

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD
ORDER OF WORSHIP
JANUARY 11, 2026**

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD'S LOVE

PRELUDE

DOWN TO THE RIVER TO PRAY

GREETING (1 JOHN 3:1-2)

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Gary Grimes

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** (PSALM 29:2-3)

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.
People: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

✦ **SONG OF PRAISE**

HYMN # 23 – *ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING*

CALL TO CONFESSION (EZEKIEL 33:10-11)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess to you, our God, and before one another that we have sinned greatly in thought, word, and deed. We have failed to love and honor you. We have failed to love and honor our neighbors. And, we have failed to love and honor ourselves. Through our own fault we have deserved your judgment. O Lord Jesus, Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us and hear our prayers...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (EZEKIEL 36:25-28)

✦ **SONG OF GRACE**

HYMN # 68 – *COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING*

✦ **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

"May the peace of Christ be with you....And, also with you"
At this time, the congregation may greet each other with peace.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S LOVE

SCRIPTURE READING

MATTHEW 3:1-12

Lyn Palmer

Leader: Blessed are those who hear and keep what is written, in the light of Jesus, the Word made flesh.

People: Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

MATTHEW 3:13-17

SERMON

"BAPTISMAL BLESSINGS"

Rev. Dr. Brad Busiek

WE EMBRACE GOD'S LOVE

REMEMBERING OR ANTICIPATING OUR BAPTISM

See insert

OFFERING

In response to God's love, we are invited to reflect on how we might give thanks to God through the sharing of our time, talents, and treasures. (During this time, offering plates will be passed down the pews. There is no obligation to give. You may also choose to indicate your presence or desire to connect by placing a gold connect card in the offering plate.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, 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 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

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE IN THE WORLD

✦ **CHARGE AND BLESSING** (JOHN 7:37-38)

✦ **SONG OF DEDICATION**

I'VE GOT A RIVER, w/m by Angrisano, Booth, Ray, Stephan, and Soper

✦ **POSTLUDE**

✦ *Those who are able, are invited to stand.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Everyone! We are glad you have joined us today and hope you feel God's love in this place! We will gather in the Fellowship Hall after worship for refreshments and 2nd Sunday Family Funday.

Second Sunday Family Funday, Jan 11. Today, we are playing bingo! Join us after worship in the Fellowship Hall for family friendly games of bingo. This event is free for all ages. Small prizes will be given.

Free Community Dinner Wednesday, Jan 21. Invite your friends and neighbors to a delicious pizza dinner from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome, and help with preparation and clean up is appreciated! Let us know you're coming by signing up in the Fellowship Hall so we know how much food to prepare.

Ruth Jones' Memorial Service, Jan 24 at 3:00 pm. We will celebrate Ruth's life and witness to the resurrection in our sanctuary on Saturday, Jan 24. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Poverty Reading Group, Last Sunday of Each Month in 2026. Amy Busiek is starting a book reading group that is focused on issues of poverty. Anyone interested in exploring some of the books that Amy has been reading is welcome to join. They will meet in the Upper Room before worship at 9:00 am on the last Sundays of the month beginning on Sunday, Jan 25. The first book will be *The American Way of Poverty: How the Other Half Still Lives* by Sasha Abramsky.

Annual Congregational Meeting, Sunday, Jan 25. Right after worship, please plan to stay for a few minutes for the Annual Congregational Meeting to present the budget, elect new elders and deacons, and approve the pastor's terms of call for 2026.

Help Partner with Other Churches to Spread the Gospel! Please consider giving to per capita this month. It helps us work with other Presbyterian churches to further the mission of Jesus Christ around the world. We ask each person in our congregation to make an optional and additional one time donation of \$50.00 for the 2026 per capita campaign for each church member in your household. Our goal is to raise \$6,850.00 though our 137 members.

Are you interested in baptism and/or becoming a member of our church? Please talk to Pastor Brad if you are interested in joining us in an exciting journey of faith, love, hope, and service.

