

Sunday, January 11, 2026
Baptism of the Lord



READING THE ENTIRE BIBLE IN 2026

If you are reading the entire Bible in 2026 and would like to discuss what you are reading,

Pastor Debbie will be at the church this Thursday, January 15 at 10:30 AM for you to come in and talk about the beginning of Genesis and Matthew. If you let her know ahead of time that you are coming, that would be helpful.

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"Living Out Our Baptisms"

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Order of Worship: Sunday, January 11, 2026

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We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds:

Today's gospel sets before us two choices. We can either resist, forbid, and try to prevent what is coming to us, which is what John wants to do. Or we can permit it and "let it be," which is what Jesus tells John to do. "Let it be so now," Jesus says to John. "Then he consented." What if that's to be our way too? What if Jesus is saying to us, "Let it be so now?" What if we too are being asked to consent? The consent to which Jesus calls us isn't simply about giving up, acquiescing, approving, or agreeing. It's about a way of life. It's about Jesus' way of life. It doesn't mean we have to like or want what is happening. It does, however, mean that we face it and deal with it.

<https://interruptingthesilence.com>

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship:

Elder Jan Owen

Come! Let us follow Jesus to the edge of the Jordan River to be baptized.

We come to be cleansed and made whole.

Come! Let us witness John's confusion and Jesus' insistence that John baptize God Incarnate.

We come to join Jesus in choosing life in the kingdom of God.

Come! Let us hear God declare the truth of Jesus' identity and the truth of our identity as baptized people.

We come to remember and embody who we are as beloved children of God.

Come! Let us worship God who leads us into the baptismal waters and salvation life.

We come to worship God who empowers us through divine presence to live together as the family of God.

PASTOR DEBBIE SUNDAY VACATION

Pastor Debbie will not be here next Sunday, January 18 as she is attending a family event in PA.

Following worship next Sunday, there will be a congregational meeting for the purpose of approving the call for a new pastor.

NEXT BOOK CLUB

The next Book Club meeting will be February 17, and we will discuss moving this to a different date.

The selection is ."The Penny" by Joyce Meyer and Deborah Bedford. From the book jacket: Jenny Blake has no idea how her life will change in the summer of 1955. But the day she stoops to pick up a penny embedded in the hot asphalt, she starts a chain of events that will transform her life and the lives of those around her in amazing ways.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

Thank you to the following elders going off the session for your years of service: Bill Owens, Marty Cropper, Nancy Wright, and Bob Reese. Thank you to the following Deacons for your service: Beth Fisher (Coming back on the Board) and Jan Phillips. Your service to this faith congregation has not gone unnoticed! God bless you!

SESSION MEETING

The Session will meet for their regular meeting on Tuesday, January 20 at 1:00 PM.

WOW January meeting

WOW will meet Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 11:00AM. Our Bible Study lesson is part II-Finding Our Joy. Lesson Four-The Prodigal Child, The Eldest Child and The Devoted Parent. All women of the church are encouraged to attend and bring lunch to share in fellowship afterward.

LUNCH BUNCH IN NEW YEAR

The Lunch Bunch will meet on Tuesday, January 27 at 11:30 at Sophia's in Ocean City. Address is 11405 Coastal Highway. New participants are always welcome!

Come join us!

Deacons Meeting

The Deacons will meet for their regular time next Sunday, January 18 immediately following worship.

Choral Introit "His Name is Wonderful"

* Hymn: "Baptized in Water" # 492 (Blue hymnal)

* Passing the Peace - *Please turn to your neighbor and pass the peace of Christ*

Call to Confession:

Prayer of Confession:

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Merciful God, we confess that we are estranged from you and from one another. We treat others as strangers rather than as people created in your image and fellow children of God. We exploit the earth as though it were our possession rather than a gift entrusted to our care and a reflection of your image and glory. Forgive us our sins and transform us by your Spirit that we might live as people who have been baptized as your own children. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: (from Ephesians 1)

Friends, hear the good news of the gospel — and of Jesus' solidarity in his own baptism by John with all who have been immersed in baptismal waters, repenting of their sin. In his name, God has forgiven us of our own sins and set us on new paths.

Let us remember our baptisms and trust in God's mercy to restore our right standing as God's own. Thanks be to God!

