



First Presbyterian Church
201 S. High St.
Kirksville, MO

January 11, 2026 – Baptism of the Lord

We Gather to Worship

Prelude

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Welcome

*Call to Worship

In the beginning, at creation, the Spirit hovered over the waters of the deep.
In the waters of the flood, God cleansed the earth and humankind.
God caused the waters to part so that Israel could cross from slavery to liberation.
God formed Jesus in the waters of Mary's womb.
Jesus taught us how to live by washing his disciples' feet in water.
Drinking water from a well, Jesus met a Samaritan woman, the first person to recognize that he was the Christ.
Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, the Christ.
God meant for Jesus to be the firstborn in a large family. Praise be!

*Gathering Prayer

*Hymn 10 “*Sing Glory to the Name of God*”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God, you show no partiality, yet we are not always as tolerant and accepting. Forgive our intolerance, and help us to see as you see, that we may be found acceptable in your sight through Jesus our Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

God forgives all our sins and promises to bring us to everlasting life.
Thanks be to God!

Baptism of the Lord

Passing the Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

*Response

“Glory be to the Father”

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.

We Listen to God’s Word

*Prayer of Illumination

Still-speaking God, as these words from Scripture are read, may it be to us as if the heavens are opening, and we see your Spirit descending on us like a dove, revealing your love for us as your daughters and sons. Amen.

*Song of Preparation *“Lord, Prepare Me”*

Hymn 701

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.

Scripture:

Old Testament Lesson	<i>Isaiah 42:1-9</i>	Old Testament pg 670
New Testament Lesson	<i>Acts 10:34-43</i>	New Testament pg 129
Psalter	<i>Psalm 29</i>	Old Testament pg 504

(The congregation will respond by reading the even numbered verses)

Gospel Lesson	<i>Matthew 3:13-17</i>	New Testament pg 3
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Message	“God’s Strength in Our Weakness: A New Year, A New Grace.”	Joel Heaton
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*Hymn 286 *“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”*

We Respond in Faith

*Affirmation of Faith

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; he descended into hell; 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.

*Response *“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”*

Hymn 469

Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

Baptism of the Lord

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

Opportunities for Ministry

Annual Congregational Meeting - The annual congregational meeting will be next Sunday, January 18th, 2026 immediately following worship. Please make plans to be there.

PYF Trip - On January 24th the PYF will be going to Columbia to The Kitchen Grill & Games. The plan is to go ice skating and if time permits, play some games. Cost is \$11 + \$5 skate rental for ice skating. There is a restaurant on site for those that need a snack or drink. For questions, please see Sami Shirk.

Annual PAC “Soup”er Bowl - The annual PAC “Soup”er Bowl has begun. Starting Monday, January 12 - February 9, please bring in your soup to help feed the hungry of Adair County. You can leave them in the bin in the Narthex or place them on the table with the football tablecloth.

Offering

**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

*Hymn 543 “*God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*”

We Depart to Serve

Charge and Blessing

Sung Benediction Hymn 70 “*What Does the Lord Require of You?*”

Postlude

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 11, 2026 - Joel Heaton

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School; 10:00 a.m. - Fellowship; 10:30 a.m. – Worship

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

9:00 a.m. - Clothes Closet Sorting Group; 1:00 p.m. - Clothes Closet Open to Public;
7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

6:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, January 17, 2026

1:00 p.m. - Laundry Day at Scrubby Duds

Sunday, January 18, 2026 -Rev. Dale Stone - Congregational Meeting

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School; 10:00 a.m. - Fellowship; 10:30 a.m. – Worship

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

9:00 a.m. - Clothes Closet Sorting Group

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

6:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, January 24, 2026

10:00 a.m. - Clothes Closet open to Public

Attendance January 4, 2026

In person - 43

Online - 6

Church Office Hours This Week

Church Office Open - Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - Noon

January & February Food of the Month for PAC

Soup

Fellowship Time

Today - Youth

Next Sunday - Catered

10 Sing Glory to the Name of God

(Psalm 29)

