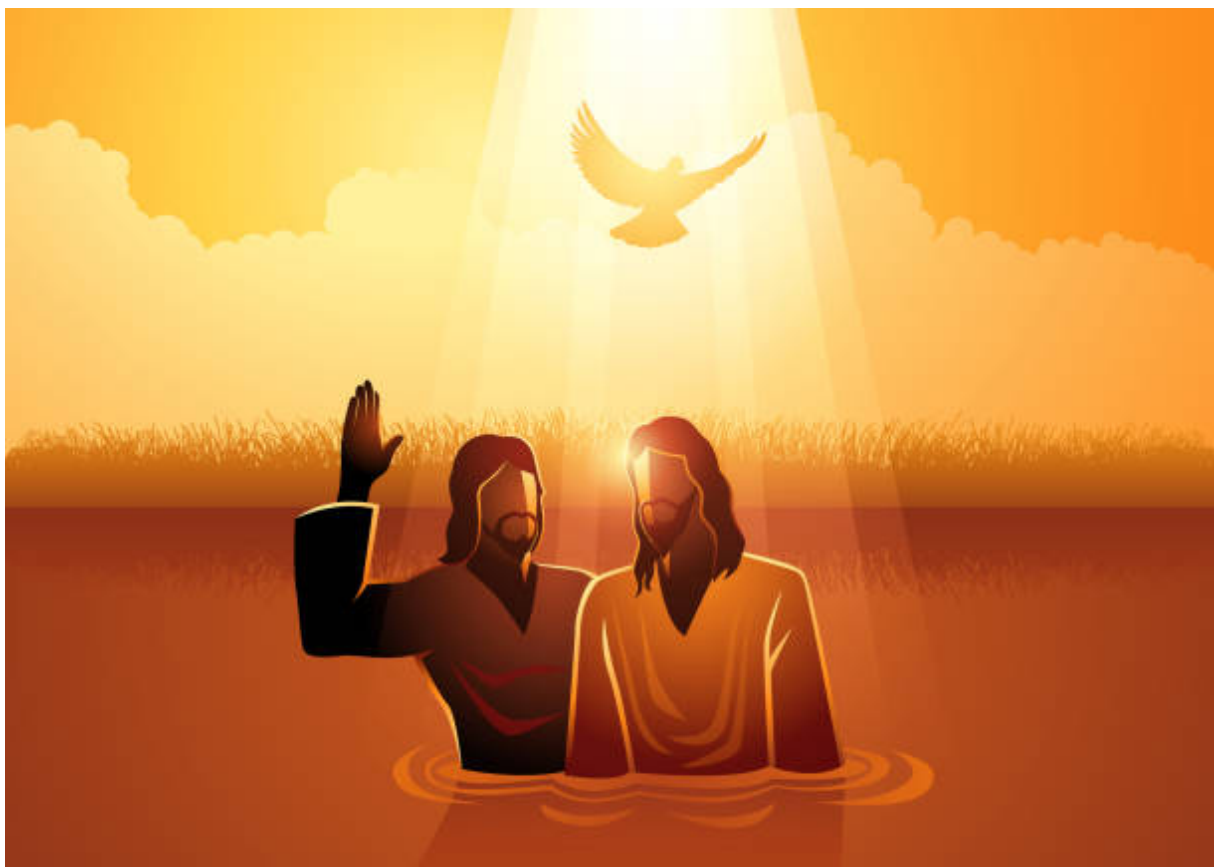


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Bulletin – January 11, 2026

Power of Presence

Glory Revealed Worship Series

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Remember
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Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

**** P – Pastor Bold – C: Congregation responds ****

P: Come! Let us follow Jesus to the edge of the Jordan River to be baptized.

C: We come to be cleansed and made whole.

P: Come! Let us witness John's confusion and Jesus' insistence that John baptize God Incarnate.

C: We come to join Jesus in choosing life in the kingdom of God.

P: Come! Let us hear God declare the truth of Jesus' identity and the truth of our identity as baptized people.

C: We come to remember and embody who we are as beloved children of God.

P: Come! Let us worship God who leads us into the baptismal waters and salvation life.

C: We come to worship God who empowers us through divine presence to live together as the family of God.

