

†Hymn of Praise                      UMH 252  
*When Jesus Came to Jordan*

†Opening Prayer  
Eternal Father, at the baptism of Jesus you revealed him to be your Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful to their calling as your people through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading              Isaiah 43:1-7

Children's Time (11am)  
*(Children 3 years through 3rd grade may leave for children's church after this.)*

†Hymn              *Baptized in Water*              TFWS 2248

Gospel Lesson                      Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sermon                                  Rev. Keith Ritchie  
*When You Pass Through the Waters ...*

Choral Anthem      *With This Water*      Fred Gramann  
Chancel Choir (*11am*)

Congregational Reaffirmation of the Baptismal  
Covenant                                  UMH 50

†Passing of the Peace

The Giving Of Our Gifts  
Offering  
Offertory Anthem                      Pepper Choplin  
*Behold the Lamb from The Body of Christ*

†Doxology                                  UMH 94

Prayers for and of the People  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

**THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER:**  
**SICK or A SPECIAL NEED:** Pam Robertson, Rachel Catoe, Tommy Adkins, Tommy Warren, Lillian Holland, Marilyn Bremner, Del Martin (Shirley Self's nephew), Jonathan Storch (Marian Myers' grandson), Mickey Johnston (Sharon Clanton's brother), Nellie Stanley (Shirley Self's aunt), Richard Eggleton (Lynn Shumate's cousin), Mark Roberson, Don Hogg, Ricky Young, Reid Brown (Doris Falls' brother), Faye Bennett (Amy Greer's aunt). *Please call the church office to add or remove names on our prayer list. If we have removed someone you wished to remain on the prayer list, we are sorry. Please notify the church office to have the person added.*

**SHUT-IN:** Dodie Bach, Meta Roth, Barbara Rainey, Nancy Nash, Manota Thompson, Ruby Gibson, Melanie Soulos, Helen Cook, Zora Roberson

**Please remember** the invitation to remember General Conference 2019, by praying each day from 2:23 – 2:26 as we in the UMC prepare for this conference, to be held February 23–26 in St. Louis.

**Ladies' Bible Study will resume Tuesday, January 15.** Join us on Tuesdays at noon as we learn more about Ruth. We will use a book and video by Liz Curtis Higgs - *The Girl's Still Got It!* If you would like a copy of the book, please contact Karen in the church office (\$10 per book). Bring your lunch and come to the youth room of the uptown ministry center!

**The Food Bank** is collecting cans of fruit for the month of January.

**Souper Bowl Lunch:** Join us once again for a variety of delicious soups on Sunday, February 3 at the ministry center. For just \$3 per person, you get several bowls of soup, bread, crackers, drinks, and dessert! Join the J.A.M.Z. kids as they raise money to provide meat for the food bank families. No tickets will be sold in advance. Simply pay at the door! Come to the ministry center after worship on February 3.

**Interfaith Council of MHC** invites you to an interfaith service in commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The event will be January 21 at 10 am in our fellowship hall. The theme is *Martin Luther King Jr.'s Pursuit of Justice: How Do We Honor His Legacy?*

The Lord's Prayer

†Hymn *How Firm a Foundation* UMH 529  
*During the singing of this hymn, you are invited to come forward for a time of re-commitment and prayer.*

†Benediction

†Postlude *How Firm A Foundation* G. Young

†Carrying Christ's Light into the World

†Indicates standing interval if you are able.



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*A cordial invitation is extended to you to worship with us regularly. If you would like to become a member of First Church, please speak to the pastor.*

**CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF  
January 13, 2019**

*Early Learning Center Monday – Friday 6:30 am – 6:00 pm*

The church office hours are  
8 am–5 pm Monday–Thursday.

The church office will be closed 12:30 pm–1:30 pm for lunch.

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| Sun.  | Jan. 13 | 12:30 pm                        | JAMZ   |
| Mon.  | Jan. 14 | 3:30 pm                         | Children's Choirs/<br>puppets  |
| Tues. | Jan. 15 | 10:00 am<br>10:00 am            | Lunch Bunch<br>Circle 2 (Hospitality)                                    |
| Wed.  | Jan. 16 | 10:30 pm<br>12:00 pm<br>7:00 pm | Staff Meeting<br>Seniors Unlimited<br>(Fellowship Hall)<br>Chancel Choir |
| Thur. | Jan. 17 | 10:00 am                        | Lunch Bunch  |
| Fri.  | Jan. 18 |                                 | Office Closed  |
| Sat.  | Jan. 19 | 8:30 am                         | Food Bank &<br>Clothes Closet  |

**USHERS:** George Lyle, Jim Roberts, Nancy Bryant,  
Paul Geib, Ben Gravely, John Maxwell, Bobby  
Phillips, John Roberson, Matt Spencer

**COUNTERS:** Susan Hodges, Anne Draper, Sally  
Hopkins

**SOUND TECHNICIAN:** Paul Huckfeldt

**VIDEO:** Craig Dietrich

**ACOLYTE:** Lillie Cate Sapp

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Diane Bassett

**NURSERY:** Sherri Bell

*We have equipment for the hearing impaired. If you wish to use this equipment, please see an usher.*

*Nursery (beside the Read Robins class) available for infants through three-year olds for Sunday School and 11:00am.*



Welcome to  
**First United  
Methodist Church**

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**



**January 13, 2019 8:45 am & 11:00am**

*WELCOME to this celebration of worship where we remember God's saving grace in Jesus Christ!*

Prelude D. Wood

*Praise and Thanksgiving (Bunessan)  
(Bringing in the Light of Christ during Prelude)*

Fellowship & Ministry Announcements

*Please let us know you worshipped with us today by signing the friendship pad and passing it down the pew.*

Trinity Chimes and Choral Introit

*Spirit of the Living God*

†Call to Worship

The Father's voice bears witness to the Son.

**God has shown himself to us.**

The Son bows his head beneath the waters of the Jordan.

**God has shown himself to us.**

Christ submits to John's baptism and frees us from slavery.

**God has shown himself to us.**

God's love is seen to the end of the world.

**God has shown himself to us.**