wide.

The Spirit from on high came down, descending like a dove.

Assuring those on Jordan's banks a voice proclaimed these words:

This is my beloved Son with whom I am will pleased.

Holy Spirit heavenly, heavenly dove. Come now in visitation, in visitation:

Renew in us baptismal grace throughout each day, in every place.

You are the way, the truth, the light. Lead us to our salvation. (Repeat)

Second Reading – Acts 10:34-44

pew Bible pg. 895

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Sermon – *Lord of All*

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotwell

* Hymn of Thanksgiving 482 – *Baptized in Water*

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Invitation

* Baptismal Vows

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (ecumenical version, responsive)

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Baptism (responsive)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Glory to you, O God – your voice is over the waters, full of power and majesty. Your word shakes the wilderness and blesses us with peace. We give thanks and praise for

the new thing you have done in Jesus Christ our Savior. Baptized by John in the Jordan, you anointed him with your Holy Spirit and claimed him as your beloved Son.

We give you thanks and praise that by the grace of our baptism, you have claimed us as well and poured out the gifts of your Spirit so that we might be dead to sin and alive to you in Christ Jesus.

Continue to pour out your Spirit upon us. Empower us to love and serve you and live as your faithful people, bearing witness to the good news of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

Invitation to Offering

There is only one Lord and God, from whom all things come and for whom we live. Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

Offertory – *Larghetto*

Flor Peeters

* The Doxology – Hymn 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him,
all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* Prayer of Dedication (unison)

God of glory, as people brought gifts to the infant Jesus, we bring our gifts to you. May these gifts be used to lift up those who are oppressed, to bring deliverance to those who are in need, to support those who are poor, and to help those who are in trouble. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn of Consecration 475 – *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

* Blessing and Charge (responsive)

Beloved children of God, receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of the Lord forever. **Alleluia!**

As Jesus called the first disciples, so he calls to us this day: Follow me. **Amen.**

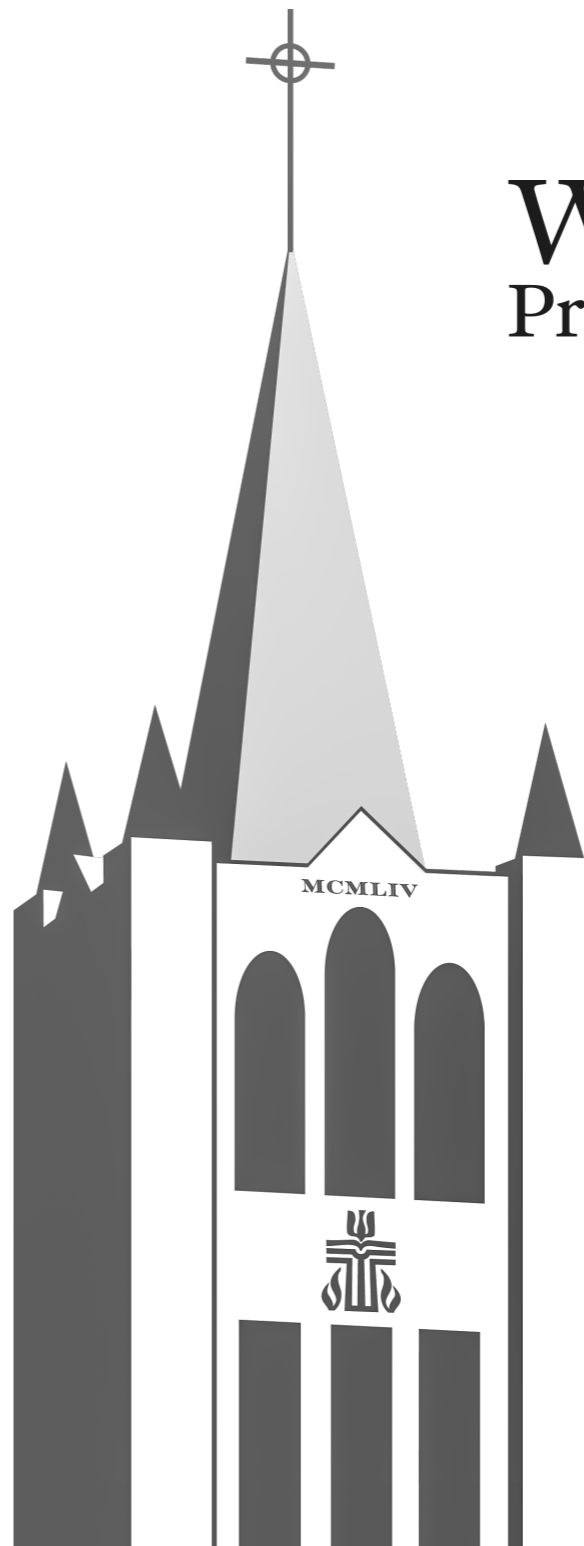
* Postlude – *Sing Glory to the Name of God*

Rebecca Groom te Velde



* Please stand at the * as you are able. Unison readings are **printed in bold**.

