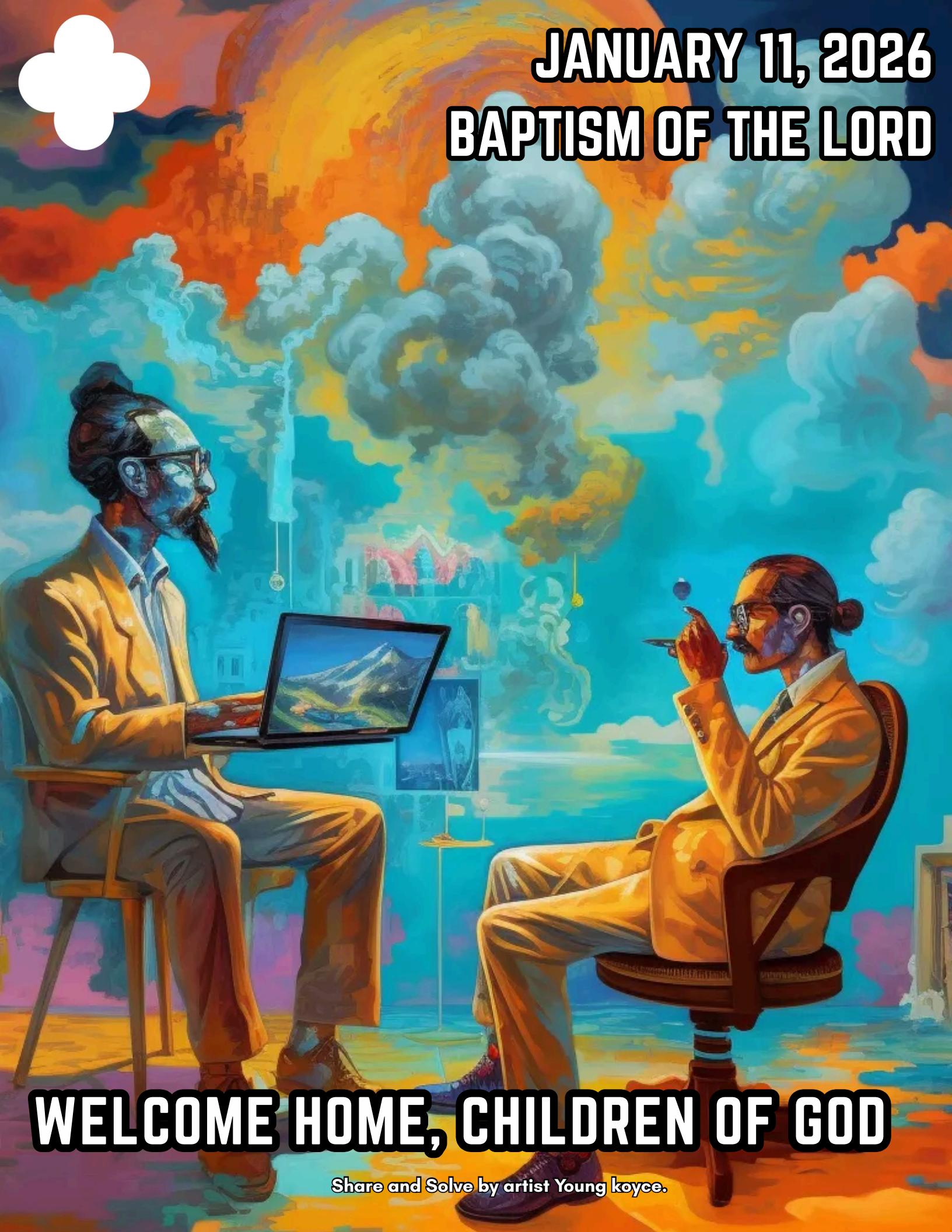


**JANUARY 11, 2026**  
**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**



**WELCOME HOME, CHILDREN OF GOD**

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# Integrative Method of Worship

There are many styles of worship. At First Presbyterian, our worship style, generally, is a traditional reformed service with liturgy, confession and classic Christian hymnody. Even with our traditional emphasis, we believe that relevant worship in the 21st century provides space for congregants and visitors to do integrative spiritual work. By this, we mean that our daily experiences inform and affect our theology and vice versa. In worship at First Presbyterian, we are striving to integrate experience and theology so that we feel responsive and genuine in our faith as we live our daily lives. Worship planning is anchored and planned around the sermon or the sermon series. Series are planned to address any one of four areas: mission of the church, life of the church family, Biblical literacy and current relevant topics. We strive to be balanced and thoughtful in what is offered for your prayer and reflection. However, because integration and responsiveness are the goal, we will often address sensitive issues. Prayers and confessions are written by our pastor. Our children's Spirit Box time is the opportunity for children to have a choice and voice in worship. We welcome you, as you are, to each worship service at First Presbyterian. Integrative work is not easy. It is not always comfortable, but it is essential to a vital church. Please feel free to reach out to our pastor with your questions.

