

**First Presbyterian Church of Rolla**

**Worship Service First Sunday after Epiphany**

Jan. 11, 2026

**Pre-Service Music:**    *Baptized in the Water*    Jason W. Krug

**Welcome and Announcements:**

**Prelude:**            *Wade in the Water*            Mark Hayes

**Introit: #259:**        *The God of Heaven*    Psalm 29

**Responsive Call to Worship/Prayer of the Day**

In the waters of baptism,

**God marks us as kindred in his name.**

In the waters of baptism,

**the heavens open up and the Spirit pours out love.**

In the waters of baptism,

**God names us Beloved.**

In the waters of baptism,

**God claims us as his own.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Jesus, Beloved Son of God, all that you ask of us, you first did yourself. Help us to follow the way you first traveled: to serve others and to let ourselves be served; to love stranger and neighbor, enemy and friend. When we struggle, remind us of our baptism, the waters that slake the soul's deepest thirst, and unite our hearts as one, so that we can carry out your work. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn #163** *Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice* (stand)

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

O Lord our God, we give you thanks for the faith, hope, and love you give to us through the blessing of our baptism—claiming us as your beloved children, calling us to the path of discipleship, revealing to us the light of your glory. By the power of your Holy Spirit, poured out upon us in baptism, help us to follow you with faith, to trust in you with hope, and to serve you with love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Call to Confession**

God has made a covenant with us and with our ancestors:  
to be a light to the nations, to bring freedom to captives,  
and to declare new and glorious things!

**In faith, let us confess our sin.**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious God, you claim us and call us, you support us and uphold us, you save us and free us from our sin. Yet we slip into old habits, worshiping idols that have claimed our hearts, disregarding our impact on the earth and our neighbors. Forgive us. Meet us at the water again, that we might know we belong to you. Amen.**

## **Declaration of Forgiveness**

The good news has been passed down by prophets and priests: everyone who believes in Christ receives forgiveness in his name.

### **We believe; help our unbelief.**

Wherever you are on your journey, you are redeemed, forgiven, and loved.

### **Praise be to our merciful and faithful high priest!**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

## **Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Glory to God #581:**        *Glory Be to the Father*

**Anthem:**        *The Baptism of Jesus*        arr. Austin C. Lovelace

## **Time for sharing joys and concerns, and the prayer list.**

## **Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

Merciful God. **Receive our prayer.**

**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 #480**        *Take Me to the Water*        (seated)

**Prayer for Illumination:**

**Saving God, source of our calling, your Word is full of power and glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that we may receive your grace and live as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Scriptures for the Day:**

**Old Testament Lesson:** Isaiah 42:1 - 9

**Second Lesson:** Acts 10:34 - 43

**Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 3:13 - 17

A new teaching, with authority!

**Thanks be to God.** *Mark 1:27*

**Sermon:**

Susan Murray

**Affirmation of Faith** (Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.15)

**God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.**

**Dedication of Tithes and Offerings:** (please be seated)

**Offering #286:** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* vs 1 & NEW vs 2

NEW Verse: *These gifts we bring to you, bless them to do your will.  
Support your mission in this place, Your vi-sion to fulfill.*

**Prayer of Dedication:**

**God of glory, as people brought gifts to the infant Jesus, we bring our gifts to you. May these gifts be used to lift up those who are oppressed, to bring deliverance to those who are in need, to support those who are poor, and to help those who are in trouble. Amen.**

**Sending Hymn #346:** *For the Healing of the Nations* (stand)

**Charge and Benediction:** (remain standing)

Beloved children of God,  
receive the gift of the Holy Spirit,  
the grace of Jesus Christ,  
and the blessing of the Lord forever. **Alleluia!**

*Mark 1:11, 9:7*

As Jesus called the first disciples,  
so he calls to us this day:  
to follow Him.

*Mark 1:17, John 1:43*

Go in peace. Live in love. **Serve the Lord!**

**Postlude:** *I've Just Come from the Fountain* Jason W. Krug

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