Our Statement of Faith – The Apostles Creed

p. 881 UMH

**** All to recite in unison ****

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 rose 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

The Gloria Patri p. 70 UMH

*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!*

Opening Hymn – O Spirit of the Living God p. 539 UMH

Sharing Our Praises & Prayers

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Offering – Ushers come forward

Doxology p. 95 UMH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Old Testament Reading – Psalm 29 (NRSVue)

**** L – Leader Bold – C: Congregation responds ****

L: ¹ Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

C: ² Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

L: ³ The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders,

the Lord, over mighty waters.

C: ⁴ The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

L: ⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

C: ⁶ He makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Sirion like a young wild ox.

L: ⁷ The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

C: ⁸ The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

L: ⁹ The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl and strips the forest bare, and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

C: ¹⁰ The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

All: ¹¹ May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Hymn – Surely the Presence of the Lord p. 328 UMH

Gospel Reading – Matthew 3:13-17 (NRSVue)

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Sermon – Power of Presence

Hymn: Spirit of the Living God p. 393 UMH

Renewal of Baptismal Covenant

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant - Jan. 11, 2026

**** P – Pastor Bold – C: Congregation responds ****

P - Everyone Please stand as you are able.

P: Sisters and brothers in Christ:

Through the sacrament of baptism God's Spirit has been poured out upon water, water poured over and immersing us, water that flows freely for all who will receive it, water from the streams of God's saving power and justice, water that brings hope to all who thirst for righteousness, water that refreshes life, nurtures growth, and offers new birth. Today we come to the waters, to renew our commitments in each other's presence to Christ who has raised us, the Spirit who has birthed us, and the Creator who is making all things new.

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

P: And so I ask you, will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

C: We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,

Reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of our sin!

P: Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?

C: We accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves!

P: Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ, his body on earth?

C: We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior, put our whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as our Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races!

P: Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

C: We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.

P: Will you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

C: We affirm and teach the faith of the whole church as we put our trust in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, his only Son, and in the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

P: The Spirit of the Lord is with us.

C: Even so, come Lord Jesus!

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, the life you birthed in us by baptism into Jesus Christ will never die. Your justice never fails. Your mercy is everlasting.

C: Your healing river flows. Your Spirit blows where you will. We cannot stop you, God!

P: But sometimes we try. We try to block the flow, we redirect the winds of the Spirit, or we walk so far away from the life-giving Stream that we do not hear its sound, and we forget its power. We parch ourselves.

C: We are dry and thirsty, O God. Come, refresh us!

P: Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

C: Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

P: Come upon these waters.

C: Come upon these waters.

P: Let these waters be to us drops of your mercy.

C: Let these waters remind us of your righteousness and justice.

P: Let these waters renew in us the resurrection power of Jesus.

C: Let these waters make us long for your coming reign.

P: Most Holy God, Abba, Father!

C: Glory to you!

P: Jesus Christ, Savior, Lord!



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Benediction & Commission

Let us pray in unison the Wesley Covenant Prayer (Adapted from Rev. Jeremy Smith on HackingChristianity.net.)

I am not my own self-made, self-reliant human being. In truth, O God, I am Yours. Make me into what You will. Make me a neighbor with those whom You will. Guide me on the easy path for You. Guide me on the rocky road for You. Whether I am to step up for You or step aside for You; Whether I am to be lifted high for You or brought low for You; Whether I become full or empty, with all things or with nothing; I give all that I have and all that I am for You. So be it. And may I always remember that you, O God, and I belong to each other. Amen.

Lectionary Readings beginning Jan. 12th 2026

Isaiah 49:1-7 | Psalm 40:1-11 | 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 | John 1:29-42
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Announcements

- The Administrative Board will meet January 13, 2026 at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Prayer List

Church Family

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Peggy Willard

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Jane Bullin

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Mack Edwards

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Garry Harbin

Kathy Harbin

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Ronald Howell

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Kevin McBride

Kevin McDaniel

Mark Megela

Ronnie Mudd

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Vivian Royal

Hal Seats

Phillip Seats

Mary Ellen Smith

Kim Triplette

Mark Wall

Ann Wallace

Robert and Susan Warren

Jeremy Wilson

Savannah Wooten

January Birthdays

Tommy Kellam 1

Payton McBride 1

Linda Bumgardner 3

Carolyn McBride 5

Wanda Needham 5

Renee Hunter 11

Bonnie Sisk Joyner 24

Clint Gould 28

Sermon Notes

- Where did you hear God speaking to you in today's message?
- What main thought(s) can you use this coming week?
- Did you hear anything new and/or different from the scripture or the message today?
- What reaffirmed or challenged you?
- Additional thoughts and/or ideas?