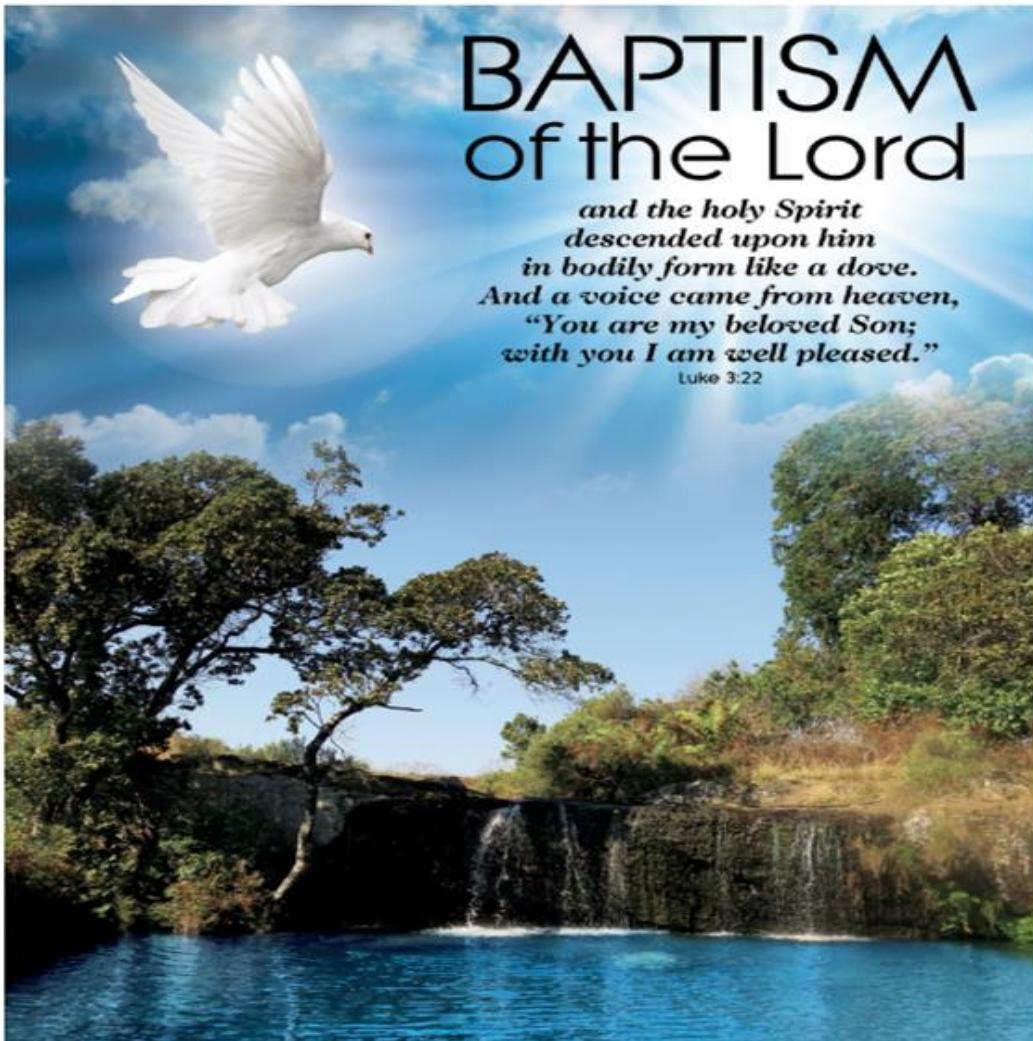


# Fairview United Methodist Church

## January 11, 2026



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Fairview United Methodist Church  
*Baptism of The Lord*

January 11, 2026

11:00 a.m.

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

\*\*Let us take this time to quiet our hearts and minds and prepare for worship.

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**\*\*PRELUDE**

Prayer Tune

V. Curtis

**WELCOME AND WORDS OF COMMUNITY**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We come to the waters where Christ was baptized.

**People: We come to remember that we are God's beloved.**

Leader: The heavens opened, and God spoke a word of delight.

**People: We listen for the voice of grace, not the voices of fear.**

Leader: The Spirit descended in peace upon the Son.

**People: We seek the Spirit who forms peacemakers in a violent world.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who calls us beloved and sends us in peace.

**People: We worship the Lord, and we follow the Prince of Peace.**

**ALL: AMEN**

**CHORAL AMEN**

**\*GATHERING HYMN** When Jesus Came to Jordan UMH No. 252

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** A Creed for Epiphany Season

**We believe in God, the creator of all things, the giver of life and breath. We believe in Jesus Christ, born Emmanuel, God with us, baptized and revealed the most beloved Son of God; he sought to heal humanity by taking our brokenness upon himself, suffering for us, dying for us, and being raised from the dead for our sake and for the sake of all the world. We believe that he will come again. We believe in the Holy Spirit, continually poured out refreshing our lives, leading us into a new day, ever birthing the church, the body of Christ in the world. This Spirit is our soul companion and counselor of truth reminding us of the gift of faith, the ever presence of God and the promise of eternal life. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI  
ANTHEM**      Glory Be to the Father  
                    The Lord Came to the River      UMH No. 70  
                    by P. Choplin

## **\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**PRAYER CHORUS** Cares Chorus TFWS No. 2215

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**ALL:** God of peace, we confess that we have too often blessed what You grieve and justified what You oppose. We have used Your Word to defend violence instead of embodying Your love. We have chosen sides instead of choosing compassion, and certainty instead of humility. Forgive us when we forget that Jesus was baptized not into power, but into solidarity with the suffering. Wash us again in Your mercy and shape us into people who seek justice and peace. 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

## HYMN OF PROCLAMATION Weary of All Trumpeting UMH No. 442

SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 12:1-3, Matthew 5:9

## SERMON

## Faith in the Headlines: Following Christ in a Fractured World

## *The Theology of Ted Cruz: Scripture, War, and the Crisis in Gaza*

Sermon Series - Week Two      Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL

**OFFERTORY**

Give Thanks

H. Herschel

**\*DOXOLOGY** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH No. 94

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*SENDING HYMN**

God of Grace and God of Glory UMH No. 577 verses 1,3 and 4

**POSTLUDE**

In Praise to God

F. Waring

## **ACTIVITIES - JAN. 12 - JAN. 18**

### **Monday, January 12**

Pantry - 9:00 A.M.

SPRC 6:00 P.M.

### **Wednesday, January 14**

Renewal Hour Bible Study 3:30 P.M.

Pantry 6:00 P.M.

### **Thursday, January 15**

Chancel Bells 6:30 P.M.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:15 P.M.

### **Friday, January 16**

Pantry 9:00 A.M.

### **Sunday, January 18**

Adult Sunday School 9:45 A.M.

Worship Service 11:00 A.M.

Kids' Bible Class 11:00 A.M.

## **TODAY'S SERVANT LEADERS**

### **Worship Leader**

MaryBeth Wyss

### **Greeter**

Shirley McBride

### **Trustee**

Mike Zuber

### **Toddler Room Assistant**

Susie Kurtz

2026 Contribution Statements have been emailed or mailed. Notify Fred Poland if you did not receive yours.

## **VAN DRIVER FOR JANUARY 18**

### **Van Request: Cornelio-- 937- 623-7951**

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 49:1-7](#)
- [Psalm 40:1-11](#)
- [1 Corinthians 1:1-9](#)
- [John 1:29-42](#)

## **PRAYER MINISTRY**

Prayer ministry after worship each Sunday.  
For those who have special prayer requests,  
please see someone from the Prayer Ministry  
in the Narthex.

## **Church Staff**

### **Pastor**

Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL

### **Administrative Assistant**

Carol McDougle

### **Director of Music**

Michelle Forshaw

### **Church Musician**

Nancy Collins

### **Treasurer**

Fred Poland

### **Audio Visual Technician**

Roger Christian

### **Church Custodian**

Vance Garner

### **Kids' Bible Class**

### **Attendant**

Oscar Ndayisaba