

Profession of Faith: #14
Hymn: #689 (Vs. 1,4,5)

Apostles' Creed
"The Church's One Foundation"

Charge

Sung Response #739 (verse 3b)

"Pass It On"

I'll shout it from the mountain top.
I want my world to know;
the Lord of love has come to me,
I want to pass it on.

Benediction

Postlude:

"To God Be the Glory"
W. H. Doane

Prayer Concerns

Members: Nick and Becky Deschamps, Nathalie Givens, Meg and Bob Omer, Jim Tenser

Friends and family of FPC: Jody Young Balaun and Diane Knave (high school friends of Danette) Mary Black, Sherry Bowman (friend of Verna Shuey), Charles (Chuck) Burton (Kip's brother), Jackson Hetzel (Valerie Lucas' grandson), Sheila Kessler (Danette's sister), Laura Holt McCann, Bitsy McMurry (Keith McMurry's Mom), Keith Morgan (friend of Lyn Burton), Michael Rizzo (nephew of Jim & Sue Porter) the family of Wren Rubis (Lori Turner's Aunt and Pat Roberts's sister), Dorothy Smith and family, Leesha Webb (friend of Danette Heinlein).

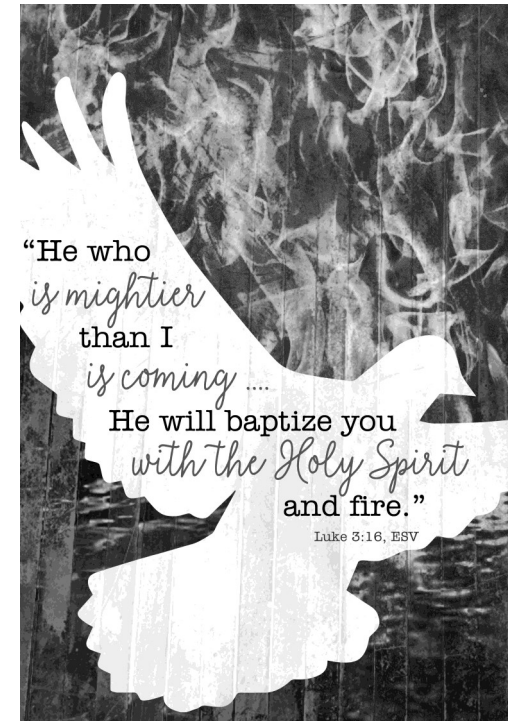


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Mission Statement:

Striving to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, growing in God through uplifting and inspiring spiritual experiences, and serving the community in love.

Service for the Lord's Day

Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2025 —10:30 am In Person & (Live Streaming—10:20 am)

Gathering Music

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"*
J. Hughes

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: (responsive) (Luke 9:35 & Ps. 96:2-3)

One: A voice came out of the cloud, saying:
This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!

**Many: Sing, and bless God's name;
tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.**

**All: Proclaim God's glory to the nations,
God's marvelous deeds to all peoples.**

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn: #45 *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*



Call to Confession: (responsive) (Hebrews 4:14-16)

One: Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in
our weaknesses, since in every respect he was tempted as
we are yet without sin.

**Many: Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace,
that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time
of need.**

All: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Merciful God,

**In baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us
part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccu-
pied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ.
We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance
to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage.**

**In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from
sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we
may rise to new life, and live together in grace.**

* Please stand if you are able

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Silent Confession: **Amen**

Kyrie: Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have
mercy upon us. #823

Assurance of Pardon: (responsive) (Romans 8:34; 2 Cor. 5:17)

One: Hear the good news!
Who is in a position to condemn:
Only Christ,

**Many: and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in
power for us, Christ prays for us.**

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

Many: The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

**All: Know that, through faith in God in Jesus Christ, we are for-
given, and that we can be at peace. Amen.**

*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. #805

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer



Offering

Regular Offering
Offertory Anthem

"Spirit of the Living God"
D. Iverson

*Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; #808
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication



Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading : (Pew bible pg. 623)

Isaiah 43:1-7

Hymn: #290 (vs 1,4,5) (please remain seated)

"Spirit of God,

Descend upon My Heart"

New Testament Reading: (Pew bible pg. 867)

Luke 3:15-22



Sermon

"Baptism by Fire . . . And Spirit"

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D. Min.

