

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 11 January 2026

Baptism of the Lord

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Announcements *(To help us connect, please sign
the attendance pad in your pew)*

Greeting: Let us ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Let us worship the Lord in holy splendor.

The Lord sits enthroned for ever.

May the Lord bless us with peace. *(Psalm 29)*

*Praise Choruses: 2248 "Baptized in Water"
2251 "We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus"

*Opening Prayer: 253 "Baptism of the Lord"

*Opening Hymn: 139 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: Page 6

First Lesson: Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalter: 761 Psalm 29

Second Lesson: Acts 10:32-43

*Hymn of Preparation: 252 "When Jesus Came to Jordan"

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 3:13-17

Sermon

Joys, Concerns, Prayers

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Congregational Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant :

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Children's time

THANKSGIVING

Invitation: As forgiven and reconciled people,
let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

Officering/Offertory

*Doxology: 95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Prayer of Thanksgiving^:

All things come from you, O God,
and with gratitude we return to you what is yours.

**By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,**

**and one in ministry to all the world;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

(Hoyt L. Hickman, U.S.A., 20th Cent., Alt.)

*The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 529 "How Firm a Foundation"

*Closing Prayer^:

**Almighty God,
your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ,
is the light of the world.
Grant that your people,
illuminated by your Word and Sacraments,
may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory,
that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth, now and for ever.**

Amen.

(The Book of Common Prayer, U.S.A., 20th Cent., Alt.)

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*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude/ Going Forth

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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