Unison

1 Sing glo - ry to the name of God, whose ho - ly splen-dor shines a -
 2 The name of God is full of might: re - sound-ing thun-der, flash-ing
 3 The name of God is wild and free, a - whirl in ho - ly mys-ter -
 4 May God for - ev - er be our peace; may hymns of glo - ry nev - er

broad.
 light. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 y. cease:

En - throned a - bove the
 The wil - der - ness can -
 A se - cret wrapped in
 Let all the faith - ful

crash - ing waves, the God of grace and glo - ry saves.
 not con - tain the ech - oes of the great re - train:
 smoke and fire, still chant-ed by the tem - ple choir:
 peo - ple come; sing praise to God, the Three-in - One:

This sweeping paraphrase of Psalm 29 conveys a sense of the Jewish reverence for the sheer power of God's name, regarded as too holy for mortal tongues to pronounce. In keeping with its appointment for Trinity Sunday, the final stanza gives the psalm a Christian interpretation.

THE TRIUNE GOD

Harmony

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia,

Unison

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Glory Be to the Father

581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

Lord, Prepare Me

701

Sanctuary

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and

ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing,

I'll be a liv - ing sanc-tu - ar - y for you.

The lines given here convey the central message of the longer song for which they form the refrain. The principal Scripture reference is 1 Corinthians 3:16-17, Paul's reminder to the Christians at Corinth that "[they] are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in [them]."

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SANCTUARY

Irregular

Breathe on Me, Breath of God 286

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

In both Hebrew and Greek, the words for “spirit” can equally well be translated as “breath” or “wind,” so it is very appropriate to address the Holy Spirit as the “Breath of God.” This tune by an English organist has become the customary one in North American hymnals.

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying 469

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing. Lord, send your

Spir - it in this place. Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren

pray - ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

This chorus from a longer song has become a popular sung prayer for the presence of the Holy Spirit. Easily memorized, it makes a very suitable sung response at appropriate points during a series of prayer concerns or with repeated singing can open or close a time of prayer.

606 **Praise God, from Whom
All Blessings Flow**
Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise *him, all creatures
here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*Or "God"

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

O Christ, Surround Me

543

C Dm7 G C Dm7

1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
 2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness-
 3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
 4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
 5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that

D7 G Am F G Am

move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
 es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
 strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
 light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
 hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:

F C G Am F C G C

O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a *lorica* (Latin for "armor" or "breastplate"). Many such petitions for God's presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.

What Does the Lord Require of You? 70

Capo 3: (G)

B^b

(D)

F

(Em)

Gm

(Bm)

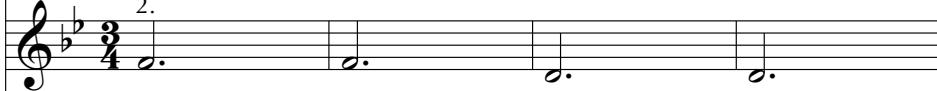
Dm

*1.



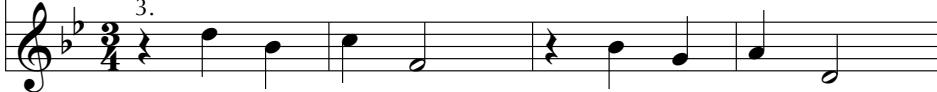
What does the Lord re - quire of you?

2.



Jus - tice, kind - ness,

3.



To seek jus - tice and love kind - ness

(C)

E^b

(G)

B^b

(Am)

Cm

(D)

F

(G)

B^b

Repeat as desired

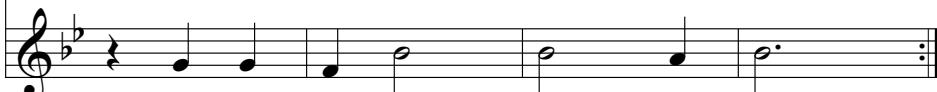


What does the Lord re - quire of you?

walk

hum - bly

with your God.



and walk hum - bly with your God.

*The three melodic phrases may be sung consecutively, as a canon, or in any combination.

This text is a very slight paraphrase of the latter part of Micah 6:8. That verse sums up in a single sentence the legal, ethical, and covenantal requirements of religion. The intertwining of these commitments can be suggested by singing these phrases in an overlapping canon.