



BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 11, 2026

10:00 am

*indicates that all who are able are invited to stand.

Bold indicates congregational response.

Liturgist for today's worship is Sue Bentley.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

2 Cents a Meal Offering for Hunger

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP* *(adapted from Psalm 29 by B.D. Prewer)*

*Give yourselves to God, you children of the stars,
give to our God all your glory and strength.
Give to God the glory that is your duty and delight,
let worship shine like the array of the night skies.*

May the Lord give us renewed strength.

May our Christ bless us all with his peace.

HYMN*

"Gather Us In"

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PRAYER OF PRAISE*

CONFESSON OF SIN*

Lord, we know we have often failed to love as we are called. That is why we pray: Father of mercies and God of all consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. I am sorry for all my sins and sincerely repent of them. Lord be merciful to me. Amen.

Hear God's own promise as from Christ himself and receive the forgiveness he won for you by his passion, death, and resurrection. Rejoice! In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

I am baptized and forgiven. Amen.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

[You are invited to exchange signs of peace with one another.]

RESPONSE TO PARDON*

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**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall
be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

A TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

OLD TESTAMENT – Isaiah 42:1-9

OFFERING OF MUSIC

"Ascribe to the Lord"

Adult Choir

Powell

GOSPEL* – Matthew 3:13-17

SERMON

Linda Dickerson

"When Did You Die?"

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES*

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we were baptized. Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its 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.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.**

In his baptism in the Jordan, all the waters of the world were made new, creation itself was cleansed, even as we have been cleansed of sin and joined to Christ as one body. Remember your baptism and be thankful.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/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 forever. Amen.

HYMN* “*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*” 688

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

CHORAL RESPONSE* (543)

Congregation and Choir

**God, be the love to search and keep me;
God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God be the strength to now uphold me;
O Christ, surround me; O Christ surround me.**

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION – To receive the session annual reports and the 2026 budget, to elect persons to the 2026 Nominating Committee, and to vote on terms of call for the minister.

FELLOWSHIP TIME – Everyone is invited!

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES