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BAPTISM OF THE LORD

THE 11TH DAY OF JANUARY 2026

TEN O’CLOCK

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MORNING WORSHIP

JANUARY 11, 2026

THE GATHERING

Prelude & Bringing In  
The Light

"Deep River"  
arr. George Kemmer

Ed Logan

The Greeting

We welcome you, and we pray that this time together will be a blessing in your life.  
† At the sound of the bells, please prepare your hearts and minds for worship

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Lifting Our Voices in  
Praise\*

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

UMH # 526

Gloria Patri\*

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.

The Children’s Message

Don Stansfield III

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

Call to Prayer

“Spirit of the Living God”

UMH# 393 Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Sharon Bowers

The Lord’s Prayer

See Insert

Rev. Sharon Bowers

\*Please stand as you are able. Please silence cell phones and electronic devices in the Sanctuary.

Attendance for November 30, 2025			
Sunday School	14	Livestream Views	597
Traditional Service	54	Children’s Church	0
Contemporary Service	13	Daycare Chapel	26
Morning Pointe Senior Center	12		

Pastoral Blessing

May you realize that you are God’s beloved and that God is well pleased with you. God has given you God’s stamp of approval. May you always feel fully seen, fully loved, and fully cherished. As you go forth, may the joy of knowing that you are not a mistake, that you are exactly who God made you, strengthen your heart, guide your steps, and overflow into every life you touch. And may the blessing of God overflow in your life and give you unshakable joy now and forever.

Amen.

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM	
Preaching:	Rev. Sharon Bowers, Lead Pastor
Liturgist:	Rebekah Taylor
Children's Message:	Don Stansfield III
Organist/Pianist:	Ed Logan
Music:	Choir
Sounds/Livestream:	Christian Martin / Fletcher Sherrill / Zy Neal
<div>Children's Ministry</div> <div>Wednesdays</div> <div>5:15–7:00 p.m.</div> <div>Asbury Fellowship Hall / Rotating Locations</div> <div>3 Churches 1 Mission / Asbury-Pruitt Hill-Tate Chapel</div>	
<div>Community Outreach</div> <div>Morning Pointe Senior Center</div> <div>Thursdays   10-10:30 a.m. Come share scripture and encouragement with our beloved seniors.</div>	
<div>Bible Studies Coming In January</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b><i>Wrestling with Doubt: Finding Faith</i></b> by Adam Hamilton A small-group study that creates a safe space for the honest questions many Christians carry quietly, offering guidance for discovering a deeper and more resilient faith. Mondays   Beginning January 12th   6:00 p.m. Contact John Reviere for additional information.</li><li><b><i>Spiritual Practices for Soul Care</i></b> by Rev. Dr. Barbara L. Peacock For those longing for a richer experience of God, this study introduces forty practices that help integrate spiritual disciplines into everyday life. Wednesdays   Beginning January 28th   11:00 a.m. **</li><li><b><i>Pursued: God's Relentless Love for You (Women's Bible Study)</i></b> by Jennifer Cowart Explore the sweeping story of Scripture to see how God faithfully and lovingly pursues His people throughout biblical history—and continues to pursue us today. Mondays   Beginning January 26th @ 6:00 p.m. **</li></ul></div>	
** Contact Rev. Bowers or Kathy in the office if you have questions or are interested.	

MORNING WORSHIP

JANUARY 11, 2026

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

The Scripture Lesson*	Matthew 3:13-17	Rebekah Taylor
The Message	The Sound of Joy	Rev. Sharon Bowers

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Baptism Reaffirmation

Giving Our Tithes & Offerings	† An offering is collected to support the mission of Asbury UMC to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.	
Offertory Prayer		Rev. Sharon Bowers
Anthem (Organ Offertory)	"Christ Our Lord to Jordan Come"	Ed Logan
	Marcel Dupre'	
Doxology	See Insert	UMH #95
Hym of Invitation*	"My Hope Is Built"	UMH #368

SENDING FORTH

Benediction*		Rev. Sharon Bowers
Peace*	Minister: The Peace of Christ be always with you. People: <b>An also with you.</b>	
Postlude*	"Christ our Lord to Jordan Came"	Ed Logan
	Johonn Pachelbel	

Childcare is available in the children's area , an usher can guide you.

