



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN OF FULTON, MO

MATTHEW 25 CHURCH

Established 1875 - 718 Court Street, Fulton, Missouri - www.fpcfulton.org - 573-642-5541

Digital Newsletter Vol. 7, #2 -1/10/25 -1/16/25!



Building Our Faith.... Through These Waters!

Worship & Reflection This Week!

Welcome, Pastor Rob Dalton, CRE!

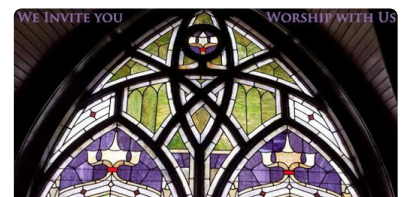
In-Person Worship At 10:30 am in the Sanctuary!

Livestream on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@fpcfulton>

Sunday, January 12, 2025: Epiphany and The Baptism of the Lord -
Year C

Liturgical Color: White

Liturgical Acts: Baptism of new member



Usher Captain: Graham McCaulley

Greeter: Whitney McCaulley

Acolyte: Zuri Reifsteck

Live Stream/Sound: Tim Wilkerson & Shaun Speers

Worship Leader: Pastor Rob Dalton, CRE

Liturgist: Dawn Yancey

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 60:1-2

New Testament Reading: Matthew 2:1-2 and Mark 1:1-11

Sermon by Pastor Rob Dalton: *More Than an "Aha" Moment!*

Who's your GPS?

Additional Selections

From the Hymnal This Week

#81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken (vs. 1, 2 & 3)

#744 Arise Your Light is Come (vs. 1, 2, & 4)

#614 (Hymn after Communion) Great is the Lord (repeated once)

Additional Scripture Readings for Sunday, January 12 The Baptism of the Lord

First Reading-Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm-Psalm 29; Second Reading-Acts 8:14-17; Gospel-Luke 3:15-17, 21-22.

Christian Education Opportunities Available for Everyone!



Adult Sunday School!

**In-Person Adult Sunday School Each Sunday Morning
at 9:30 am in the FPC Library!**

In January the Topic is: Honoring the Sabbath.

The new year starts off with Honoring the Sabbath - 4 sessions In a quick-moving world filled with routines, the Sabbath can often become just another day of the week. Through studying this practice, participants will learn that the Sabbath day is to be different from other days, exchanging day-to-day rhythms of labor for holy rhythms. Honoring Sabbath recognizes this rhythm of work and rest and places the Sabbath at the center of our faith practice.

Children's Sunday School!

Children's Sunday School with Brooke Lopez & Bryce Hale!

Our Young Disciples are an important part of our regular gatherings, serving as Acolytes and conducting the Fishes & Loaves Food Collection as they come to the front for the Children's Moment each week.

Infants and any school-age children who wish to remain in the Sanctuary for the remainder of the service are welcome to do so. They may sit with their parents, friends, or take advantage of the children's area of the Narthex.



Parents, please encourage your kids to join Brooke and Bryce each Sunday after the Children's Moment for a short Sunday School class. Parents may pick them up after the Worship Service in those locations.



The Rock Resumes on Sunday, January 12!

The Rock is a safe, inclusive space for Middle and High School youth in the Fulton area to explore the Christian faith. We meet every Sunday evening 6:00-7:30 pm during the school year. All are invited to join in the fun at 715 Nichols Street in Fulton, MO.

Join Us In Praying for Each Other Each Sunday...

There are slips of paper and pens/pencils available in the lobby for prayer concerns, celebrations, requests, etc. Please write out your request and hand it to the children as they collect food on their way to Children's Moment. A time of prayer and reflection will immediately follow each Sunday morning Worship Service.



Let Us Pray for Our Presbytery...

Please join the Missouri Union Presbytery churches by offering this prayer in the month of January.

*Most powerful, loving, and high God,
We lay our hearts at your throne.*

In this new year we ask for you to forgive our past and lighten our future.

Teach us the wonder and joy of new opportunities to serve you and your people. Gather us together and bless us with clear eyes and open hearts that we are prepared to be sent out to tell the good news of your love for all people. Teach us to open our arms in welcome to the poor, the broken, the immigrant and the estranged, that they may know your love in our gentleness, acceptance, unconditional love, and our dedication to your ways. Bless the members and friends of Missouri Union Presbytery with faithful and generous hearts. Show each one how you are calling them to ministry in and for your church. Make this an extraordinary year. Fill our pulpits with those who can speak your word clearly, love the church deeply and walk with us in gentleness and truth. Show us your abundance again and help us find new ways to respond to that love and abundance in greater measure.