Today's liturgy is in part adapted from the Call to Worship website, a resource created the PCUSA's Office of Theology and Worship and the Presbyterian Association of Musicians.



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*"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new
creation—everything old has passed away;
see, everything has become new!"*

II Corinthians 5:17

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PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

(* new added prayers)

Linda Basden, neighbor of Janeil Harris – Alzheimer's

Jan Bozeman – constant pain

Franklin Bryant – recovering from broken pelvis at home

Larry & Margaret Burge of Poplarville, friend of Michael Yore – Larry has cancer

Laura Pearce Cureton, Nancy Johnson's goddaughter – nerve block therapy continues

Deidra Dickenson, Kathy Cain's sister – onset dementia

Cathy Dudley – Bedford Care (Medical Blvd)

Bill and Louise Edwards, friends of Charles Brown – strength and endurance

Teresa Ginn, Michael Ginn's aunt – dementia

Lee Graham, Pam Love's son-in-law – health issues

Jim Harris, Dixie Coats' brother-in-law's father – in hospital with serious health issues

**Mckenna Hawkins, daughter of Michael Yore's friend – cancer*

Charles "Rocky" Hartfield, friend of Pam Love – health issues

Peggy Henry, Karen Reidenbach's sister – continued strength through addiction recovery

Charlotte Hill

Ann Johnson

Geraldine Jones

Roger Kuyrkendall, Carrie Creel's father – Alzheimer's

B.J. Lambert

Vivian Lochhead, daughter of Bob and Margaret Lochhead – eye issues

Peggy McCarthy, friend of Iris Easterling – facing serious health issues

Deloris McLaurin, Glenn Nobles' first cousin – dementia

Anita Murphy, friend of Mary Cromartie – lung cancer

Glenn Nobles – endurance and strength

Renee Parker, friend of Ruthie Davis – macular degeneration

Carolyn Mitchell Pintard, Bill & Betty Mitchell's daughter – grave health issues

Shannon Love Roberson, daughter of Pam Love – broken shoulder

Laura Todd, Grayson Rayborn's cousin – multiple health issues

Louise Traxler, Karen Reidenbach's mom – Bedford Care (Medical Blvd)

Korie Turner, friend of Ruthie Davis – prayers for courage

Ella Young, sister of Janet Baldwin – struggling with dementia

PRAYERS OF COMFORT

For the family and friends of William 'Bill' Langnecker who passed away on Dec. 12.



Greeting and Announcements

Welcome to Westminster! We're very glad to see you in worship. We hope you will sense Christ's presence. If you are looking for a place to grow and serve, we'd love to tell you more about us. Please silence cell phones during the worship hour.

The January/February Today devotionals (large and small print) are on the narthex cabinet.

Deacons will meet today after worship, and the **Session** will meet next Sunday at 11:35 a.m.

Circle 1 will meet on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m., and **Circle 2** will meet at 6 p.m.

Brown Bag Bible Study will meet on Tuesday at 11:00 a.m.



Please join us for Wednesday night dinner this week at 5:30 p.m. There is no charge for the meal, but donations are encouraged. We need a headcount, so please place a reservation slip in the offering plate or call the office.

Menu: Chili, cornbread, salad and dessert

Activity

Chancel Choir will meet at 6:30 p.m.

Men of the Church will meet on Thursday at 7:00 a.m. at Loblolly Bakery.

New Beginnings will meet at noon on Jan. 19. The program will be a Bible Study with Tommy. Please let Martha or Tommy know you are coming.

There are **offering envelopes for 2026** on a table in the narthex and by the double doors. Be sure to pick up one today.

If you need something **notarized**, contact Martha in the office. No charge for members.

Boucher Diaper-Wipes Shower

Sunday, Jan. 25, after worship.

Come help us celebrate this wonderful addition to our church family.

(Gift cards are welcomed.)

To donate to WPC online, scan the QR code and follow the instructions.

