

January 11, 2026
Baptism of the Lord

Welcome and Announcements:

Dave Tom

Music to Prepare Our Hearts:

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks”

Michael Snyder

*M. Durham, arranged by Mark Hayes
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Call to Worship: *

Bradley Docktor

Leader: Come! Let us follow Jesus to the edge of the Jordan River to be baptized.

People: We come to be cleansed and made whole.

Leader: Come! Let us witness John’s confusion and Jesus’ insistence that John baptize God Incarnate.

People: We come to join Jesus in choosing life in the kingdom of God.

Leader: Come! Let us hear God declare the truth of Jesus’ identity and the truth of our identity as baptized people.

People: We come to remember and embody who we are as beloved children of God.

Leader: Come! Let us worship God who leads us into the baptismal waters and salvation life.

People: We come to worship God who empowers us through divine presence to live together as the family of God.

Opening Hymn: * **“Down to the River to Pray”**

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Opening Prayer:

Bradley Docktor

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 for ever.

A Time of Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Time of Quiet for Personal Prayer

Pastor Philip

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading #1: Matthew 3:13-17

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

Scripture Reading #2: Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. 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. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached-- 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. "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, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. 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. 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. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God

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

Message: "Is Baptism Relevant Today?" Pastor Philip

We Share Our Gifts Pastor Philip
Noisy Change

Music During Offering: Choir

"Love Has Come"

Traditional French Melody, arranged by Ken Bible

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Doxology: *"**Praise God From Whom all Blessings Flow**" UMH #94

Closing Hymn: * "**Take My Life, and Let it Be**" UMH #399

Benediction: Music for Going Forth: Michael Snyder
"Shall We Gather at the River" (723)
Robert Lowry
~PD~

***Please stand as you are able**