Amen



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF
FULTON CALLS THE

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session, by consensus, agreed to call the Annual Congregational and Corporate meeting of First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, January 26, 2025 after the worship service and church lunch.

The purpose of this meeting is to:

- a. hear the annual financial report
- b. to review the Annual Statistical Report
- c. to hear a report from the PNC
- d. to hear a reading of all members who joined the Church Triumphant in the last year



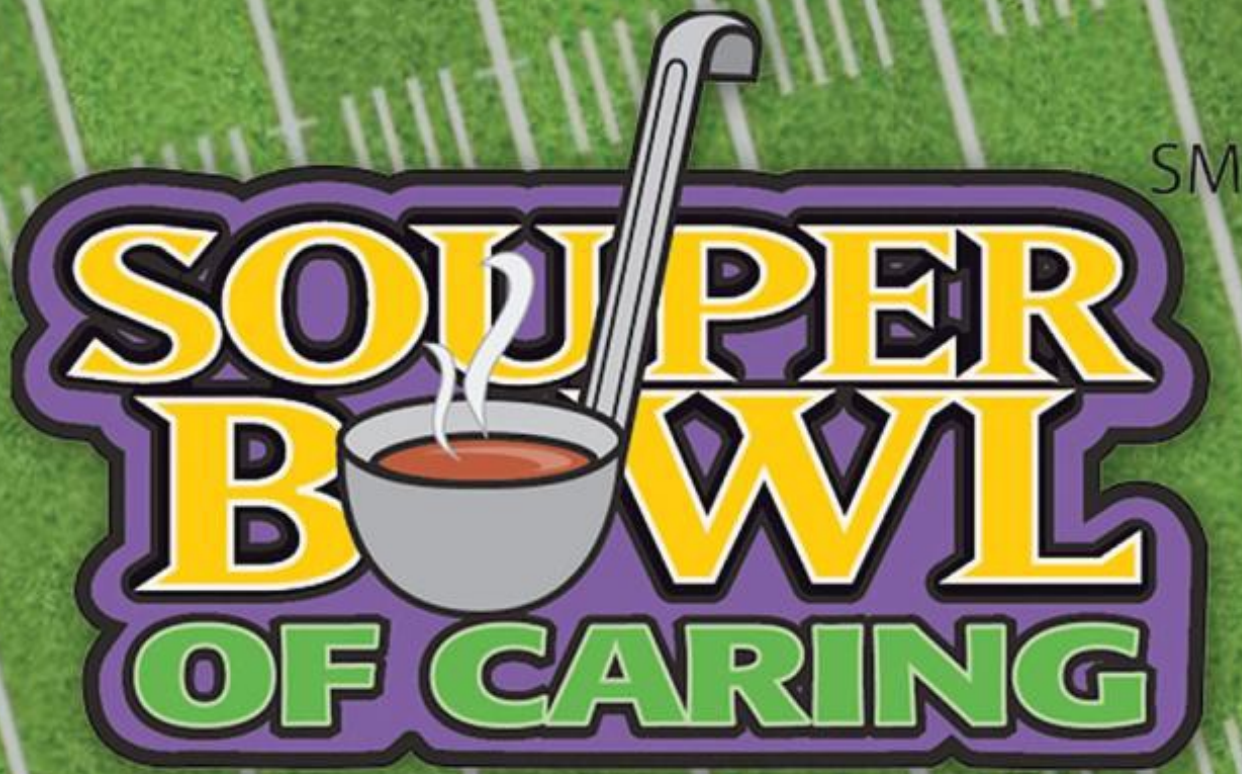
SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025

**Ham & Drinks Provided. Please bring a
side dish or two to share.**



**WE ARE A MATTHEW 25
CHURCH!**

Responding to Need... Through These Waters!



It's Time to Suit Up for the Souper Bowl!

With Super Bowl LIV fast approaching, it can only mean that it's time for our annual drive in support of the Souper Bowl of Caring! In the Sundays leading up to the big game on February 7th, you'll hear more about the Souper Bowl during our Minutes for Mission.

Let's start this week by contributing non-perishable food items to the weekly Loaves & Fish Offering being collected during worship by the children of the church. Additionally, you may make a monetary donation by placing a check or cash in the offering plate. In order to be sure that your gift is properly credited, please be sure to write "**Souper Bowl**" on the check's memo line or on the outside of the envelope containing your cash contribution.

