

## Opportunities To LEARN, To GROW, To SHARE, To SERVE

The GMC, within the provisions of the *Book of Disciplines and Doctrines*, allows more latitude for local churches to determine their structure and select their pastoral staff. Given this new reality and the evolving needs of our church, the *SPRC*, with the blessing of the *Church Council*, has embarked on an *organizational review*. The foundation of this review will be information gathered from interviews with a diverse cross-section of church members from both services, as well as staff. The objective is to better understand whether our current organizational structure and leadership can be enhanced to better enable FMCW to achieve its mission. Should you have questions about this effort, please reach out to *Chris Smith*, SPRC Chair at [jscypress@gmail.com](mailto:jscypress@gmail.com).

**Chancel Choir.** Please welcome *Melanie Tilley* to our FMCW Chancel Choir.

**Family Night Dinner.** Please *sign up* at the *Welcome Center* or *outside the Sanctuary* by *Noon* on *Monday, January 13* or call the church office. The menu for *Wednesday, January 15*, at *5:30 p.m.* includes *Baked Ziti, Mixed Green Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert, Tea and/or Water.* *The cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12.*

**Children & Youth.** Wednesday activities will *resume* upstairs on *Wednesday, January 15* at *6:15 p.m.* We look forward to starting a new series on *“Fruits of the Spirit!”* See you there.

**Wednesday Night Bible Study.** Join us on *Wednesday nights* at *6:15 p.m.* following dinner as we continue our study titled *“Love in Chaos.”* Each week we will view a short video clip then have discussions talking about Love in Chaos. This study shows that we don’t have to look far to see division in our world but helps us in how we can respond to this chaos and what it’s like to live faithfully to God in these times. Join us *through February 19.* If you miss a week, it’s okay! Bring your Bible and a notebook and be ready to continue our growing in Christ!

**February Newsletter.** Lamplighter articles will be due on *Monday, January 13.*

**Head to Toe Project.** The *Matthew 25* team is now collecting *cold weather comfort items* to share with our guests at the *February 8* meal. We need donations of *new knit hats, gloves, scarves, and socks* that would be suitable for adults and children. Please consider making a donation. You may place items in the basket labeled *Matthew 25* outside the Sanctuary or in the bin outside Wesley Hall. For more information *contact Lorre Bowen* at *252-944-6548* or email her at [lorrebowl@gmail.com](mailto:lorrebowl@gmail.com).

**Welcome, Friends,** as we worship God today. May the time we share together in this place be a blessing to you. If you are interested in learning more about or becoming a member of First Methodist Church Washington, contact the church office to speak with a pastor.

Weekly Calendar	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 12</b>
9:00 a.m.	Blended Worship Service—WH/ Children’s Church—FH
10:15 a.m.	Sunday School Children, Youth, and Adults—Regular Classrooms
11:15 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service — Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Yahoos—Off-Campus
<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 13</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>
5:00 p.m.	Youth Committee—Parlor/OEB
5:30 p.m.	Missions Committee—ACR
6:30 p.m.	Family Ministry Committee— Parlor/OEB
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 14</b>
10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting—Parlor/OEB
10:30 a.m.	Circle of Kind Blessings—ACR, WH, WH Kitchen
6:00 p.m.	Pack Committee Meeting—Ruble
7:00 p.m.	Wiccacon Order of Arrow—Ruble
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 15</b>
9:30 a.m.	WWBS “Revelation” by Jen Wilkin—WH
4:00 p.m.	Men of Redemption—ACR
4:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal— Sanctuary
5:30 p.m.	Family Night Dinner—WH
6:15 p.m.	Bible Study “Love in Chaos”—WH
7:30 p.m.	Praise Team Rehearsal—WH
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 16</b>
7:00 a.m.	Men at the Table—ACR
7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting—ACR
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 17</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 18</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 19</b>
9:00 a.m.	Blended Worship Service—WH/ Children’s Church—FH
10:15 a.m.	Sunday School Children, Youth, and Adults—Regular Classrooms
11:15 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service — Sanctuary

**God’s Servants  
Worship Services  
~ January 12 ~**  
Nursery: Morgan Bullard, Delaney O’Brien  
**Wesley Hall—9:00 a.m.**  
**Altar Guild:** Katherine Davis,  
Buffy Lich, Anne Baxter,  
Sarah Purvis, Kim Sawyer  
**Communion Servers:** Sarah Purvis,  
Tony Wilkinson,  
Rob and Libby Cameron,  
Dal and Ginger Newbold,  
Will and Beth Page,  
Mary Toler (gluten-free)  
**Holy Java:** Friendship  
**Praise & Prayer:** George Isovitsch  
**Welcome Center:** Chris/Linda Smith  
**Camera:** Greg Cushing  
**Sound:** Erin Franz  
**Streaming:** Sarabeth Franz  
**Video:** Moses Moye  
**Sanctuary—11:15 a.m.**  
**Altar Guild:** Gay Reames, Kay Smith,  
Kaye Alligood, Jane Weaver  
**Sound:** Will Jefferson  
**~ January 19 ~**  
Nursery: Brett O’Brien, Kim Sawyer  
**Wesley Hall—9:00 a.m.**  
**Altar Guild:** Katherine Davis,  
Buffy Lich, Anne Baxter,  
Sarah Purvis, Kim Sawyer  
**Communion Servers:** Fritz and Sheila Tanner,  
Tim and Kim Copeland,  
Dewey and Delane Fuquay,  
David Gossett, Bea Dillon,  
Mary Toler (gluten-free)  
**Holy Java:** Methodist Men  
**Praise & Prayer:** Paige Davis  
**Welcome Center:** PJ Stembridge  
**Camera:** Bill Rompilla  
**Sound:** Jerry Cessna  
**Streaming:** Ingrid Hall  
**Video:** Will Jefferson  
**Sanctuary—11:15 a.m.**  
**Altar Guild:** Gay Reames, Kay Smith,  
Kaye Alligood, Jane Weaver  
**Sound:** Will Jefferson

