



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JANUARY 9, 2022  
BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY  
EIGHT FORTY-FIVE AND ELEVEN O'CLOCK

*Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world.*

**Dr. Jay D. Cooper**  
Senior Minister

**Reverend Lucas S. Tribble**  
Associate Minister

**Reverend Gillian L. Walters**  
Associate Minister

**Reverend Ben A. McDavid**  
Minister of Congregational Care

**Dr. C. Jason Borders**  
Theologian in Residence

**Dr. James H. Seay**  
Director of Music

**Dr. Joshua H. Coble**  
Organist/Assistant  
Director of Music

**Dr. Karl K. Stegall**  
Pastor Emeritus

**Bishop R. Lawson Bryan**  
Bishop in Residence

**Bishop David W. Graves**  
Alabama-West Florida Conference  
Presiding Bishop

**Dr. C. Mike Pearson**  
District Superintendent  
Demopolis/Montgomery-Prattville  
Districts

*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
2416 West Clovedale Park | Montgomery, Alabama 36106

# MORNING WORSHIP

## LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

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**Prelude** *Final, from Symphonie Romane* Dr. Joshua H. Coble  
Composed by Charles-Marie Widor

**Words of Welcome** Dr. Jay D. Cooper

**Chiming of the Trinity**  
*The three chimes signify the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit*

**Introit** *How Firm a Foundation* Cathedral Choir  
Arranged by James Seay

**\*Processional Hymn** *How Firm a Foundation* UMH 529

**\*Call to Worship** From Psalm 29 Rev. Gillian L. Walters

Leader: The voice of God resounds upon the water.

**People: The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.**

Leader: The Son of God is named, "Beloved."

**People: And all who worship shout out, "Glory!"**

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.

**People: Let us worship God in holy splendor.**

**\*Invocation**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray together.

**All: Holy God, when Jesus was baptized in the Jordan the heavens opened, the Spirit descended, and your voice affirmed your love in Jesus for the healing of the human race and all creation. By water and word you lovingly invite us into this same life-giving mission. May your Spirit, moving like a stream of water flowing from its source, work in us this day to realize your vision of a world made new in Christ, in whose name we pray, Amen.**

**\*Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed 881  
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**\*Gloria Patri**

*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.*

**Celebration of New Members (8:45)**

**Baby Recognition (11:00)** See Insert

**Concerns of a Caring Fellowship** Rev. Ben A. McDavid

**Pastoral Prayer and 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.

## Offertory

**Be Not Afraid**

Arranged by Taylor Davis

Cathedral Choir  
Ms. Meg Griffin, Conductor

*Be not afraid, for I have redeemed you.  
 Be not afraid for I have called you by name.  
 My love for you is everlasting, my love for you shall have no end.  
 When you walk through the waters, I will surround you.  
 When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er.  
 When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed.  
 You are my child, you are so precious to me.  
 You are my child, and I'll love you always.  
 Just hold my hand, and I'll lead you home.  
 When you feel lost, always remember:  
 I am right here, just call out my name.  
 You are my child, you are so precious to me.  
 When you walk through the waters, I will surround you.  
 When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er.  
 When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed.  
 You are my child, you are so precious to me.  
 You are my child, and I'll love you always.*

## \*Doxology

***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow  
 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.***

UMH 95

## Children's Minute

Dr. C. Jason Borders

*Children ages three through first grade will be escorted to Children's Church. Visitors are welcome to accompany their children. Children can be picked up at the close of worship in Room 205 in Wesley Hall.*

## \*Gospel Lesson

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

NT 56

## Sermon

***New Years Revolution: Building for the Future  
 Remember Whose We Are***

Dr. Jay D. Cooper

## Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

## Invitation to Christian Discipleship

*Those desiring to unite with the church, either by profession of faith or by transfer of membership, are invited to contact Rev. Lucas Tribble at [ltribble@fumcmontgomery.org](mailto:ltribble@fumcmontgomery.org).*

## \*Hymn of Invitation

***Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters***

UMH 605

## \*Benediction

Rev. Lucas S. Tribble

## \*Benediction Response

***Amen***  
 Arranged by John Rutter

Cathedral Choir

## Postlude

***Final, from Symphonie Romane***  
 Composed by Charles-Marie Widor

Dr. Joshua H. Coble

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the babies born in 2021.*

*A nursery is provided during this service of worship for your convenience. The nursery can be found in Wesley Hall Room 202, accessed through the double doors on the pulpit side.*

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**LITURGICAL SEASON: EPIPHANY**

Epiphany marks the end of the Christmas season and celebrates the incarnation and baptism of Christ. The liturgical color for Baptism of the Lord is white, as we remember Jesus' baptism in the River Jordan.

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**IN MEMORY OF**

**Josephine McLaughlin Crenshaw**  
Respite Ministry: *Mrs. Judy Duggar,*  
*the New Room Sunday school class*

**Jean MacDonald Baranowski**  
Congregational Care Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Richard MacDonald;*  
Memorial Fund: *Sue Loftis*

**Jimmy Mathis**  
Music Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Steve Schwartz, Mrs. Judy Duggar, the*  
*Malone Friends; Memorial Fund: Mr. and Mrs. Larkin Nolen*

**Anne Sinkler Thompson**  
Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook*

**Charles McDonald**  
Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gill, Mrs. Judy Duggar,*  
*Dr. and Mrs. Charles McLemore*

**Margaret Van Valkenburgh "Margie" Moody**  
Building Fund: *Jan Gill; Music Ministry: Jane Moody*

**Doris Jean Peak**  
Respite Ministry: *Mr. and Mrs. John Hixon, Mr. and Mrs. Knox Argo*

**Charles "Bo" Marion Freeman**  
Respite Ministry: *Sue Loftis*

**Bill Sistrunk**  
Memorial Fund: *Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wells*

**Larry Dean Dixon**  
Respite Ministry: *Patricia E. Shaner*

**Joel McDavid**  
Stephen Ministry: *Sue Loftis*

**Thomas Griffin Davidson**  
Memorial Fund: *Lynn Johnson*

**Wiley Watts Stanford**  
Memorial Fund: *The New Room Sunday school class*

**John Hubbard**  
Respite Ministry: *Renee Michael Barth*

**Doug Hubbard**  
Respite Ministry: *Renee Michael Barth*

**IN HONOR OF**

**Larry Carter**  
Respite Ministry: *The Sowers Sunday school class*

**Tricia Seay**  
Respite Ministry: *Dr. and Mrs. John Moorehouse*

**Ann Longshore**  
Respite Ministry: *Dr. and Mrs. John Moorehouse*

**Daphne Johnston**  
Respite Ministry: *Dr. and Mrs. John Moorehouse*

**Jody Bear**  
IMPACT: *Ray Roton*

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**AROUND THE CONGREGATION**

**BAPTISM**  
**Leonidas James Walters**  
*January 2, 2022*  
Son of Charles and Gillian Walters