



First United Presbyterian Church

Rev. Detton H. Farmer, Pastor

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPHIPANY

Order of Worship

**Congregation, please stand or rise in spirit*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***INTROIT #644 (AA)..... "Alleluia"**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: God calls us here together — each of us, all of us, our whole selves.

PEOPLE: We bring our questions, our longings, our hopes, our dreams and our fears.

LEADER: Jesus invites us to come and see where God is at work.

PEOPLE: Across the street and across the globe, Jesus is present.

LEADER: Within these walls and within our hearts, God is here.

ALL: Let us worship the God who reaches out in love and invites us to come and see!

***OPENING HYMN #120 (AA)..... "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Saving God, we confess that we often have not waited patiently for you. We have preferred to sing our own song, to go our own way, and to put our trust in idols, institutions and individual strength rather than trusting you. We confess that it is easier to bring you sacrifices and offerings, rather than offering our lives to you. We search for delight in all the wrong places. We keep quiet about the ways we have experienced your love and presence, and we fail to invite others to come and see you, the source of life and love, at work all around us. Forgive us, God. Abide in us until your new song of hope and redemption pours from our lips, and your love is shared in our words and deeds. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

**SPECIAL SELECTION.....FUPC CHOIR..... “My Tribute”
By Andre Crouch**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION..... Rev. Dr. Julia Robinson-Moore

SCRIPTURE READINGS..... Rev. Dr. Julia Robinson-Moore
Old Testament: 2 Chronicles 20:17-19
New Testament: Colossians 2:12-15

SERMON..... Rev. Dr. Julia Robinson-Moore
Praying *from* Victory

**INVITATIONAL HYMNFUPC CHOIR..... “I’ll Just Say Yes”
By Byron Courtney Wilson**

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD’S PRAYER

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from a Declaration of Faith) (unison)**

We know our efforts cannot bring in God’s kingdom. But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil that are possible now in the world, the church, and our individual lives. Hope gives us courage and energy to contend against all opposition, however invincible it may seem, for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

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**OFFERTORY SELECTION.....FUPC CHOIR..... “Oh, Give Thanks”
By Judith Christie McAllister**

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***CLOSING HYMN #313 (GG) “Lord, Make Us More Holy”**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

RESPONSE..... “Threefold Amen”

POSTLUDE