Moment for Meditation

"God of Grace/Grace Greater than Our Sin"

K. Getty/J. Rea

* Please stand if you are able

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THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ There is a new **Duty Elder sign-up sheet** on the bulletin board in the hallway by the side entrance. [Please help us fill the open spots.](#)
- ◆ The next **Women's Bible Study** will be January 14 at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ Make sure the following Birthdays are on your calendar for the Month of January: January 5: Carolyn Kniceley, January 12: Julia Richardson, January 13: Mike Goad and January 23: Becky Deschamps.
- ◆ If you or your committee or organization needs to use **any space at the church**, please let Danette know so she can make sure the calendar is clear!
- ◆ A Service of **Prayer for Wholeness and Healing**. Mark it on your calendar for Wednesday, January 22 at 5:00 pm, with a Light Supper immediately following in the Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ **QR Code for an E-Giving option:**



Clerk of Session: John Kilby

Class of 2025: Fred Coats, Lynne Bolton, Jim Porter

Class of 2026: Lyn Burton, Hal Bailey, Patsy Dickerson

Class of 2027: Cathy Goad, Patty Vari, Teri Walker

The Trustees

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Interim Minister: The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson

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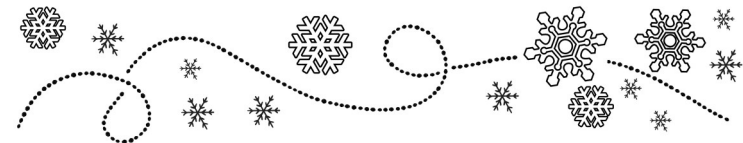
Music Director: Lori Turner

Secretary/Bookkeeper: Danette Heinlein

Calendar of Events

**Planned office hours for week of January 12:
Monday 10:00 am—3:00 pm, Tuesday 10:00 am-1:30 pm, Wednesday
10:00 am to 3:00 pm, Friday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm**

- Sunday, Jan. 12** **Baptism of the Lord**
Worship Service: 10:30 am
Sunday School: 9:30 am, Logan Room
Duty Elders: Jim Porter & Lyn Burton
Fellowship: Jones
- Wed., Jan. 14
Women's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall, 2:00 pm
- Sunday, Jan. 19** **2nd Sunday after Epiphany**
Worship Service: 10:30 am
Sunday School: 9:30 am, Logan Room
Duty Elders: Jim Porter & _____
Fellowship: P. Dickerson
- Mon., Jan. 20
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Wed., Jan. 22** **Wholeness and Healing Service, 5:00 pm**
Light Supper immediately following
- Thur., Jan. 23
Session, 7:00 pm, Fellowship
- Sunday, Jan. 26** **3rd Sunday after Epiphany**
Worship Service: 10:30 am
Sunday School: 9:30 am, Logan Room
Duty Elders: Jim Porter & _____
Fellowship:



Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43: 1-7

43 But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the Lord your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴Because you are precious in my eyes,

and honored, and I love you,

I give men in return for you,

peoples in exchange for your life.

⁵Fear not, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east,

and from the west I will gather you;

⁶I will say to the north, Give up,

and to the south, Do not withhold;

bring my sons from afar

and my daughters from the end of the earth,

⁷every one who is called by my name,

whom I created for my glory,

whom I formed and made.”

New Testament Reading

Luke 3:15-22

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all men questioned in their hearts concerning John, whether perhaps he were the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, “I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor, and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Hero’di-as, his brother’s wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added this to them all, that he shut up John in prison.

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form, as a dove, and a voice came from heaven, “Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased.”

#45 Come, Thou Fount of Every blessing

1 Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise his name--I'm fixed upon it--
name of God's redeeming love.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer,
hither by thy help I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
bought me with his precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

#290 Spirit of God, Descent upon My Heart

1 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,
and make me love thee as I ought to love.

4 Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh;
teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

5 Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame;
the baptism of the heaven-descended Dove,
my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

#689 The Church's One Foundation

1 The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation,
by water and the word:
from heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

4 'Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore,
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great Church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth hath union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.