January 11, 2026
Baptism of the Lord

PRELUDE *"Lord God, Now Open Wide Thy Heaven"* Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES
The voice of the Lord is over the waters, *Ps. 29:3, 9*
and in the temple God's people say: Glory!
Do not fear, for the Lord has spoken: *Isa. 43:1*
I have called you by name; you are mine.
Let us worship God!

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 3:13-17 N.T. page 2
Christ revealed as God's servant

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+ **HYMN: GTG #475** *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"* NETTLETON

CALL TO CONFESSION *Matt. 3:2-3*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us captive.
In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS *Matt. 3:17*
… In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God!**

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM: SCRIPTURE AND PROFESSION OF FAITH
…
Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and it power in the world? **I do.**
Who is your Lord and Savior? **Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**
Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love? **I will, with God's help.**

ANTHEM *"Come to the Water"* arr. Schrader

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM: PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING
…
Remember your baptism and be thankful.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

HYMN: GTG #482 *"Baptized in Water"* BUNESSAN

Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
… Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO OFFERING *Eph. 1:3*

OFFERTORY TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA
"Children of the Heavenly Father"

+ **RESPONSE: GTG #606** OLD HUNDREDTH
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+ **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

+ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed*
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living 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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 42:1-9 O.T. page 511
The servant of God brings justice:

PSALM Psalm 29 O.T. page 390
The voice of God upon the waters

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 10:34-43 N.T. page 99
Jesus' ministry after his baptism

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE *Ps. 29:4*
The voice of the Lord, powerful and full of majesty. **Thanks be to God!**

MEDITATION "Baptism: Rebirth, Renewal" Rev. Bill Pinches

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION: SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE
There are varieties of gifts, *1 Cor. 12:4-7, 27*
but it is the same Spirit who gives them.
There are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.
God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.
To each is given a gift of the Spirit
to be used for the common good.
Together we are the body of Christ,
and individually members of it.

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

WELCOME

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY ORDAINED AND INSTALLED *1 Pet. 4:7-11*

+ **HYMN: GTG #69** *"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"* HERE I AM (SCHUTTE)

+ **CHARGE** *1 Cor. 16:13; 2 Tim. 2:1; Eph. 6:10; 1 Thess. 5:13-22; 1 Pet. 2:17*
… rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

+ **BLESSING** *2 Cor. 13:13*
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Alleluia!**

CHORAL BENEDICTION *"Go Out and Serve Him!"* Price / Besig

POSTLUDE *"Adagio"* Harvey

You are invited to join us
for fellowship and refreshments
after worship in the Memorial Room.
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.

SERVING US TODAY
Guest Organist: Caitlyn Brown
Liturgist: Rick Cote
Greeters: Joann DePeel and Linda Peterson
Next Week's Greeters: Susan Chien and Sally Hughes
Sound: Marty Subject + **Livestream:** Tami Chapman
Security: Tim Hammond and Doreen Chapman

Today's flowers are given by Sandy and John Diehl
in memory of Agnes and Robert Elton

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#60: Colossians

Paul may have written his letter to the Christians in Colossae (in modern Turkey), which emphasizes the supremacy of Christ, while under house arrest in Rome. *(c. AD 61-63)*

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 92. What are the uses of God's law?

God's law has three uses. First, it shows me how grievously I fail to live according to God's will, driving me to pray for God's mercy. Second, it functions to restrain even the worst of sinners through the fear of punishment. Finally, it teaches me how to live a life which bears witness to the gospel, and spurs me on to do so.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	Adult Sunday School	11:30 am
Tuesday	Friends!	3:30 pm
	Worship and Music Committee	6:00 pm
Wednesday	Lunch packing for Advent House	10:15 am
	Midweek Prayer	12:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (K-12)	4:00 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:10 pm
Thursday	Session	7:00 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor's Sabbath	
	Visitation for Jerry Woolston	5:00 – 7:00 pm
Saturday	Visitation for Jerry Woolston	10:00 am
	Memorial Service for Jerry Woolston	11:00 am

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Jan. 15: Sandy Diehl
Jan. 17: Dale Miihlbach

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Baptism of Christ
by Dave Zelenka, 2005

And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. (Matthew 3:16)