

**FAIRFIELD GLADE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**January 11, 2026  
Baptism of the Lord**



**Traditional Order of Worship  
8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**

Chiming of the Hour (11am)  
Prelude (8am) / Processional (11am)  
    "Wade in the Water"  
    African American Spiritual; arr. Joel Raney

Bringing in the Light  
Greeting and Announcements  
Mission Moment                      January Birthdays                      JoBeth Smith  
Hymn                      "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"                      UMH 57  
Congregational Care  
The Lord's Prayer  
Offertory Hymn                      "Down to the River to Pray"                      Southern USA folk song  
    (8am: refer to handout; 11am: lyrics will be on slides)  
Offertory Prayer  
Offertory                      "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"  
    Ralph Vaughn Williams; arr. Grace Tuhy

Special Music                      "Shout to the Lord"                      Darlene Zschech  
    JoBeth Snith, soloist  
Scripture                      Matthew 3:13-17; Isaiah 42:1-9  
Sermon                      Lanita Monroe  
Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant  
    "A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition"                      UMH 607  
Hymn                      "When Jesus Came to Jordan"                      UMH 252  
Benediction  
Taking the Light into the World  
Music for Going Forth                      "Jesus Name Medley"  
    William J. Gaither, Naida Hearn, Audrey Mieir



**Traditional Worship Today**

8:00am & 11:00am: Sylvia Schneider, pianist

Special thanks to JoBeth Smith for sharing her gift of music in today's worship services.



Welcome to our guests!  
Please join us in Fellowship Hall after worship for coffee and cookies.

**Opportunities/Announcements**

**Romans Sunday School Class** will not meet today, January 18, or January 25.

**Compassionate Friends** will not meet today.

**UMCOR:** Please pray for our FFGUMC Mission team, who will be at UMCOR Sager Brown in Baldwin, Louisiana from January 11–16, volunteering in the depot, where they will be packing disaster relief kits, and in the community serving those in need. Another mission trip to Sager Brown is planned for October.

**Annual Meeting:** Trustees will meet at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, January 19, in the Choir Room. Immediately following that meeting, at approximately 3:45 p.m., the Board of Directors of the Incorporated Fairfield Glade United Methodist Church will hold their annual meeting, pursuant to the Corporation By-laws. The meeting is open to the membership of the FFGUMC.

**Handbell Choir** is on break; i.e., there will be no rehearsals on January 7 or 14. Rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, January 21, at 4:00 p.m. in the Choir Room.

**United Women in Faith:** ALL women are invited to the general meeting of United Women in Faith on Wednesday, January 14 in Fellowship Hall starting at 9:15 a.m. They will be assembling "Birthday Party in a Bag" kits for distribution at Crab Orchard and Peavine Care Centers. For more information, please contact Karen Saunders at 401-603-8454.

**A/V Volunteers Needed:** We are in need of volunteers to serve on our audio/video team. You have witnessed the artful slides projected onto the screens with liturgy, hymn or song lyrics, and important information during the 9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services. The task involves operating the slide projection computer using a simple point-and-click process to advance the slides at the appropriate time. Training will be provided. Please contact David Odegaard if you are moved to support our services in this way.

**Special Christmas Eve Collection:** We are delighted to report that over \$5,000 was contributed on Christmas Eve, which will enable us to donate a Gift Ark to Heifer International. A Gift Ark donation includes two water buffaloes, two cows, two sheep and two goats, along with bees, chicks, rabbits and more, which will help care for an entire community. Thank you for your generosity!

**Used Christmas Cards** can be left at the church office for recycling. Please leave in the designated box adjacent to the front window.

**Congregational Care**

**Cumberland House Hospice:** Derith Skipworth

**Bledsoe County Nursing Home, Pikeville, TN:** Dean Kanuckel

**Dominion Senior Living:** Sharon Meyer, Marilyn Orr

**Holiday Lake Shore Commons, Wilmington, NC:** JoAnn Mintz

**Morning Pointe of Lenoir City:** Joy Morrison

**NHC Place at Cool Springs, Franklin, TN:** Tom Smith

**Preserve:** Peggy Orr, Bonnie Richter, Kathie Sampson

**Uplands Village:** Mary Nell Benson, Wilma Roth

**At home:** Sue Armstrong, Sandra Ashmore, Phyllis Betz, Linda Bowman, Les Cecil, Richard Comshaw, Michael Deck, C.C. Duff, Judy Flinn, Larry Gagnon, Suzanne Gill, Karen Gundy, Janet Hadd, John Hadder, Nita Hawes, Vern Hotchkiss, Diane Johnston, Dennis Jones, Shirley Justin, Donna Klippel, Fred Kirchner, Jim Kubacki, Bill Lapiska, Barb Leach, Diane Mallard, Lois McMorran, Barbara & Jim Mercer, Sid Miller, Gail Murray, Joe O'Neal, Pat Olsen, Carol Pontius, Dawn Robb, Bob Roberts, Ron Roberts, Jim Rowe, Babs & Ed Sanders, Larry Schroth, Sharon Shallcross, Kurt Smith, Nancy Dralle Smith, John Snyder, Phyllis Stone, Gary Storer, Betty Sweborg, Rodney Todd, Sue Torrey, Otis Truxton

**Please remember all of our homebound members in prayer. Also, please continue to keep the brave and proud people in your prayers where war continues to rage.**

**Recent Surgeries and Procedures:** Sharon Saferite

**Upcoming Surgeries and Procedures:** Karen Finley, Ron Gee, Mary Jane Hough

**Christian Condolences to:**

- † The family of Louis Weatherford, who died on Friday, January 2. A Memorial Service for Louie was held in our Sanctuary on Tuesday, January 6.
- † The family of Liz Clark, who died on Tuesday, December 23, 2025 in Indiana.
- † The family of Annette McFarland, who died on Friday, December 5, 2025 in Indiana.