* Gloria Patri (unison) #622

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

* Doxology (unison) #625

Prayer of Dedication

Choral Anthem: "Jesus Came Down to the Jordan"

Prayer for Illumination: (unison)

Inspire us by your Holy Spirit that the words we read on the page might become living words in our hearts and lives as we encounter the grace, love, and peace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

1st Scripture reading: Isaiah 42: 1-9

(p.717 in pew Bible)

Elder Chris Greenwood

2nd Reading: Matthew 3: 13-17

(p. 957 in pew Bible)

Pastor Debbie Johnson

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Time with Children & Youth

Pastor Debbie Johnson

Sermon "Living Out Our Baptisms"

Pastor Debbie Johnson

* Hymn: "Lord, When You Came to Jordan"

71 (Blue Hymnal)

Current Prayer Concerns:

Virginia Miller

Lydia Frasca,
Bob & Dee Lebo

William Steger

Christine Ruskin-*friend of Marty*

Joe Nasatka-*friend of Marty*

Eric Richardson-*friend of Lisa Bayles*

Amy Etheridge- *Friend of Beth Fisher*

Mark Payne- *Friend of Beth Fisher*

Larry Steele — *Family of Dee Lebo*

Pat and Ben Steele — *Family of Dee Lebo*

Beth Miller — *Friend of the Hales*

Chuck Shorley — *Friend of the Hales*

Scott Blank — *Friend of the Hales*

Chris Hazard — *Brother of Ann Hales*

Carol Reese

Sarah & Cliff Dypsky

Maria Kontoyianni— *Friend of Carol Scott*

Gene Peavley - *friend of the Hales*

Brooke Cannell - relative of the Hales.

Janet Bischler - sister-in-law of Rich and Nancy Wright

Steve LaBrunda

Jonelle Jones

Rich Wright

Bob Reese

Fellowship Hosts Coming Up:

Jan 11 Nancy Wright

Jan 18 Carol Reese

Jan 25 Mabel Rogers

Pastor Debbie will now be taking all prayer requests.. Email her at djhj3675@gmail.com or text her at 843-568-6480.

Calendar, Birthdays, and More ...

Wed	Jan 14	Bells Practice	5:00 PM
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Thurs	Jan 15	Discussion Whole Bible Reading	10:30 AM
Fri	Jan 16	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM

Birthdays: *Sue Latour (1/14)*

Flowers: No Flowers

Chancel vases open for dedication:

01-18-26 2 vases
01-25-26 1 vases

Thank you, Marty

NEW BLUE PRESBYTERIAN HYMNALS

We now have in our pews, the 1990 copy of the Presbyterian hymnal. The hymnals were graciously given to us by the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant in Wilmington, DE. The church's last service is today, January 11, and going forward the church will be a community center called Covenant Community Services.

Pastor Debbie's Info:

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Always available by texting or calling.

Installation and Ordination

Pastor Introduction

Elders and Deacons Called Forward

Constitutional Questions

Questions to the Congregation

Ordination of Logan Rogers

Prayer of Ordination (All stand)

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

Affirmation of Faith (Apostles Creed) (Unison)

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.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (unison)

When pastor says Lord, in your mercy,
Congregation will respond: hear our prayer.

* Hymn: "Come Holy Spirit, Dove Divine"

320 (Red Hymnal)

Charge
Benediction
Response
Postlude "Three-Fold Amen"

*Liturgy credit: Book of Confessions; Rev. Matthew A. Rich for the Presbyterian Outlook; Laughingbird.net.
Music license: CCLI-#1650329.*

FREE BOOK GIVE-AWAY

Pastor Debbie is giving away a lot of books that she will not be using once she is retired. This includes hymnals, Bibles, commentaries, and Bible study books that can be done as an individual. They are now displayed in the one room adjacent to the main part of the Fellowship Hall. Stop by and look during the Fellowship time and take a few books home. The books will be there on January 4 and January 11. Leftover books will be donated to Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA. These are different books than the last two Sundays

THIRD SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR SAMARITAN SHELTER

We will be collecting household supplies next Sunday, January 18 to take to Samaritan Shelter in Pocomoke City. This has been a monthly activity of our church for many years. Household items such as dish soap, laundry soap, bath tissue, paper towels, ziploc bags, aluminum foil, etc. Anything that you need to maintain a household will be welcome. So please remember this when you are grocery shopping. Nancy and Rich Wright will be taking the items to Pocomoke to the Samaritan Shelter..

Thank you Nancy and Rich!

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION Today, JANUARY 11.

The new deacons and elders will be ordained and installed today, during the worship service.

CHRISTMAS I.Q. TEST ANSWERS

If you took a copy of the "Christmas I.Q. Test" before Christmas, you can pick up an answer key on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Hope you had fun with the test!