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**\*If you have an announcement or prayer request, please email it to [zionlexpk@gmail.com](mailto:zionlexpk@gmail.com) by Wednesday.**



***“Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”***

***Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026***

***Rev. Dr. Andreá Cummings, Pastor***  
***Rev. Dr. Johnsie Cogman, District Superintendent***  
***LaTrelle Miller Easterling, Presiding Bishop***



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## ***First Sunday after Epiphany***

### ***Baptism of the Lord***

***\*Please stand as you are able in body or spirit***

***Prelude~ “I Will Sing Hallelujah”***

***Welcome~ Rev. Dr. Andrea Cummings***

***\*Opening Hymn~ “Spirit Song” - #321 AAHH***

***Opening Prayer***

***\*Offering***

***Doxology~ “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”~#650  
AAHH***

***Prayer of Illumination:*** *Still-speaking God, as these words from Scripture are read, may it be to us as if the heavens are opening, and we, your Spirit, descending on us like a dove, revealing your love for us, your daughters and sons. Amen.*

***\*The Scripture Readings:***

***First Reading:*** *Isaiah 42:1-9: Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to*

## ***Ready to Join?***

*Please complete the form and hand it to an usher. Pastor Cummings will reach out to you to arrange a time to discuss the membership vows and the date for you to join.*

*What are our membership vows?*

*Vows are taken when a person joins a United Methodist Church as a baptized or professing member. By taking the baptismal and local church membership vows, the individual agrees to covenant with God and the local church members to keep the vows that are part of living the baptismal covenant and reception into membership in the local church.*

*These vows have four parts: (1) to confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior; (2) to believe in the Christian faith as contained in the Old and New Testaments; (3) to support The United Methodist Church; and (4) to uphold the local congregation with one's prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.*

*Name(s)* \_\_\_\_\_

*Address* \_\_\_\_\_

*Phone/Email* \_\_\_\_\_

### Mark your Calendar

**United Women in Faith:** We welcome women of all ages to our 2026 UWF meetings, scheduled for the third Sunday of January, March, June, September, and November. Please come prepared to share your ideas on how we can best serve our church and community. For more information, please contact Omega Taylor at 301-904-6978.

**Outreach ministry** requests that on the **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday**, members bring the following items: tuna fish, salmon, chicken, corned beef, mayonnaise, and/or relish. Please place these items in the box located in the social hall.

*the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.*

*The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.***

**\*Psalm Reading~** Psalm 29, Psalter #761 UMH

PSALTER 761

**Psalm 29**

RESPONSE (Baptism of the Lord, Trinity & General) Charles Wesley  
John Hatton

With joy the Lord of Hosts pro - claim;  
ex - tol the great al - might - y name.

- <sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.*
- <sup>2</sup> **Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;  
worship the Lord in holy splendor.***
- <sup>3</sup> The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the Lord, upon many waters.*
- <sup>4</sup> The voice of the Lord is powerful,  
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. **R***
- <sup>5</sup> The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars,  
**the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.***

- <sup>6</sup> *The Lord makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.*
- <sup>7</sup> ***The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.***
- <sup>8</sup> *The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness,  
**the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.***
- <sup>9</sup> *The voice of the Lord makes the oaks to whirl,  
and strips the forests bare;  
**and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"***
- <sup>10</sup> *The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as Ruler for ever.*
- <sup>11</sup> ***May the Lord give strength to his people!  
May the Lord bless his people with peace! R***

**\*Second Reading:** Acts 10:34-43: Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and 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 ordained by God 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."

*The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.***

## ***Song of Preparation~ "Holy One"***

**\*Gospel Reading:** Matthew 3:13-17: Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

*The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.***

**Proclamation~ Dr. Cummings**

**Prayers of the People:** Response - Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**Congregational Reaffirmation of The Baptismal Covenant  
IV~ pgs. 50-51, UMH**

**\*Confession & Pardon & Peace~ pg. 8, UMH**

**Thanksgiving & Communion~ pg. 9-10, UMH**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Announcements**

**\*Benediction~ Dr. Cummings**