

ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
“Bringing People to Christ and Christ to People”

January 11, 2026

9:45 a.m.

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

PRELUDE (*Please prepare your hearts and minds for worship.*)

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

WELCOME – Large print bulletins and a hearing assistance system are available. See an usher.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (**Please rise in body or spirit.*)

Leader: The Spirit is coming to bless us all with a new song:

People: **Let our joy be complete!**

Leader: Gifts for the good of all, poured out on all to teach us a new song:

People: **Love one another!**

Leader: Strangers and neighbors, foreigners and family will join in the new song:

People: **No longer servants but friends!**

Leader: Come, let our worship make a joyful noise,

People: **Rejoicing in the friendship of God.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. ²Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness. ³The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord thunders over the mighty waters. ⁴The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic. ⁵The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon. ⁶He makes Lebanon leap like a calf, Sirion like a young wild ox. ⁷The voice of the Lord strikes with flashes of lightning. ⁸The voice of the Lord shakes the desert; the Lord shakes the Desert of Kadesh. ⁹The voice of the Lord twists the oaks and strips the forests bare. And in his temple all cry, “Glory!” ¹⁰The

Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord is enthroned as King forever. ¹¹The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*BLESSING THE OFFERING

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UMH 881

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH 71

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (vs 1-3) UMH 57

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 3: 13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented. ¹⁶As 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. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

MESSAGE **“Promise of New Life”**

***HYMN** *Softly and Tenderly* (vs 1, 2, 4) **UMH 348**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** *He is Exalted* **Red Folder #2070**

EXTINGUISHING OF ALTAR CANDLES

POSTLUDE

☞ ANNOUNCEMENTS ☚

ONE BOARD MEETING – January 12 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Please see Linda Stark for the link to join the meeting. Everyone is welcome!

FIRST BAPTIST FOOD BANK – Requests include canned meats, spaghetti noodles and sauce, soup, PopTarts, canned vegetables (potatoes, corn, and green beans), toothpaste, baby diapers, boxed juices, and macaroni and cheese.

PRAYER CHAIN – Call or text Pat Kern at 443-783-6423

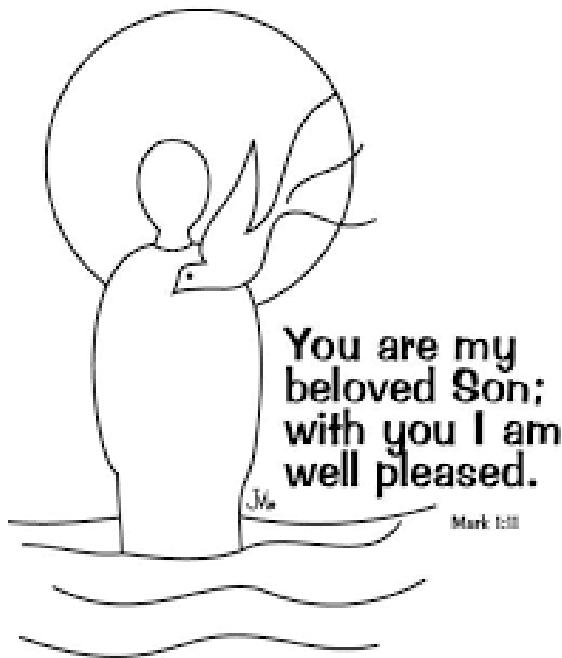
NEWSLETTER – Submit information to Paul Nelson at pnelson37@gmail.com by the 23rd of each month.

SOCIAL HOUR – See Buddy Pennewell or Cathy Grim to help.

Music Director: Mike Nelson

Videographer: Roger Vandegrift

Liturgist: Lori Nelson



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