



Under the Dome...

Proclaiming the Kingdom of God

throughout Jasper and Walker County



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Recently the Lay Leadership team concluded months of prayer and discernment in order to present to an upcoming Called Charge Conference a new structure for church leadership at Jasper First Methodist Church. In addition to the inner circle of Stewards, we will be building additional circles of ministry participation with Steward leaders. A lay leadership committee will be nominated at the Charge Conference. Once a date is set, we will plan for a time of commissioning and celebration for those answering this call to serve.

The Council of Stewards

The Council of Stewards will be composed of Stewards who hold both temporal and spiritual responsibility for the church. The Council will operate with the mandates of the SPRC, Trustees, Finance, and Administrative Board. The Council will meet monthly and make spirit led decisions. Stewards will serve 3-year terms beginning with a 1 year, 2 year or 3 year nomination. Stewards may create their own separate teams to help carry out the responsibilities of the Council. Stewards will be approved by the charge conference and will hold individual mantles of responsibility.

Part 4, Section VIII, paragraph 445.2 of the Book of Doctrines & Discipline states, "No staff member or immediate family member of a pastor or staff member may serve on the committee. Only one person from an immediate family residing in the same household shall serve on the committee."

Stewards will be expected to meet the following criteria:

Be an active member of the church; Attend in person Sunday morning worship on a regular basis; Practice a habit of tithing; Be active in a small group or Bible study; Serve in some capacity each month.

The currently proposed Council of Stewards are listed below.

1. Senior Pastor - Rev. James Johnson
2. SPRC Steward - Jim Brakefield
3. Finance Steward - Jim Clark
4. Trustees Steward - Matt Franklin
5. Lay Leader/Lay Delegate to Annual Conference/Chair of Council - Doug Hartley
6. Children Steward - Victoria Franklin
7. Youth Steward - Todd Matthews
8. Nurture Steward - (Congregational Care) - Deb Hudson
9. Witness/Missions Steward - Julie Cowen
10. Communication Steward - Marianne Rojas
11. Discipleship Steward - Haig Wright
12. Prayer Steward - Gail Johnson
13. Celebration Worship Steward - Mark Williams
14. Traditional Worship Steward - Suzanne Snow
15. Greeter/Christian Welcome Steward - Linda Murphy

Class of 2025: Victoria Franklin, Todd Matthews, Mark Williams, Suzanne Snow, Deb Hudson

Class of 2026: Doug Hartley, Linda Murphy, Julie Cowen, Haig Wright

Class of 2027: Jim Brakefield, Gail Johnson, Matt Franklin, Jim Clark, Marianne Rojas

**Order of Worship - 3rd Sunday after Epiphany
January 26, 2025**

Prelude	"I Need Thee Every Hour"	F. Ashdown
Processional Hymn	"O Worship the King"	No. 73
Pastoral Welcome		
The Passing of the Peace		
Hymn	"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"	No. 117
Offering Our Prayers to God		
Preparation for Prayer	<i>Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Thou art the potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me after thy will, While I am waiting, yielded and still.</i>	
Pastoral Prayer		
The Lord's Prayer	<i>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. An 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.</i>	
Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God		
Offertory	"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"	A. Fedak
Doxology	<i>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!</i>	
Prayer of Thanksgiving		
Affirmation of Faith	<i>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 arose 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.</i>	
The Gloria Patri	<i>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.</i>	
The Children's Message		<i>Dismissal for Children's Church</i>
Anthem	"God Is My Strong Salvation"	A. Lovelace
The Old Testament Lesson		Daniel 1:6-17 (LSB)
Leader:	The Word of God.	
People:	<i>And we believe it.</i>	
Sermon		Rev. James C. Johnson
Closing Hymn	"I Need Thee Every Hour"	No. 397
Altar Flowers	Given to the glory of God and in memory of Bert Crump by Edith Ann Crump.	
Announcements		
Benediction		
Benediction Response	<i>He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me; His faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.</i>	
Postlude	"Voluntary"	S. Wesley



R-E-S-C-H-E-D-U-L-E-D!! Please note new date!



WEDNESDAY
January 29, 2025

Annual Hope Kitchen Chili Cook-Off

Stir up your best crockpot of chili (or soup) and bring it to the Fellowship Hall next Wednesday to compete for the prize of being the best Chili Cook at Jasper First Methodist Church! We love it all— spicy, chicken, veggie, Texas, all the chilies are loved and should be represented. Sign-up sheet in the Easter Wing or email cheryl@jasperfirstmethodist.com. Join us for this fun and tasty event! You can determine who is the Best Chili Cook around!!

Who will win the Golden Spatula for 2025?

JANUARY 2025

Greeters: Rheeda Clark, Rebecca Franklin
Acolytes: 1-26 Brooklyn Day, Easton Day, Wyatt Dill
Ushers: Jim Clark, Matt Franklin, Eddy Miller, J.W. Odom



If you are handy with a crochet hook or knitting needles and would be interested in participating in an ecumenical compassionate gift ministry of hand crafted knit and crochet items, please leave your contact info at the church office or contact Cheri Russell at 205-275-7729.

Our *Heart Strings* ministry will meet on the third Sunday of each month from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the home of Cheri Russell (until you outgrow her space!). The next meeting will be Sunday, February 16. We will work to create prayer shawls and lap blankets as love gifts for pastors and laity to give where needed; caps, gloves and neck warmers for those at the warming stations; baby blankets for outreach program and other items as needs are identified. What a fun way to make a difference!



Women of Faith - January Circle Meetings
NOTE DATE CHANGE - Monday, January 27

Mary-Martha at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Sisterhood at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall



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Impact 2025 Volunteer Needs

- ◆ *Set-Up - 12th-14th (After 5 PM)*
- ◆ *Housing - 14th-16th*
- ◆ *Transportation - 14th-16th*
- ◆ *Luggage - 14th (5:30 PM)*
- ◆ *Registration - 14th (4 PM)*
- ◆ *Night 1 Party - 14th (8 PM)*
- ◆ *Field Day - 15th (3 PM)*
- ◆ *Night 2 Party - 15th (9:30 PM)*
- ◆ *Letter Writing - 15th (2:30 PM)*
- ◆ *Breakfast Help - 16th (9:45 AM)*
- ◆ *Luggage Returns - 16th (8 AM)*
- ◆ *Clean Up - 16th (Noon)*

If you have any questions reach out to Eli Matthews at
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Celebration Service January 26, 2025

Gathering Music

Welcome

Passing of the Peace

Worship Music

Celebration of Praise and Worship

Children's Message

Prayer

Scripture: Daniel 1:6-17 (LSB)

Sermon: Rev. James C. Johnson, Jr.

Invitation

Prayer of Blessing

Sending Music

In-Person Attendance	General Fund Giving
January 19, 2025 197	Last Week \$ 5,435.00
January 12, 2025 271	YTD \$ 47,650.00
Last Wednesday Night 32	DEC Online . . . \$ 27,335.00

M-E-E-T-I-N-G R-E-M-I-N-D-E-R

Called Charge Conference - Sunday, February 9 at 5:00 p.m.

Service of Word and Table II

INVITATION

Christ, our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Leader to people:

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People to leader:

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Leader and people:

Glory to God. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

And so,
with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.*
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant
by water and the Spirit.*

On the night in which he gave himself up for us
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat,; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me."

And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.*

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory,
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.
Amen.

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

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 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 for-ever. Amen.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING.