## Statement of Mission

First Presbyterian Church of Waco, Texas, welcomes all as children of God through our worship, outreach, Christian education and congregational life events. By the liberating and compelling grace of God, and in accord with our Reformed theological heritage, we follow Jesus Christ's example by reaching out to seekers and those in need, nurturing disciples, honoring diversity and seeking to reconcile the world to God through ministries of justice and mercy.

### If You Are New Here

Stop by our Welcome Center in the Narthex for information. When you are seated, please fill out the Welcome Folder you will find in the pew. After all in the pew have signed, pass it to the center aisle or use the QR code to sign in online.

### These May Help During the Service

If you would like a large-print hymnal or hearing enhancement device, please ask an usher. We also have worship bags & fidget toys for children in the Narthex "parental discretion with these items please". Please return the bag after the service.

### If You Are in Need of Prayer

You will find prayer cards in the back of the pew. You may place them in the offering plate or hand them to an usher. Your prayers are confidential unless you request otherwise.

### Childcare

Childcare is available from 8:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. Contact the church office at (254) 752-1665 for more information.

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude: (8:30)  
(10:30)

*We Three Kings*  
*Go Tell It on the Mountain*  
St. Cecilia Bell Choir

Wolaver  
Eithun

+ Please  
rise in  
body or in  
spirit.

+ Call to Worship:

One: Jesus was known for reversals and subversions.

**Many: This wisdom turns us on our heads even today!**

One: We gather to orient to our Creator and our Christ.

**Many: We gather to strengthen their kingdom culture,**

One: .... for the sake of all creatures and creation....great and small.

**Many: Let us worship God. Amen.**

+ Hymn #307

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

CWN RHONDA

Prayer of Confession and Aspiration

**God of Culture and Conversion, we confess straddling the fence  
between the ideals of your kingdom and the reality of our culture. It  
seems we have to choose one or the other. We can feel that we are  
inadequate in our efforts for you. How we long to root ourselves in your  
essentials that as we live our day to day moments may be infused  
with your energy. We marvel at your creation, and the culture of your  
kingdom. Amen.**

Moment of Silence

Response Hymn #341 (10:30)

*O God, Show Mercy to Us*

THAXTED

O God, show mercy to us, and bless us with your grace;  
and cause to shine upon us the brightness of your face.

Scan the  
QR code  
to chat  
with the  
Zoom  
room!

8:30 AM



10:30 AM



Declaration of Grace & Sharing of the Peace of Christ

+ Invitation to Our Children (10:30) "Christ Before Me"      St. Patrick's Breastplate  
Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ beside me, Christ within me,  
Christ in the face of those who love me

Spirit Box

God be in my head. God be in my heart. God be on my left. God be on my right.  
God be beneath me. God be above me. God be in the faces of all who love me.

We are  
grateful  
for last  
week's  
giving of  
**\$52,626.75.**

**Thank you to  
our soloist  
Brian  
Rainosek.**

**Venmo can  
facilitate  
your  
offering or  
designated  
gift.**



Prayer of Illumination

Epistle Scripture Reading: Galatians 1:13-24 (pew Bible NT pg.187)

Leader: The Word of the Lord. | **People: Thanks be to God.**

Solo

*We Abide in You*

Paul Zach

We are the vineyard You have planted Tend our leaves and wild branches [Refrain]  
Fruit growing from our strength and labor Rain on us with grace and favor [Refrain]  
Where can my soul find living water? Apart from You, we bear no fruit O plant my  
feet down by the river [Refrain] We are the vineyard You have planted Tend our  
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[Refrain]

+ Gospel Scripture Reading: Mark 12:29-32 (pew Bible NT pg.49)

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord. | **People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

+ Gloria Patri #581 (10:30) *Glory Be to the Father*

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.

Sermon: Trending with the Apostle Paul: Creator Culture

Leslie King, D. Min.

+ Affirmation of Faith - page 35 of Hymnal

Apostles' Creed

This creed, spoken together, allows us to feel, summarily, the major  
movement of the gospel. Speaking it allows us to be cradled in the  
elements of the gospel that give us the most comfort. Equally, it allows us  
to ponder and wonder about elements that are more challenging to  
understand. Our recitation of it is not a call to uniformity and conformity.  
Rather, it is a call to continue to explore our mysterious gospel for the  
ministry and mission of First Presbyterian Church.

Offering (10:30)

*Praise to the Lord*

Burkhardt

+ Doxology #606 (10:30)

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.

Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30) *The First Noel*

Stevens

Scan and  
register your  
attendance.



Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

+ Prayer of the People

**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.**

+ Hymn #33

*Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show*

LLANFAIR

+ Charge & Benediction

+ Closing Response: (10:30) #769

*For Everyone Born*

BORN

Postlude: (8:30)

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Stevens

(10:30)

*Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow*

Bock

Thank you to  
Bob Cragen  
and his  
granddaughter,  
Sadie Preddy,  
as well as  
Joyce Gray and  
Dana Williams,  
for quietly and  
faithfully taking  
down the  
greens this  
year.