REGULAR HAPPENINGS AT SMPC (*schedule changes in italics*)

| Day (next date) | Time | Event | Place | Contact |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Sundays | 11:45 - 12:15pm | Voice Choir Rehearsal | Sanctuary | Michael Day |
| 2nd Sunday (today) | 11:30 - 1:00pm | Deacon's Meeting | Upper Room | Marty Strange |
| 2nd Sunday (today) | After worship | Family Funday | Fellowship Hall | Pastor Brad |
| Tuesdays | 10:30 - 11:30am | Gentle Exercise | Fellowship Hall | Linda Murphy |
| Wednesdays | 10:00 - 11:30am | Bible Study | Fellowship Hall | Lyn Palmer |
| Wednesdays | 10:00 - 3:00pm | Sewing Group | Upper Room | Gayle Burke |
| Wednesdays | 6:00 - 8:00pm | Youth Group | Church Campus | Pastor Brad |
| 3rd Wednesday (1/21) | 5:30 - 6:30pm | Community Dinner | Fellowship Hall | Pastor Brad |
| Thursdays | 10:30 - 11:30am | Gentle Exercise | Fellowship Hall | Linda Murphy |
| Thursdays | 2:15-3:45pm | Line Dancing | Fellowship Hall | Janet Emch |
| 2nd/4th Thursday (1/22) | 12:00 - 2:00pm | Yarn & Thread | Fireside Room | Joyce Botsch |
| Fridays | 9:30 - 11:30am | Food Pantry Prep | Church campus | Julie Weindel |
| Saturdays | 10:00 - 12:30pm | Food Pantry | Church campus | Julie Weindel |
| 3rd Saturday (1/17) | 1:00pm | Outriggers | Elmer's on 181st | Barb Lintner |
| 5th Sunday (3/29) | After Worship | All Church Potluck | Fellowship Hall | Janet Emch |

NEXT WEEK'S (JANUARY 18) SUNDAY SERVANTS

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| Greeters | Jacque McAlevy and Ian McAlevy | Opening Prayer | Joyce Botsch |
| Ushers | Sandy Wagner and Sonja Flener | Scripture Reader | Geoff Kenway |
| Special Helper | Steve Marker | Counters | Bonnie Lind and Joyce Botsch |
| Refreshments | 2nd Week Fellowship | | |

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REMEMBERING OR ANTICIPATING OUR BAPTISM

RENUNCIATIONS AND AFFIRMATIONS

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.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

I do.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

APOSTLES' CREED

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

***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 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.***

PRAYER OVER WATER

Eternal and gracious God, we give you thanks. In countless ways you have revealed yourself in ages past, and have blessed us with signs of your grace. We praise you that through the waters of the sea, you led your people Israel out of bondage, into freedom in the land of your promise.

We praise you for sending Jesus your Son, who for us was baptized in the waters of the Jordan, and was anointed as the Christ by your Holy Spirit. Through the baptism of his death and resurrection, you set us free from the bondage of sin and death, and give us cleansing and rebirth.

We praise you that in baptism you give us your Holy Spirit, who teaches us and leads us into all truth, filling us with a variety of gifts, that we might proclaim the gospel to all nations and serve you as a royal priesthood.

Deliver us from death to life, from bondage to freedom, from sin to righteousness. Bind us to the household of faith, guard us from all evil. Strengthen us to serve you with joy until the day you make all things new.

To you be all praise, honor, and glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns forever. Amen.

ISAIAH 43:1-4

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you.

REVELATION 22:17

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

REMEMBERING OR ANTICIPATING OUR BAPTISM

You are invited to come forward to dip your hand(s) into the baptismal font as a way to remember or anticipate your baptism.

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE WELL, w/m by Hall and West

BLESSING

After you dip your hands(s) into the baptismal font, you are invited to present your hand(s) to one of the leaders up front. The leader will dry your hand(s) with a towel and bless you with the following words based on Ephesians 5:1-2:

You are a beloved child of God
So live in love, as Christ loves us.

Note: If you have never been baptized before at any church, you are still welcome to participate. This is simply an act of remembrance of a past baptism or an act of anticipation of a future baptism. If you have never been baptized and would like to receive the sacrament of baptism at a later date, please talk with Pastor Brad. As the Church is One Body connected with Christ and each other, we recognize all baptisms by other Christian congregations that are administered to both children and adults, as long as it is with water (sprinkled, poured, or immersed) and performed in the name of the triune God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.