Every \$500 collected will buy a truckload of food. That's a month's worth of food equally 25,000 pounds or four trips to the Food Bank in Columbia.

All of the food and funds that we receive will benefit **SERVE's food pantry!**

"Jesus said to his disciples, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' "

—Matthew 14:16



Moser's Receipts & Best Choice Labels: Winning Combo for Building Fund!

*Save Your Mosers Discount Foods Receipts
Remove & Save Best Choice Product Labels.*

These are Two Great Ways to Support our Building Fund!

The Moser's Discount Food cash register receipt project raises money for use by the building fund. If you have saved Moser's cash register tapes, please bring the whole receipt tape to church and place them in the collection can located in the lobby

In addition, Best Choice labels are also being collected for the Best Choice Label Project. BUT, to redeem your collections for \$\$, we must have the whole UPC code on the label. Take a look at the samples here for reference.

**Every label or register tape you turn in adds up!
Thanks for bringing YOURS to church on Sunday!**

Bring Your SERVE Donations to Church Each Sunday!

Each Sunday our Young Disciples collect food donations in the little red wagon for donation to the SERVE, Inc. food pantry. This winter there is a particular need for small packaged food items and hygiene products that can be used by area homeless. Overall, there is a need for the following items.



- Peanut butter
- Canned soup
- Canned fruit
- Canned vegetables
- Canned stew
- Canned fish
- Canned beans
- Pasta (most prefer whole grain)
- Rice (most prefer brown rice)

Giving Hint: Don't forget those cake & muffin mixes required milk and sometimes oil or shortening. Consider placing a boxed cake mix, canned milk & shelf-stable shortening or bottle of cooking oil in an aluminum baking pan. Add a tub of prepared icing and a box of birthday candles for a quick & easy birthday cake kit!



Baby Grace is Growing! Can You Help?

More & more young families are using the services of Baby Grace Ministries. Donations to Baby Grace Ministries determine supplies available for distribution.

To make a donation of consumable supplies such as diapers, wipes, shampoo, lotion, clothing sizes Newborn to 5T, and feminine hygiene products, request a drop off appointment by emailing: mission@fpcfulton.org **Monetary donations** may be made by sending a check with the words **BABY GRACE** in the

memo line to: First Presbyterian Church, PO Box 6030, Fulton, MO 65251.

To Volunteer to work a Baby Grace Open House, sign the volunteer sheet located on the bulletin board in the lobby.

NEXT OPEN HOUSE IS FRIDAY, JANUARY 17TH FROM 2-4 PM!

All young families in our community are invited to browse our collection and take what is needed. There are some guidelines and rules we ask that you follow so that we may help as many families as possible.

- You will be asked to register when you attend the open house then you may look for clothing and pick up diapers.
- You will be given a package of diapers per child (40 diapers in each package) with a package of baby wipes.
- 3 complete outfits per child (includes a pair of shoes, socks, pants or slacks and shirt or dress, jacket, underwear)



**WE ARE A MATTHEW 25
CHURCH!**

Creating Community... Through These Waters!

Our Congregational Care Extends Beyond a Good Meal...

Throughout November and December we provided our Holiday meals for the congregation. Thanksgiving was celebrated with Turkey, dressing, gravy, potatoes, green beans provided by our church and many side dishes brought in by the congregation. Over 65 people stayed for the meal and we were able to provide meals to some of the homebound family members. Lasagnas were prepared as the main course for the meal following the Christmas Children's Pageant with numerous 'child friendly' side dishes. The event was lively and happy since the children were still energized by their performance. Thanks to all the helpers for decorations, set up, preparation of food and clean up, our church family can enjoy sharing in these meals. Cards were mailed to several members and prayer requests were sent out as requested.



Congregational Care

THANK YOU TO ONE AND ALL!



A Message from the Property Committee!

The Property Committee has been working with recent sewer issues and plumbing problems this week. A special thank you to Shaun Speers, Mark Covey, and Tim Baysinger for their speedy response to some backed up lines!

The issue has been resolved, and all are reminded to please not flush any personal care items or feminine hygiene products in the toilets. Please place all non-tissue items directly into the waste bins in the stalls.

It takes all of us to keep our historic building sound and in good working order as it move through a second century of service to our congregation.

Worship Committee & Session Endorse Water Only in the Sanctuary ...

