

January 12, 2025
First Presbyterian Church
Baptism of the Lord

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Lord, I Want to be a Christian* arr. by Bish

Welcome Rev. Maxwell Michaels

We Worship Together

***Call to Worship** Dan Tillman

Arise, shine; for your light has come.

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Come, worship the Lord of glory.

Proclaim God's praise among the nations!

***Hymn** *297 In Christ Called to Baptize* ST DENIO

Invitation to Confession (the congregation is seated)

We belong to God. Nothing can break this covenant. Let us, then, with confidence, approach God to honestly confess our sins in prayer.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ, but we have preferred to live in darkness. Your justice protects the weak and the distressed, yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power. Your righteousness redeems the poor and the needy, yet we seek the status of wealth and possessions. Your peace upholds the oppressed and the defenseless, yet we seek the security of weapons and retribution. Forgive us our sins, and lead us to true repentance, that we may trust you in all things; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Our God is loving, just and merciful. God delivers us from sin and restores us by grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us now greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

***Holy Interruption** *We greet our neighbors in Christ's love*

***Gloria Patri**

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.

Choral Anthem *Wade in the Water, Traditional Spiritual* arr. by Hayes
(Chancel Choir)

Children's Message

We Receive God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Psalm 29

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Message "Lean On Me" Rev. Maxwell Michaels

Affirmation of Faith *(from A Brief Statement of Faith)*

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

***Hymn** *More About Jesus* (insert) SWENEY

Moment for Stewardship: Members of the Massanetta Springs Mission Team

Announcements

Pastoral Prayers & 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.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Come, Holy Spirit Heavenly Dove* by Watts/Dykes

***Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH
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

Bless and multiply these gifts, God, that they may be a blessing to others. May whoever benefits from these offerings know of your love for them and our desire to serve. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve

***Hymn** *Trust and Obey* (vs. 1,2,5) (insert) TRUST AND OBEY

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** *288 Spirit of the Living God* LIVING GOD

***Postlude** *March, from Scipio* by G.F. Handel

Please wait until the end of the benediction response by the choir before exiting.

*Those who are able, please stand as directed at the items marked with an asterisk

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Joe Witherspoon by Beth Witherspoon.

Acolytes for today: Sam and Charlie Phillips

Nursery Schedule for January - March

January 12	Lainey Baker/Penelope Angle	Jessie Baker
January 19	Maggie Barton	Brittany Tillman
January 26	Jean Page Watson	Mary Jane Evans
February 2	Maggie Barton	Cathy Chapman
February 9	Alison Chapman	Kelli Beck
February 16	Laura Folger	Cathy Chapman
February 23	Penelope Angle	Lainey/Jessie Baker
March 2	May Jane Evans	Steve Cook
March 9	Charlene Tillman	Marietta Melton Burch
March 16	Maggie Lloyd	Michael Chapman
March 23	Brittany Tillman	Heather Tucker
March 30	Edward Tinsley	Jean Page Watson

The Church This Week (1/12/2025)

Today	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Mon.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
Tues.	6:00 p.m.	CBS
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	9:00 a.m.	CBS
	3:15 p.m.	Fun Program
	5:30 p.m.	Prayer Meeting
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Prayer List as of January 12, 2025

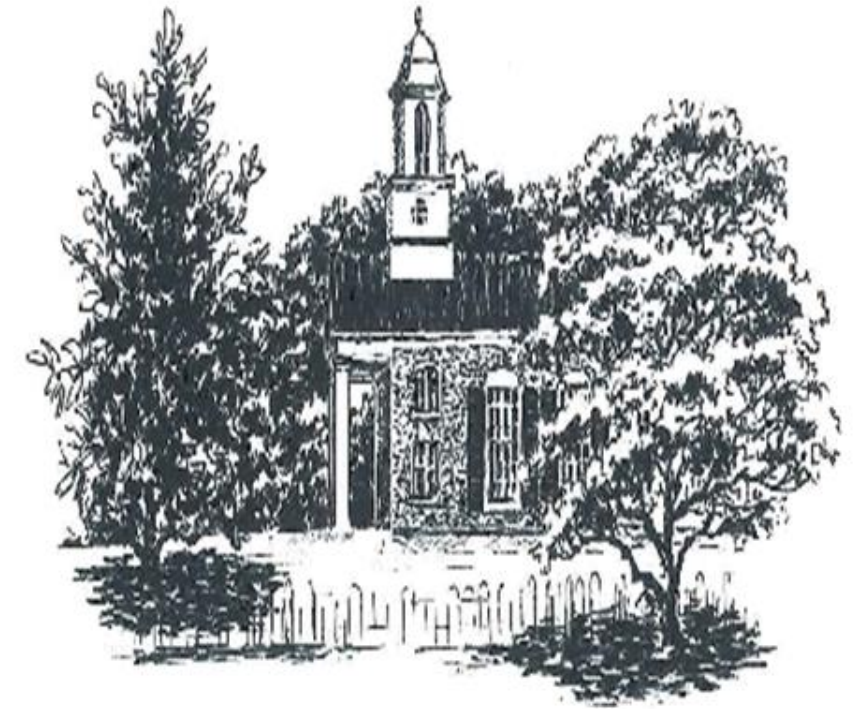
Gerry Rogers
 Ina Coggeshall
 Gray & Bea Sloop
 Bennie and Benny Lou Moore
 Bobbie Jones
 For those suffering from chronic mental and emotional illnesses
 Ruth Jackson
 B.J. Moore
 Edward Tinsley
 Louise Carpenter
 Friends and families affected by Hurricane Helene

The sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop. For individuals with hearing aids, please activate your T-coil to utilize this feature. Spare headsets are also available.

If you would like to place flowers or a plant in the sanctuary for worship service, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. You can also call or email Cathy Chapman and she can sign you up for a date.

Dear Members of FPC congregation,
 We are excited about our first annual FPC/ St David's Episcopal Church BBQ. The event will be Feb 8 with pickup of some very good BBQ from 11am - 2pm at St David's Church. Tickets may be purchased from our church office or any of the following: Cathy and Mike Chapman, Harold and Debbie Watson, Debra and Dal Luke, Phil Powell, Rob Wolfe, Dan Tillman, Lindsay and Robby Bennett. Cost is \$12 per lb and you can purchase as many lbs as you want. We have a very good team of BBQ cooks assembled so we think you will enjoy the great BBQ that is cooked for you. Our goal this year is 500 tickets with proceeds going to McArn Food Bank and Pathfinders. Please join us in supporting these very worthwhile groups.
 All tickets must be purchased in advance, no tickets sold at door.
 Thank you in advance for your support.

Additional Pledge Forms for Adults, Youth, and Children, along with the form listing ministry opportunities for serving in 2025 are available on the table in the Narthex. (Giving Ministry Team)



Our Vision

*Rooted by God's Grace,
 Growing in the Spirit,
 Reaching Out with Christ's Love*

Sunday, January 12, 2025

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Mary Jane Evans	Kristen Miller	Tracie Phillips
Jean Page Watson	Richard Pierce	Harold Watson

The Church Staff

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