

January 11, 2026

Please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew.

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude

"Epiphany Peal"

Handbell Choir

John Leavitt

Introit: "All Creatures of Our God and King" UMH#62, Teri Gray, solo

**Call to Worship

God is our light and our salvation!

God renews the song in our mouths.

Let us worship the One who has claimed us.

Let us celebrate a Love that knows our name.

**Opening Hymn: "The Gift of Love" UMH #408

Opening Prayer (unison)

Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus, you revealed him to be your Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit, Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful to their calling as your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn: "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters" UMH #605

Prayers of the Faithful & the 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering/Offertory

"Thou Art Worthy"

Carol Stewart
Pauline Mills/Lyndell Leatherman

**Doxology

"His Name Is Wonderful"

UMH #74

**Prayer of Dedication

Faithful and Calling God, continue to draw us into new life through waters of grace and acts of justice. Just as Jesus stepped into the river to stand with us and for us, we bring these gifts today to stand with others—to serve, to uplift, and to proclaim your kingdom. Use these offerings to fulfill your righteousness among us. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

**Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:13-17

Ministry of Music

"The Tallis Canon"

Handbell Choir
Douglas Wagner

Scripture Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Sermon

"Baptized, Then What?"

Pastor Jeff Bandy

**Closing Hymn

"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

UMH #611

**Sending Forth

Postlude

"Glorify Thy Name"

Carol Stewart
Donna Adkins/Keith Christopher



*The Altar flowers are given by Debi Hall
in loving memory of her husband, Byrd.*

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

The Baptism of Jesus

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴ But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

¹⁵ Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.

¹⁶ As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

Scripture Reading – Acts 10:34-43 (NIV)

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism ³⁵ but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. ³⁶ You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷ You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

³⁹ “We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, ⁴⁰ but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. ⁴¹ He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”



Baptized, Then What?



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

January 11, 2026 - Worship Team

Ushers	Chad Mossing, Will Mossing Mike Tittle, Jake Van Schagen
Greeter	Glen Shaw, Carol Shaw
Liturgist	Suzanne Bandy
Organist	Carol Stewart
Director of Music	Teri Gray
Handbell Choir Director	Jim McPeek



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