For those who enjoy a beverage during the worship service, the Worship Committee has requested only water in containers with lids be consumed in the pews. This will ensure that in the event of spills there are no stains caused by any delay in clean-up that may occur. Thanks to all for helping with this property protection item!



First Presbyterian Church is an Earth Care Congregation!

Seat & Hand Warmers Are Available Each Sunday in the Lobby!

Anyone who finds the sanctuary a bit cooler than they find comfortable may pick up one of our handy seat or hand warmers in the lobby. They are pre-charged and ready to use!

An Earth Care Congregation Makes a Pledge!

- Our worship and discipleship will celebrate God's grace and glory in creation.



- Our education will encourage and support each other in keeping and healing the creation.
 - Our facilities will be managed, maintained, and upgraded to respect and cherish all creation.
 - Our outreach will encourage community involvement and public policy to protect and restore the earth.
- To find out more about what it means to be an Earth Care Congregation and to follow a path toward justice for the Earth and its creatures, read the Eco-Journey blog at www.pcusa.org/eco-journey.

or go to:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/environment/earth-care-congregations/>

Caregiver Support Group Meets Every Third Tuesday!

The Fulton Caregiver Support Group meets monthly on the third Tuesday from 11:00 am until noon at the First Presbyterian Church, 718 Court Street. Caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias are welcome to share concerns with each other, learn about the disease and support one another. Find comfort and reassurance about feelings of guilt, frustration, and fear. Learn more about Alzheimer's disease and related dementias and make new friends. You are not alone in this journey.



Join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2025!

Facilitators are: Rhonda Cundiff 573-826-1050 rhondacundiff62@gmail.com and Lois Long 573-642-3691 jhlong@socket.net

January Events Include....

“What I Wish I Had Known”: A CAREGIVER’S LOOK BACK

MEET YOUR SPEAKERS:



Amelia Cottle



Mark Applegate

With the passage of time, it is easier to look back, see the big picture and think: "If I'd only known then what I know now".

Join two former caregivers as they tell their story and share with you what they wish they had known, with the hopes that their insights may help your caregiver journey.

Lessons covered in this program include:

- It's a marathon, not sprint
- Sometimes good enough, can really be good enough
- Look deep and find the joy
- Write it down, write it down
- The emotional toll of caregiving

This free virtual event is hosted through Zoom

Tuesday, January 14 | 9-10am

This program facilitated by former caregivers and Alzheimer's Advocates Amelia Cottle and Mark Applegate.

To register, click on the photo or go to:

<https://bit.ly/407PLiu>



Memory Café

**Tuesday,
January 14
10-11:30 a.m.**

Theme: Fun with Memory Kits

Location: Columbia Public Library, Friends Room

What is a Memory Café? A Memory Café is a dementia-friendly event where you and your loved one can enjoy an outing in a safe and comfortable environment. It allows those living with any form of dementia or cognitive decline to enjoy the company of others with no judgment.

What activities are offered? Participants benefit from a wide range of experiences. Enjoy connections made through music, crafts, guided reminiscing and movement. Each event is different.

This program is not a form of respite care or a support group. Each participant experiencing dementia must be accompanied by a family member or care partner during the program. Care partners are expected to participate.

Please register everyone in your group, including caregivers at www.dbrl.org/memory-cafe. For more information, call (573) 817-7097 or email outreach@dbrl.org.

Upcoming Memory Café date: Tuesday, March 11

 Daniel Boone Regional Library
www.dbrl.org • (573) 443-3161 • 1-800-324-4806
Call for accommodations or email help@dbrl.org.

 ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION



Top Ten Reasons to Wear Your Nametag in Church....

1. **Helps people remember names:** It can be difficult to remember everyone's name, even in small congregations.
2. **Saves embarrassment:** It's embarrassing to call someone by the wrong name, and name tags can help avoid this.
3. **Invites conversation:** Knowing someone's name breaks down barriers to conversation.
4. **Makes fellowship more personal:** Knowing someone's name can make fellowship feel more personal.
5. **Guests feel less conspicuous:** Name tags can make guests feel more welcome and part of the group.
6. **Says "We want to know you":** Asking someone for their name says "We want to know you".
7. **Provides opportunities for service:** A "nametag" ministry can provide opportunities for service.
8. **Creates a warm atmosphere:** Name tags can help create a warm atmosphere.
9. **Lowers anxiety:** Name tags can help lower anxiety.
10. **Enhances discussion and prayer:** Name tags can help enhance discussion and prayer.