### Sanctuary Flowers

In honor of our grandchildren  
Brianna and Phoenix.

Given by: Mark & Marilyn  
Harren



### Parlor Plants

In honor of our church staff  
and their dedication to FPC  
and its congregation.

Given by: John & Brenda  
Stephens

Thank you to  
Kelly, Lukas,  
Evie, and  
Sadie Preddy  
for hosting  
Coffee  
Fellowship!

### January Reading Challenge

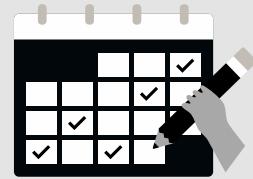
Join the energy of our Neurodiversity Cohort! As part of our participation in the Neurodiversity Grant, we are charged to lead congregational education. We hope to make it fun and engaging. We invite you to read

***Next Level: A Hymn in Gratitude for Neurodiversity***

a children's book available in the narthex. After you've read it, please sign your name to show your participation. Let's build awareness and celebrate neurodiversity together at FPC!



# UPCOMING THIS WEEK



**SUN**

**11**

<b>8:30 A.M.</b>	Worship Service - Hybrid
<b>9:15 A.M.</b>	Christian Formation Classes for all ages
<b>10:30 A.M.</b>	Worship Service - Hybrid
<b>11:30 A.M.</b>	Coffee Fellowship
<b>5:00 P.M.</b>	Our Hybrid House - Zoom

**MON**

**12**

<b>1:00 P.M.</b>	Presbyterian Women - Fellowship Hall
<b>5:30 P.M.</b>	Administration Committee Meeting - Zoom
<b>5:30 P.M.</b>	Outreach Committee Meeting - Zoom

**TUE**

**13**

<b>8:30 - 11:30 A.M.</b>	Meals on Wheels - For more information contact Charlotte Henderson - (254) 744-3305
<b>6:00 P.M.</b>	Faith on Tap - Slow Rise Woodway 7608 Woodway Dr, Waco, TX 76712

**WED**

**14**

<b>6:00 P.M.</b>	In the Wings Youth Programming
<b>6:00 P.M.</b>	St. Cecilia Bell Choir Practice - Sanctuary

**THU**

**15**

<b>8:30 - 11:30 A.M.</b>	Meals on Wheels - For more information contact Charlotte Henderson - (254) 744-3305
<b>12:00 P.M.</b>	Finance Committee Meeting - Zoom

**FRI**

**16**

<b>7:30 A.M.</b>	Men's Breakfast - Cafe Cappuccino 1101 Richland Dr, Waco, TX 76710
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**SUN**

**18**

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# FIRST PRES NEWS

## OUR HYBRID HOUSE

Our Hybrid House is the newest committee of the Diaconate, focusing on enriching our environment for hybrid worship and meetings. We are particularly interested in your opinions and experiences if you are a non-local participant of First Presbyterian. Look for our Hybrid House meetings on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 5:00 P.M. **January 11th's question is: What are you hoping to accomplish in the new year?**



### WEDNESDAY NIGHTS BACK IN JANUARY

Our dedicated youth programming team has led eight wonderful weeks of fall programming, with youth faithfully gathering after busy school days to engage scripture and life together. We're excited to come together again this week on the 14th for another meaningful and fun evening of connection and faith!



### MEN'S BREAKFAST

Join us for Men's Breakfast on Friday, January 16 at 7:30 a.m. at Valley Mills Café Cappuccino, located at 1101 Richland Dr., Waco, TX 76710.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VISIT OUR WEBSITE [WWW.FIRSTPRESWACO.ORG](http://WWW.FIRSTPRESWACO.ORG)  
OR FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA @FIRSTPRESWACO



### FAITH ON TAP

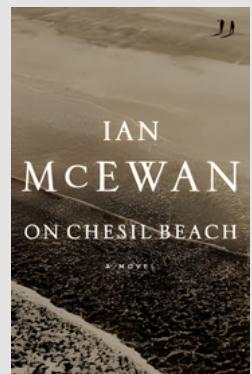
Join us for Faith on Tap Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. We will meet at Slow Rise Woodway located at: 7608 Woodway Dr, Waco, TX 76712



### FIRST PRES READING GROUP

Join us for the First Pres Reading Group as we discuss *On Chesil Beach* by Ian McEwan. We'll meet at Mike & Nancy Morrison's home on January 20 at 6:30 p.m.

3416 Carondolet Blvd  
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## Diaconate Committee Members

Diaconate Moderator/Vice Moderator	Malorie Montoya, Bricker Bruner
Diaconate Secretary	Bricker Bruner, Kitty Huneke
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Sunday Services 8:30 A.M. (Weekly Communion) and 10:30 A.M. (Morning Worship)

Pastor - Leslie King

