

# 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**

**Offering the Peace of Christ**

**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?**

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Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for

**Wednesday-Wakeup** Devotional & Fellowship



[Zoom Link](#)  
(Live Meeting)



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

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**[Worship Livestream Zoom link:](#)**



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