

Sunday Worship

January 11, 2026 10:00 am

*Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit

Worship Theme: Baptism of the Lord

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "To God Be The Glory" Edward Broughton

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) John Rajpolt

*Call to Worship (Responsively) Psalm 29 Leader
Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

People: **Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

People: **The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

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

People: **The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.**

Leader: May the Lord give strength to his people!

People: **May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

*Opening Hymn "Spirit Song" UMH #347

*Opening Prayer (Unison) Leader
Heavenly Father, Your Holy Spirit reigns. Just as your Holy Spirit "swept over the face of the waters" to cover the darkness of the deep, may your Spirit overcome any darkness that will attempt to get between us. We welcome you into this place. May the reading of your Holy Word remind us that you have baptised Jesus with your Holy Spirit, granting him the power to free us from the prison of darkness. Strengthen us to embrace your truth today, through the power of your Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

CHOIR ANTHEM "Sweet Rivers of Mercy" Sheldon Curry

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: [Isaiah 42:1–9](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

*Gospel Lesson: [Matthew 3:13–17](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God
People: **Thanks be to God!**

Message "God Over the Waters" Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn of Response "When Jesus Came to Jordan" UMH #252

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns Pastoral Prayer

*Doxology The Offering of our Gifts

Offering Prayer (Unison)

Come, Holy Spirit, come! Come down on us and these gifts so that we are empowered to *love* more, and to *give* more. With your strength, allow these gifts to *do* more. You have blessed us with the gift of your Son, and with the gift of your very presence in our lives. With this offering, let us bless and praise you. *Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

***Sending Hymn** "Down to the River to Pray" WS #3164
(v. 1,2,5)

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

Postlude

Join Us for Coffee Hour

Coming Up:

January 18th. - for Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us
LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word on John's
testimony of Jesus ([John 1:29-42](#)) Ready to be Bold?

Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for
Wednesday-Wakeup Devotional & Fellowship



[Zoom Link](#)
(Live Meeting)



[YouTube \(<https://bitly.com/WWakeup>\)](#)
(Recorded Sessions)

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