BEST OF ALL ... It saves our pastor's sanity as he learns all our names!

New!
OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Rob Has New Office Hours Beginning Jan. 22!

Effective on January 22, Pastor Rob Dalton is in the church office on Wednesdays 1-5 and on Sundays after worship from 12-2. Otherwise, he may be reached at 573-642-5541 or on his cell phone at 573-721-8305.

Email is: pastor@fultonpresbyterian.org



LUNCH BUNCH

Wednesdays at Noon
in the FPC Fellowship Hall!

ALL are Welcome!

Bring your own lunch and enjoy a time of fellowship with friends!

ALL are Welcome!

Do You Have a Prayer Request to the Congregational Care Committee!

If you have a prayer concern, you have several ways to let us know. You can click on the "Prayer Concerns" tab at the top of our website and the link will email our Congregational Care Chair, after you fill in the information. Arlys Kremer is the chair of Congregational Care. You can call Arlys or email her (preferred method). There is also a link to the Congregational Care Committee (found under contacts) on our church website.

Arlys Kremer: 573-864-6120 or congregationalcare@fpcfulton.org





7 ways churches can care for Creation

- Install a white, stronger roof at replacement
- Increase attic insulation
- Plant trees
- Use native landscaping to reduce irrigation
- Implement wellness programs
- Zone the HVAC system
- Create a schedule for the HVAC system

Want the J&P calendar for the entire year?

[Click here](#) to download the PDF or visit the Justice and Peace webpage at presbyterianwomen.org/justice, where you can also find additional details.



2025

JUSTICE and PEACE

Calendar

Giving & Contact Information!

Pastor Rob Dalton may be reached at 573-642-5541 or on his cell phone at 573-721-8305. Office Hours are held each Wednesday from 1-5 pm and Sundays after worship from Noon to 2pm. Email is: pastor@fultonpresbyterian.org

Street Address: 718 Court St, Fulton, MO, United States, Missouri

USPS Address: PO Box 6037, Fulton, MO, 65251

Telephone: +1 573-642-5541

E-mail: communications@fultonpresbyterian.org

Instagram: [fpc_fulton](https://www.instagram.com/fpc_fulton)

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@FPCFulton>

Website: fpcfulton.org

COVID-19 Safety Protocols by the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Fulton.

The wearing of masks when entering the church building is optional. All other COVID-19 Safety Protocols remain in place. This includes the observance of social distance, using disposable Communion elements, and no contact collection of the offering. Our church COVID-19 Safety Protocols extend to all church activities.

How Can I Give?

Checks for pledges and offerings, and documents are normally hand-delivered on Sunday mornings by dropping them in the collection plate located at each door of the Sanctuary. Otherwise, if you are unavailable to attend church, any of these items can be mailed to:

First Presbyterian Church
P.O. Box 6037, Fulton, MO 65251

If you prefer online giving, use our new GIVE+ Online giving system through the website or the GIVE+ Mobile app.

How to Contact Our Committees!

Our committees Gmail accounts that can be used to email them suggestions, concerns, and thanks. The addresses are:

- Session Clerk, Elder Ramona Dobson, "clerk@fpcfulton.org"
- Administration Committee, Elder Graham McCaulley, "administration@fpcfulton.org"
- Christian Education Committee, Elder Angela Grogan, "education@fpcfulton.org"
- Mission Committee, Elder Tim Wilkerson, "mission@fpcfulton.org"
- Congregational Care Committee, Elder Arlys Kremer, "pastoralcare@fpcfulton.org"
- Property Committee, Elder Shaun Speers, "property@fpcfulton.org"
- Worship Committee, Elder Shirley Dixon, "worship@fpcfulton.org"
- Communications, Elder Mary Van Orden, "communications@fpcfulton.org"

Welcome to Our Church!

First Presbyterian Church is located at 718 Court Street in historic downtown Fulton, Missouri. Worship services are held each Sunday morning. For more information, go to: www.fpcfulton.org or find us on Facebook or on Twitter @FPCFulton.

Subscribe to our YouTube channel:

[youtube.com/@fpcfulton](https://www.youtube.com/@fpcfulton)



Email: communications@fpcfulton.org

Website: fpcfulton.org

Location: [718 Court Street, Fulton, MO, USA](#)

Phone: [573-642-5541](tel:573-642-5541)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FPCFulton>

Twitter: [@FPCFulton](https://twitter.com/FPCFulton)



Mary Van Orden

Mary is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters

