

JANUARY 15, 2023
FAIRVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Baptism of the Lord



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January 15, 2023

11:00 A.M.

*Please rise as you are able or in your hearts.

PRELUDE "A Winter Pastorale" Franklin Ritter

WELCOME AND WORDS OF COMMUNITY

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: In the very beginning, God separated the darkness and the light. God called the Light "Day" and the Darkness, God called "Night".

People: We were once people who dwelled in darkness, but God has given us the true Light, Jesus Christ.

Leader: God has blessed us and adopted us as God's own beloved children, through the sacrament of Baptism.

People: The water of baptism brings to us healing and reconciliation; it is a symbol of nourishment and cleansing.

Leader: This day is the day of the remembrance of Jesus' Baptism.

People: As we hear the words of his baptism, let us be reminded of our own adoption by God and celebrate the joyous connection to the Almighty God.

ALL: AMEN.

***GATHERING HYMN** "When Jesus Came to Jordan" UMH # 252

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 11: 1-18

CHOIR ANTHEM "Shall We Gather at the River" arr. by John Carter
Chancel Choir

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER CHORUS "More Like You" TFWS # 2167

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: We are incredibly stubborn, O Lord. We have entered the season in which Your Light has been given to the world, your blessings have been poured out on the world, and yet all we can think about is our own

problems, our own needs, our own desires. Help us to desire you, Lord. Pour your baptismal waters over us again, cleansing us from our self-pity and arrogance. Nourish and heal us so that we may joyfully serve you. Wash away our jealousy, greed, and all negative thoughts and behaviors that stand in the way of our truly being the people you have called us to be. Again let us receive the blessings offered in creation, in the birth and baptism of Jesus, and in the ministry of the saints of light. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

PRAYERS OF PETITION

After each petition, we enter into the prayer together with these words:

Pastor: Lord in Your mercy,

People: Hear our Prayer.

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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.

***HYMN OF PROCLAMATION** "In the Bleak Midwinter" UMH # 221

***GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 3:13-17

SERMON "Can God Change People's Minds about how they act?"
Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL

OFFERTORY "Prayer" Guilmant

***DOXOLOGY** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH # 94

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***SENDING HYMN** "We Would See Jesus" UMH # 256

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Festive March" David Lacky

ACTIVITIES - JANUARY 16 - JANUARY 22

Monday, January 16

MLK Holiday Pantry - Closed
Church Office - Closed

Wednesday, January 18

Renewal Hour 3:30 P.M.

Thursday, January 19

Chancel Choir 7:15 P.M.

Friday, January 20

Pantry 9:00 A.M.

Saturday, January 21

Strategic Planning Meeting 10:00 A.M.

Sunday, January 22

Adult Sunday School 9:45 A.M.

Worship Service 11:00 A.M.

Human Relations Day is today, January 15



WHY DO WE CELEBRATE SPECIAL SUNDAYS?

United Methodists celebrate on specific days to unite and make clear the commitment of the church as the people of God, and to give everyone the opportunity to contribute to special programs approved and supported by the Church. For stories on how you make a difference visit UMC.org/yourimpact

HOW DO YOUR GIFTS SUPPORT HUMAN RELATIONS?

We are called to make an impact in communities where our brothers and sisters in Christ lack the resources or tools to reach their God-given potentials. Our gifts are part of building beloved community through faith-based volunteer programs, community developers and programs that work with at-risk teens. For more than half a century, United Methodists have observed this churchwide special Sunday in recognition of the message Jesus demonstrated during his life: **Each of God's children are equally important.**



TODAY'S SERVANT LEADERS

Worship Leader

Sonia Jackson

Greeter

Bertha Messer

Trustee

Fred Poland

Toddler Room Assistant

Jackie Mergler

VAN DRIVER FOR JANUARY 22

Van Request:

Greg -- 937-620-1472 To ride the van you must make your request the day before or you will not be picked up!

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalms 27:1, 4-9 (UMH 758)

I Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 4:12-23

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

The Children's Sunday School Teachers are informing the congregation they will be on hiatus in January 2023. Attendance of children and youth during the Sunday School hour was zero for many months in 2022. This hiatus will provide time for the teachers to thoughtfully consider how to support this ministry.

CHILDCARE DURING WORSHIP

Childcare will continue to be provided during worship for children ages 3 - Kindergarten.

MASK POLICY

Masking Recommended by the Trustees

Pastor Rev. E.. Neil Gaiser, OSL, **Administrative Assistant** Carol McDougle,
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**DO YOU HAVE
QUESTIONS FOR GOD?
(WE DO TOO!)**

Join us beginning Jan. 8th - Feb. 5th for our winter sermon series

"Hello, God?! We've Got Questions!"

For the next five Sundays, inspired by some tough questions UMC children asked about God, we will go on a journey into a life of asking questions in the name of our faith. As we travel together, let us take some time to reflect on who we are, where we have been, and where God is calling us to go, as individuals and as faith communities.