Remember Your Baptism

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

A deacon or pastor addresses the congregation: Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price. Through the re-affirmation of our faith we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Since the earliest times, the vows of the Baptismal Covenant have consisted first of the renunciation of all that is evil and then the profession of faith and loyalty to Christ.

The pastor addresses the congregation, and the congregation responds:

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:  
Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,  
reject the evil powers of this world,  
and repent of your sin?  
I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you  
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression  
in whatever forms they present themselves?  
I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,  
put your whole trust in his grace,  
and promise to serve him as your Lord,  
in union with the Church which Christ has opened  
to people of all ages, nations, and races?  
I do.

According to the grace given to you,  
will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church  
and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?  
I will.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
<p><b>Let us know you’re here:</b> Check in on the Church Center app, complete a connection card at <a href="http://www.asburylife.org">www.asburylife.org</a>, or sign the red registration pad in your pew. Everyone—visitors and members alike—are welcome to connect. Please let us know if you would like to become a member or learn more about our church. Visit our online church calendar at <a href="https://asburylife.org/coming-up-at-asbury">https://asburylife.org/coming-up-at-asbury</a> .</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>This January, we are excited to launch several new Bible studies designed to deepen faith, encourage growth, and strengthen our walk with God: Check out the Small Group Gatherings in your bulletin for additional information.</li></ul>
Prayer Requests
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A prayer request from Grayce P. I hope that everyone still has the spirit of Christmas.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>The life and spirit of our Church</b>, that we might experience growth and achieve health through the Holy Spirit. Teach us to reach out to others, that through outreach and invitation and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ, the spirit of our community might be made new.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Those who mourn</b> the loss of loved ones. May they be comforted.</li></ul>

## Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise him all creatures here below,

Praise him above the heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

## 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.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

## Remember Your Baptism Cont'd

*A deacon or pastor leads the confession of faith:*

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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,**

**is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and will come again 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.]**

## THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

*A deacon or lay leader may pour water for reaffirmation into the font at this time in such a way that the congregation can see and hear the water. This prayer is led by the pastor and joined by the people. It recalls scriptural images and meanings of Holy Baptism and is comparable to the Great Thanksgiving at Holy Communion. All may stand.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

*The pastor may raise hands in the ancient Christian posture of prayer, and invite the congregation to do likewise.*

## Remember Your Baptism Cont'd

Eternal God:

When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

**\*\*Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.**

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

**\*\*Declare Christ's works to the nations, his glory among all the people.**

*The pastor may place hands in or over the water, stir the water, or lift the water.* Pour out your Holy Spirit, and by this gift of water call to our remembrance the grace declared to us in our baptism. For you have washed away our sins, and you clothe us with righteousness throughout our lives, that dying and rising with Christ we may share in his final victory.

**\*\*All praise to you, Eternal God,  
through your Son Jesus Christ,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit  
lives and reigns for ever. Amen.**

### REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Acts of reaffirmation are not acts of rebaptism.* When the congregation reaffirms the Baptismal Covenant, a deacon or pastor may invite the people to come to the water as the pastor says:

Remember your baptism and be thankful. **Amen.**

*Appropriate ways persons may use the water include:*

## Remember Your Baptism Cont'd

- a) Touching the water and making the sign of the cross on their own foreheads;*
- b) Scooping up the water and letting it fall back into the font;*
- c) Scooping it over their heads, or hands, or to refresh their faces.*
- d) Or, a deacon, the pastor, or other assistants may use an asperges, evergreen branch or other means to sprinkle small amounts of water toward the congregation.*

*This parallels sprinkling with hyssop for purification (Exodus 12:22 ; Psalm 51:7) and sprinkling as a sign of renewal (Ezekiel 36:25 -26).*

*The pastor addresses those reaffirming the Baptismal Covenant:*

The Holy Spirit work within you,  
that having been born through water and the Spirit,  
you may live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

### THANKSGIVING

*A deacon or pastor leads the congregation to give thanks:*  
Let us rejoice in the faithfulness of our covenant God.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given us. As members of the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we will faithfully participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

*The pastor addresses those reaffirming the Baptismal Covenant:*

The God of all grace,  
who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,  
establish and strengthen you  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
that you may live in grace and peace.

**"Spirit Song" UMH#347**