

# Claremont Lafayette United Presbyterian Church

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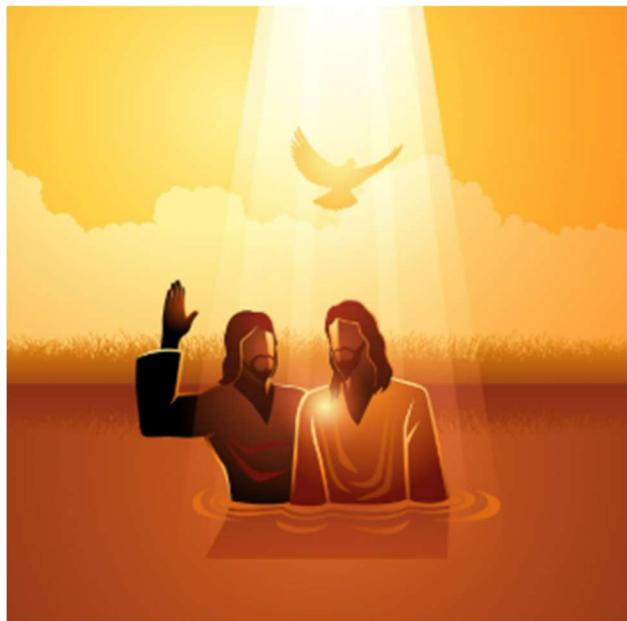
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“Serving the Lord Jesus by loving, comforting, nurturing, and teaching the Word which provides hope to all people.”

## *Baptism of the Lord Sunday*

January 11, 2026  
11:00am Service



### **Ruling Elders:**

Joyce Soto & Alice Taylor (Co-Clerks of Session)  
Elaine Foster, Carol Kelly, Sheila Myers, Nokeima Ramirez, Bernadette Robinson

### **Deacon Board:**

Pamela Brown & Gerri Gaines (Co-Moderators),  
Warren Tex Green, Cheryl Hayes, Delando Myers, April Venable

## **ALL GOD'S CHILDREN ARE WELCOME**

Enter, Praise, Worship and Glorify GOD, the Creator, Redeemer,  
and Sustainer of Our Lives

### **Order of Worship**

**Musical Prelude** ..... "God Is Here" ..... Karen Clark-Sheard

**Call to Worship** (Please stand; Read Responsively) ..... Elder Alice Taylor

The voice of the Lord is powerful and full of majesty.

**May the Lord bless us with God's Peace!**

The voice of the Lord proclaimed Jesus as God's beloved.

**In our own baptisms, we are claimed as God's beloved.**

**Opening Prayer** (Please stand and read in Unison) ..... Elder Alice Taylor

O God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that the words we are about to hear will become the Word of God for us this day. Help us to listen to what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Amen.**

**Opening Hymn** ..... "How Great Thou Art" ..... Anthony Evans

**Call to Confession** (Please stand) ..... Elder Sheila Myers

On this Baptism of the Lord Sunday, we remember our own baptisms, where we were claimed as children of the covenant and beloved of God. Yet we live as those who are alienated from God. We have turned away from God, one another and the earth. Let us confess our sins, trusting in God's mercy.

**Prayer of Confession** (Please stand and say in unison) ..... Elder Alice Taylor

Merciful God, we confess that we are estranged from you and from one another. We treat others as strangers rather than as people created in your image and fellow children of God. We exploit the earth as though it were our possession rather than a gift entrusted to our care and a reflection of your image and glory. Forgive us our sins and transform us by your Spirit that we might live as people who have been baptized as your own children. **Amen.**

**Choral Response** ..... "The Center of My Joy" ..... Richard Smallwood

**(Time of Silence for Personal Confession)**

**Declaration of God's Forgiveness** (Please stand) .....Elder Sheila Myers

Friends, hear the good news of the gospel — and of Jesus' solidarity in his own baptism by John with all who have been immersed in baptismal waters, repenting of their sin. In his name, God has forgiven us of our own sins and set us on new paths.

**Exhortation** (Please stand) ..... Elder Sheila Myers

Let us remember our baptisms and trust in God's mercy to restore our right standing as God's own.

**Thanks be to God!**

**\*\*Ritual of Fellowship** ..... Turn and greet your neighbor with the sign of Peace.

"The Peace of the Lord be with you."

