

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, January 11, 2026
Baptism of the Lord**

Announcements: Verl McKinney

Prelude

Welcome: Verl McKinney

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: Come, all who wonder if there is a place for you.

People: We come because Jesus calls us by name.

Leader: Jesus sat at the table with those pushed aside and overlooked. Jesus made room where others drew lines.

People: Here, we find grace that welcomes, and love that makes space.

Leader: This is who we are, a people shaped by Christ's welcome.

People: We worship the God who says to us all, You belong here.

***Opening Prayer: (In Unison)**

Loving God, we come before you just as we are, because you have called us by name. In Jesus, you welcomed those others pushed aside and made room where lines were drawn. Shape us into a community that reflects that same grace. Open our hearts, widen our compassion, and teach us to see one another as beloved and called. As we worship today, may this place bear witness to your mercy and love. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" UMH #240

***Praise Song:** "Lead Me, Guide Me" TFWS #2214

Children's Time: Pastor Doby Amos

Introduction to Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

[For those joining us online, please submit your prayer requests in the comments on the virtual attendance sheet, or email the church office. Your prayer requests will be lifted up in next Sunday's service.]

Prayer Hymn: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" TFWS #2193

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Finance/Stewardship Update: Ed Bowen

Scripture Reading: Matthew 9:9-13 Gilbert Heaton

Friendship Moment and Passing of the Peace

[For those joining us online, please take a moment to sign the online attendance form:

www.freeholdmethodist.org]

Message:

This Is Who We Are – Week 1:
“Boundless Welcome: You Belong Here”

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering Time: **Giving Page:** www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory:

“Lord of the Dance”

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*Doxology:

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH #95

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

God of every nation, all that we have comes from you. As we bring our gifts, we offer our gratitude and our desire to live out your welcome in tangible ways. Use these gifts to remove barriers, meet real needs, and make your love visible through this church. May our giving reflect who we are becoming in Christ, a people shaped by mercy and faithful service. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

*Closing Hymn:

“Over My Head”

TFWS #2148

*Benediction:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude

Scripture Passage

Liturgist: Gilbert Heaton

Matthew 9:9-13

The Call of Matthew

⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner^[a] in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting^[b] with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹² But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.”

The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn:
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"
UMH #240

(Verse 1)

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"

Joyful, all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

(Verse 2)

Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

(Verse 3)

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth,
Born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Praise Song:
"Lead Me, Guide Me"
TFWS #2214

(Chorus)

Lead me, guide me, along the way,
For if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Prayer Hymn:
"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"
TFWS #2193

(Chorus)

Lord, listen to Your children praying,
Lord, send Your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to Your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Doxology:
"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"
UMH #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.

Closing Hymn:
"Over My Head"
TFWS #2148

(Chorus)

Over my head, I hear music in the air;
Over my head, I hear music in the air;
Over my head, I hear music in the air;
There must be a God somewhere.

Oh, when the world is silent, *I hear music in the air;*
Oh, when the world is silent, *I hear music in the air;*
Oh, when the world is silent, *I hear music in the air;*
There must be a God somewhere.

(Repeat Chorus)

And when I'm feeling lonely, *I hear music in the air;*
And when I'm feeling lonely, *I hear music in the air;*
And when I'm feeling lonely, *I hear music in the air;*
There must be a God somewhere.

(Repeat Chorus)

Now when I think on Jesus, *I hear music in the air;*
Now when I think on Jesus, *I hear music in the air;*
Now when I think on Jesus, *I hear music in the air;*
There must be a God somewhere.

(Repeat Chorus)

Announcements
January 11, 2026

Welcome to worship at the First United Methodist Church of Freehold. Whether you are joining us in person, or virtually, we are glad you are with us.

January Soul Supper: Thursday, January 29, 2026. 6:00 p.m. – Prayer & Reflection, 6:10 p.m. – Food & Fellowship. Join us in Wesley Hall at 6 p.m. as Pastor Yoseb leads us in a 5 minute prayer & reflection. After that, we're going to enjoy an authentic German meal: Sauerbraten (German Pot Roast), Red Cabbage, Potatoes, and Pretzels & Mustard, along with Apfelkuchen (German Apple Cake). Please sign the sheet in Fellowship Hall by Jan 25th if you plan to attend. If you want to help with the food prep, we will be meeting in the kitchen on the 28th at 1pm.

The new year brings another Super Bowl. To celebrate, we are going to have our own **"Soup-er Bowl" Luncheon following service on February 8th in Wesley Hall.**

Nothing helps you beat the winter blues like a warm bowl of soup - or two or three! In addition to the soup, we will be enjoying a salad, bread, and dessert. Please sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall by 1/25 if you plan to attend.



Please remember to bring in cans of soup to donate for our soup collection. Boxes with Super Bowl team names will be in the sanctuary. Place your donation in the box of the team you are rooting for.

Thank you to everyone who helped pack Lunch Bags for E.H.A.P., as well as to those who contributed to the contents. **487 Lunch Bags Packed in 2025!**

Our **Faithful Stitchers** made a December donation to Turning Lives Around, Hazlet, NJ. They also made a donation to the Children's Hospital at Saint Peter's University Hospital, New Brunswick, NJ.

Volunteers are needed to help supply refreshments for Fellowship time. If you would like to help, please sign up on the sheet on the table in Fellowship Hall.

This Week at a Glance (January 12 – January 18)

Monday:	7:00 p.m. - Jersey Girls (Wesley Hall)
Tuesday:	8:30 a.m. - Walking Group (ZOOM)
	7:00 p.m. - "Second Tuesday" Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Wednesday:	10:00 a.m. - Bible Study (Coffee Room)
	7:30 p.m. - Seventh Day Adventist Church (Classroom)
Thursday:	8:30 a.m. - Walking Group (ZOOM)
Friday:	***
Saturday:	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Seventh Day Adventist Church (Sanctuary & Wesley Hall)
Sunday:	8:30 a.m. - Seeker's Study (Seeker's Classroom)
	8:45 a.m. - Youth Sunday School (Classrooms)
	10:00 a.m. - Worship (Sanctuary)
	5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. - iZion Christian Church (Sanctuary)

(Nursery care for our youngest members is available during worship service.)

***No Events Scheduled

January Birthdays

(1) Ed Beach	(18) Olivia Garcia	(21) Gerhard Lux
(7) Cindy Curtis-Budka	(21) Gabrielle Lux	(27) Ian Garcia
(12) Melanie Bowen	(21) Gilliane Lux	(31) Beth Avallone