**For Pastoral Care this week, please call:**

Rev. Lanita Monroe (931) 200-1981

Rev. Connie Hall (931) 303-1449

Pastor Matt McClanahan (931) 210-8674

**Small Groups, Bible Studies, Committee Meetings  
Week of January 11**

<b>SUNDAY, 01/11/26</b> 10:30am..... Christian Characters SS Class	<b>WEDNESDAY, 01/14/26</b> 9:15am ..... United Women in Faith 1:00pm ..... Mutual Care Ministries Mtg. 1:30pm ..... Small Group Study 5:30pm ..... Choir Rehearsal
<b>MONDAY, 01/12/26</b> 8:00am..... Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:30am..... Chair Yoga 1:30pm..... Bible Study Tech	<b>THURSDAY, 01/15/26</b> 9:30am ..... Chair Yoga 2:00pm ..... Stephen Ministry Cont. Ed. 6:00pm ..... Praise Band Rehearsal
<b>TUESDAY, 01/13/26</b> 9:00am..... Mobile Soup Kitchen Prep 12:00pm..... Ladies Game Day	<b>FRIDAY, 01/16/26</b> 12:00pm ..... Ladies Card Game Day

**Sermon Notes:**

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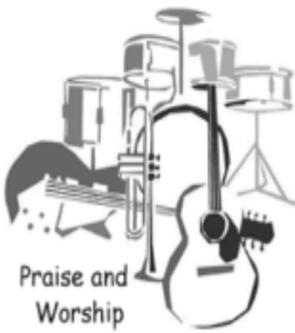
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**People I Met:**

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# Sacred Encounters

*Living and Loving like Christ*

## Contemporary Order of Worship 9:15 a.m.

*NOTE: The Praise Band does sound checks prior to worship. It may be loud at times, but please understand it is totally necessary.*

Jammin' For Jesus!		
Greeting and Announcements		
Mission Moment	January Birthdays	JoBeth Smith
Gathering		
“Prepare Ye the Way”		Tommy Walker; arr. Dan Galbraith
“Breathe”		Marie Barnett
“Surely the Presence of the Lord”		Lanny Wolfe
Congregational Care		
“Spirit Song”		John Wimber
“Down to the River to Pray”	Southern USA folk song; music transcribed by Jackson Henry	
Special Music	“Love is the Answer”	
	John H. Wilcox, Todd Rundgren, Kasim Sulton, Roger Jerry Powell	
Scripture	Matthew 3:13-17; Isaiah 42:1-9	
Sermon		Lanita Monroe
Great Thanksgiving		
The Lord's Prayer		
Holy Communion		
Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant		
	“A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition”	UMH 607
Time of Meditation	“Surely the Presence of the Lord”	
Closing Hymn	“We Are Singing—Marching”	
	Words & Music adapt. and arr. by Hal Hopson	
Benediction		
Amen!		

### Sacred Encounters Worship Today

Thanks to our **Praise Band**:  
David Odegaard (bass guitar), Jackson Prine (keys),  
Wade England (drums), Luke Jeffers (guitar), Nancy Winn (vocals)  
Special thanks to Jackson Prine for sharing his gift of music  
in today's worship service.

### Worship Services:

- 8:00am Early Traditional Worship—Sanctuary
  - 9:15am Sacred Encounters—Sanctuary (also live-streamed)
  - 11:00am Traditional Worship—Sanctuary (also live-streamed)
- (Images of those participating in streamed worship may be visible in the live stream.)  
~ Nursery Care available during 9:15am and 11:00am services ~

### Sunday Classes:

- 10:30am Christian Characters—Friendship Room
- 10:30am Romans Study—Room 7 (no class 01/11/26, 01/18/26, 01/25/26)

### Next Week's Scripture:

Isaiah 49:1-7

### All Worship Services Today

Thanks to our **Audio/Video Media Team**:

- 8:00am: Luke Jeffers (audio)
- 9:15am, 11:00am: David Farley (video slides preparation)
- 9:15am: John Jeffers (in-house & streaming audio), Ruth Kmiec (video projection), David Farley (streaming)
- 11:00am: Jackson Prine (in-house audio), John Jeffers (streaming audio), Hazel Robinson (video projection), Luke Jeffers (streaming)

Thanks also to our **Behind-the-Scenes Staff**

whose efforts help make Sunday worship possible:

- Ruth Kmiec (bulletins), JoBeth Smith (hospitality), Lisa Williams (membership), Scott Lybarger (facility), Martha Waldo (custodian), Ruth Nelson (nursery)



### Ways to Give:



ENVELOPE—Check, cash



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