**Response** "And also with you."

## **Recognition of Visitors**

## **Announcements**

**Old Testament Scripture** ..... Deuteronomy 28:9 ..... Elder Alice Taylor  
(Pew Bible pgs. 176)

**New Testament Scripture** (Please Stand).....Matthew 7:13-14..... Elder Alice Taylor  
(Pew Bible pg. 7)

**Musical Selection** ..... "Speak Your Name" ..... Anthony Brown and Group Therapy

**Sermon** ..... "What Path Are You Walking On?" ..... Elder Sheila Myers

**Call to Discipleship** (Please stand) ..... Elder Sheila Myers

**Invitational Hymn** ..... "Come Jesus Come" ..... CeCe Winans

## **The Lord's Prayer** (Please stand and read together)

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 and ever. **Amen.**

**Apostles' Creed** - Ecumenical (Please stand) .....Hymnal Page 14

## **GLORIA PATRI** (Please stand)

"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.**

**Worship God with Our Gifts:** Tithes: Bring your tithes to the Lord...

Thank you for your faithful giving to the Ministry of Christ. Please bring your offering in person or send to the church: PO Box 4392; Jersey City, NJ 07304. You can also give electronically from your phone via Givelify.



**Doxology (Please stand)**

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."

**Closing Remarks**

**Closing Hymn** ..... "Total Praise" ..... Richard Smallwood

**The Charge (Please stand)** ..... Elder Sheila Myers

Hear the voice of God that claimed you in baptism: you are precious and beloved in God's sight. God has claimed our lives in baptism that we might die to sin and be raised to new life.

**Benediction (Please stand)** ..... Elder Sheila Myers

God's Spirit empowers us now to follow Jesus into our world, so as you go, lift up the broken hearted and stand with the oppressed. Love God with your whole lives and love neighbors as yourselves. **Amen.**

**For you I'm praying, For you I'm praying, For you I'm praying, I'm praying for you**

## January 2026 Birthdays

Joseph Charles, 1/6	Tyrone Brown, Sr., 1/12
Alice Minor, 1/13	Stewart Adkins, 1/14
Jayden Johnson, 1/17	Lael Bethea, 1/17
Alice Taylor, 1/20	Jessica Greene, 1/23
	Danielle Enix, 1/28

## January Anniversaries

Mr. & Mrs. Cornell and Bernadette Robinson, 1/3

## Special Prayers For:

LaShay Anderson, The family of Arianna and Felipe Aponte, Stephanie Arana, Deacon Pamela Brown, Helen Burke, Denise Campbell, Jerome Carter, Gabriella Carrasco, Kebra Cooper, Elder Vandora Fair, Elder Elaine Foster, Deacon Warren (Tex) Green, Monica Jackson, Charlie & Craig Jones, Jackie Knights, Deacon Eva Minor, Cary Mitchell, Elder Sheila Myers, Angela D. Barber-Parker, Elder Nokeima Ramirez, Ramon, Willie Mae Robinson, Francis Rotondella & family, Charles Rutledge, Judy Seigler, June Burr Scott, Nydia Serrano, Charles Simmons, the families of Mahaley Stewart Bowles and Mary Taylor Stewart, Carol Turnerto, Ajene Washington, Barbara Washington, Thelma K. Williams, and Yvonne White.

## Announcements

- If you know of anyone who you'd like to add to our prayer list or have a praise report for someone who can be removed from the prayer list, please visit our website and complete the prayer request form. You may also share this information with Elders Alice Taylor or Melinda Hunt.
- **Coffee Hour** we will celebrate January birthdays and anniversaries today following service with cake and ice cream. We invite you to stay and celebrate with us.
- **2026 Per Capita Apportionment** is \$37.00 Per Person.
- **Christian Education Sunday School** In person every Sunday at 11:30am during service.
- **Seasoned Retirees** – Are on winter recess. They will resume on March 11, 2026, at 11:00am.
- **Power of Prayer** - Thursday January 15, 2026, at 7:00pm (via Zoom to be forwarded) with Elder Sheila Myers
- **Saturday Sandwich & A Prayer** – January 17, 2026, at 10:00am setup; prayers and distribution of food at 12:00 noon.

- **Power Hour of Prayer Honoring the legacy of Dr. Rev. Martin L. King, Jr. –**  
Monday, January 19, 2026, at 7PM via Zoom (Link will be provided via email).  
You can also access via the church's website.
  - We invite you back next week:**r speaker will be:** Elder Bernadette Robinson
  - **Worship Leader will be:** Deacon April Venable

## Save The Date

Bessie Mann Sisterhood's Comedy Explosion is January 24, 2026, at 4:30PM.

## Notes