**Legend**  
ACR Asbury Conference Room  
FH Fellowship Hall  
MYF Methodist Youth Fellowship  
NEB/OEB New / Old Education Building  
MM / MW Methodist Men / Methodist Women  
WH Wesley Hall  
**NEB and ACR Classrooms**  
**Adult Sunday School:**  
**Friendship** Upstairs  
**Joy ACR** Downstairs  
**ABC Ruble Conference Room** Downstairs  
**Children’s Sunday School**  
**Youth Room** Upstairs



# First Methodist Church Washington

## Baptism of the Lord January 12, 2025



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## BLENDDED WORSHIP SERVICE

**9:00 a.m.**  
Gathering Song Praise Team

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

**Leader:** Let us ascribe to the Lord glory and strength; let us worship the Lord in holy splendor.

**PEOPLE:** THE LORD SITS ENTHRONED FOREVER. MAY THE LORD BLESS US WITH PEACE.

**Worship Song** Praise Team

*Children's Church is held for ages five through 2nd Grade.  
The children are directed to meet in the back and will return following the Sermon.*

**Praise and Prayer Concerns and The Lord's Prayer** George Isovitsch

*If you wish for the pastors to receive your concern privately, we invite you to please fill out a Prayer Card and place in the offering plate.*

**Scripture Lesson** Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

**Sermon** "Claiming Our Name" Rev. Ken Hall, Jr.

**Wesleyan Covenant Reaffirmation**

**Sharing the Sacrament of Holy Communion**

*Come forward as directed by the ushers.  
Offering will be received by ushers as we come to the table.  
The invitation to Communion is open to all who love and seek to serve Christ.  
Sarah Purvis, Tony Wilkinson, Rob and Libby Cameron,  
Dal and Ginger Newbold, Will and Beth Page,  
Mary Toler (gluten-free)*

\*Concluding Song Praise Team

\*Benediction

\*Please stand as led.

**Praise Team**

*Pam Carson, Neva Cashion, Dixon Davis,  
Jim O'Brian, Bill Peele, Dale Peele, Les Sheridan, Laurie Weston*

**Ushers**

*Ron Branch, Paige Davis, Alton Griffin, Walter Jessup,  
Richard Jones, Ken Matveia, Ray Peede*

**The Lord's 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

**11:15 a.m.**  
Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude** "Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine" Percy Smith  
Arr. by Berry

\*Call to Worship

**Leader:** Let us ascribe to the Lord glory and strength; let us worship the Lord in holy splendor.

**PEOPLE:** THE LORD SITS ENTHRONED FOREVER. MAY THE LORD BLESS US WITH PEACE.

\*Hymn "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" No. 127

\*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed No. 881

\*Gloria Patri No. 70

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People, Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

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**Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory** "Three Kings of Orient" Wilbur Held

\*Doxology No. 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Special Music** "Love's Perfect Light" Lloyd Larson  
Chancel Choir

**Scripture Lesson** Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

**Sermon** "Claiming Our Name" Rev. Ken Hall, Jr.

**Wesleyan Covenant Reaffirmation**

\*Hymn "Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine" No. 606

\*Benediction

\*Postlude "Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning" Wayne L. Wold

\*Congregation standing.

*The Altar Flowers  
are given to the  
Glory of God.*

**Our Mission | The Global Methodist Church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe.**

**Our Vision | Through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, the Global Methodist Church envisions multiplying disciples of Jesus Christ throughout the earth who flourish in scriptural holiness as we worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.**

*The Teny Tanner Memorial Rosebud  
is given to the  
**Honor and Glory of God**  
and in loving memory of  
Teny Tanner  
in celebration of the birth of  
**William Harrington Bennert.**  
Born on December 28, 2024, William is the son of  
Ms. Sarah Franklin Nichols and  
Mr. William Kevin Bennert of New Bern, NC.  
Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Al Nichols  
of Washington, NC. Paternal grandparents are  
Dr. Beth Benson and Dr. Keith Bennert  
of New Bern, NC.*

**Chancel Choir**

*Lynette Amick, Jerry Cessna, Ron Champion, Alma Friedman,  
Patty Jackson, Melonie Lewis, Mary Maddox, Jim McPherson,  
Mike Moore, Patricia Moore, Tish Moore, Jim O'Brian, Gay Reames,  
Mark Reames, Melanie Tilley, Barbara Van Vliet, Stephen Vaughn*

**Ushers**

*Charlie Alligood, Rick Amick, Stan Friedman, John Gunnels,  
Will Jefferson, Brian McCormick, Stephen Oden*

### Vital Signs as of January 5, 2025

Worship Attendance (in person) .....	282
Worship Attendance (online).....	326
Sunday School Attendance .....	67
YTD Giving thru 11/30/2024 .....	\$ 797,085
YTD Amount Needed to Meet Budget. \$	770,000
YTD Expenditures thru 11/30/2024 .....	\$ 754,013
Monthly Giving thru 01/05/2025 .....	\$ 15,588

Online  
Contributions

