

# Moscow First Presbyterian Church

*We are a welcoming, caring family of faith, called to love the Lord and our neighbors. We are growing in Jesus Christ through worship, teaching, fellowship, and service to others.*

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## **CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF January 12, 2025**

Sunday, January 12

9:00 a.m. Adult Ed class, "The Shock of Faith/ It's Nothing Like I Thought It Would Be" by David Brooks

10:30 a.m. Worship

Tuesday, January 13

12:00 p.m. Tuesday Sisters

Wednesday, January 15

12:30 p.m. FOON

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, January 16

10:00 a.m. Thursday Ladies Bible Study

Sunday, January 19

9:00 a.m. Adult Ed Class, *Caring Assertiveness*

10:30 a.m. Worship

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***Birthday this week:*** Mary Robinson, Linda Toth, Bruce Pitman, Corinne Carey, Bill Payne, Ann Ulliman, Jean Currin

***In our prayers:*** Fires in Los Angeles area, firefighters, those displaced by the fires and who have suffered losses

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF January 12, 2025**

### **DEACONS BENEVOLENCE OFFERING FOR JANUARY**

The January Benevolence Offering will be going to the Latah Recovery Center. The LRC works with people to enter and engage in recovery from addictions and behavioral health disorders through peer-to-peer interaction and evidence-based practices to promote a healthy community. Please make out your check to FPC, with January Deacons Benevolence in the memo line or on offering envelope. You may also give online using the [Tithe.ly app](#) or the "Give" button on our website at [fpcmoscow.org](http://fpcmoscow.org).

### **ANNUAL REPORTS (PAST) DUE**

Annual reports were due by January 9, 2025. If you have not completed yours, please submit it to the office ASAP. If you have any questions, contact Julie in the office: [office@fpcmoscow.org](mailto:office@fpcmoscow.org).

### **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND POTLUCK**

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation, Corporation, and Lael, Inc. will be on January 26 at 11:30 a.m., following the morning worship service. The congregation will vote on the election of Ruling Elders, Deacons, Nominating Committee, and Board members for Lael; and will receive the Session-approved budget and annual reports. There will be a potluck in the Fellowship Hall following the meeting. Please bring a potluck dish to share.

### **PARENT NIGHT OUT**

The next PNO will be this Friday at FPC - January 10 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

### **ADULT EDUCATION**

Starting on January 19, the Adult Ed class will begin discussing a new book from Stephen Ministry: *Caring Assertiveness: Relating Directly, Honestly, and with Respect*. This is part of Stephen Ministry's **Building a Better World** theme. "Drawing on extensive research and decades of experience, this book helps readers learn practical skills for relating with confidence and care in everyday encounters and challenging situations alike." The book is easy to read and provides a lot of food for thought as well as practical skills. Please see Celeste Brown this Sunday to receive a copy of the book, or email her at [bioinfomom@roadrunner.com](mailto:bioinfomom@roadrunner.com). The class meets on Sunday mornings at 9am in the church library.



## **Baptism of the Lord**

At the beginning of his public ministry, Jesus presents himself to John to be baptized in the Jordan. The heavens open, the Holy Spirit descends as a dove, and we hear the voice of God:

“You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased”  
(Matthew 3:17, Mark 1:11, Luke 3:22)

At this festival of the Christian year, we not only remember Jesus’ baptism, but we celebrate our own: the baptism we share with Christ... It also foreshadows the season of Lent, as Jesus was immediately driven into the wilderness for 40 days after his own baptism.

# Baptism of the Lord



## **God's Rule Inaugurated:**

An excerpt from the Companion to  
the Book of Common Worship

The Baptism of the Lord is closely related to Epiphany and should be considered in relation to that feast. Jesus' ministry to bring in God's rule was inaugurated in his baptism. As he came out of the water, the Spirit rested on Jesus and a sign of God's approval was heard. On this day, we celebrate not only Jesus' baptism but our own as well, for our baptism is rooted in Christ. Baptism joins us to Christ and his church, and with all of the baptized we are called to share in Jesus' ministry. In the waters of baptism we are buried with Christ, cleansed of our sins, and raised to share in his resurrection. The Spirit is given to us, and we are declared the children of God.

(Geneva Press, 2003, p. 148)