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# MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 2026

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(\* Indicates when people are invited to stand)

**PRELUDE:**

*“Fairrest Lord Jesus”*

*Arr Mark Hayes*

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

The voice of God resounds over the waters.

**The glory of God thunders over the deep.**

In the waters of the Jordan, the heavens were opened.

**The Spirit descended like a dove, and a voice proclaimed: "This is my Son, the Beloved."**

In our own baptism, we are claimed and named.

**We come to worship the One who calls us by name!**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Holy God, through the waters of baptism, you claim us as your own and seal us with your Holy Spirit. As we remember the baptism of Jesus, open our hearts to hear your voice calling us "Beloved." May your Spirit move among us today, refreshing our souls and renewing our commitment to follow Christ in the ways of righteousness.

**Amen.**

**\*HYMN: 252**

*“When Jesus Came to Jordan”*

*vs 1-3*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, we admit that we often forget whose we are. We allow the voices of the world to drown out your voice of love. We cling to our own ways instead of following the path of Christ. We fail to live out the promises of our baptism—to resist evil, to seek justice, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, wash us clean, and restore in us the joy of your salvation.**

(A moment of silent reflection)

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Hear the good news: In the waters of baptism, God says to you, "You are my child, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." Through the grace of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and set free to live a new life.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## **\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love. The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 42:1-9 (NIV)**

"Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen one in whom I delight;  
I will put my Spirit on him,  
and he will bring justice to the nations.  
He will not shout or cry out,  
or raise his voice in the streets.  
A bruised reed he will not break,  
and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.  
In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;  
he will not falter or be discouraged  
till he establishes justice on earth.  
In his teaching the islands will put their hope."

This is what God the Lord says—  
the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out,  
who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it,  
who gives breath to its people,  
and life to those who walk on it:  
"I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness;  
I will take hold of your hand.  
I will keep you and will make you  
to be a covenant for the people  
and a light for the Gentiles,  
to open eyes that are blind,  
to free captives from prison  
and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

"I am the Lord; that is my name!  
I will not yield my glory to another  
or my praise to idols.  
See, the former things have taken place,  
and new things I declare;  
before they spring into being  
I announce them to you."

## **SCRIPTURE RESPONSE**

This is the Word of God, for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: 29 (NIV)**

Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.**

The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord thunders over the mighty waters.

**The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;

**the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.**

He makes Lebanon leap like a calf, Sirion like a young wild ox.

**The voice of the Lord strikes with flashes of lightning.**

The voice of the Lord shakes the desert;

**the Lord shakes the Desert of Kadesh.**

The voice of the Lord twists the oaks and strips the forests bare.

**And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"**

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord is enthroned as King forever.

**The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace.**

**EPISTLE: Acts 10:34-43 (NIV)**

Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached—how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

"We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us 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 whom God appointed 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."

**SCRIPTURE RESPONSE**

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**Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17 (NIV)**

The gospel according to Matthew.

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

### SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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**Thanks be to God.**

### REFLECTIONS ON GOD'S WORD

Pastor Rob Odum

**HYMN: 347**

*"Spirit Song"*

*vs 1-2*

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Generous God, you have poured out your Spirit upon us and showered us with blessings. We return a portion of what you have given, asking that you consecrate these gifts. Use them to bring hope to the weary, peace to the anxious, and the light of your love to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**OFFERTORY MUSIC:**

*"Song of Hope"*

*Argentine Folk Melody*

**\*DOXOLOGY: 94**

*"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

### PASTORAL 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 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.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN: 2241**

*"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"*

*vs 1-4*

### \*BENEDICTION

Go forth into the world remembering your baptism. May the love of God the Father surround you, the grace of Jesus Christ sustain you, and the power of the Holy Spirit empower you to live as God's beloved children, now and forevermore.

**Amen.**

**\*POSTLUDE:**

*"Down to the River to Pray"*

*Arr Mark Hayes*

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January	Liturgists	Ushers
11th	Chris Guse	To be determined
18th	John Hurley	To be determined
25th	Connie Ziegler	To be determined

### SNOW/WEATHER CLOSINGS



When inclement weather necessitates closing of the church for Sunday worship, meetings, etc., WISN - Channel 12 will be notified and the announcement of the closing will be televised. Please tune in to WISN - Channel 12 before venturing out in inclement weather.



### Memorial UMC

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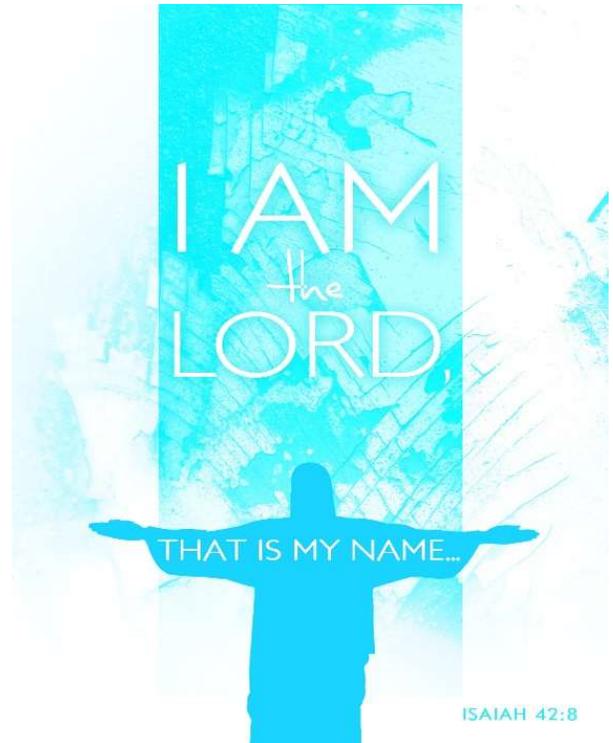
**Hours:** Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9am-1pm

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please contact Pastor Rob or the church office when members and/or friends of Blessed Hope are sick, hospitalized, having surgery, undergoing medical treatment, have special concerns, etc.



Pastor Rob will lift you up in prayer during the Sunday Worship Service.



**ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** Sunday, 9:15am

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sunday, 10:30am

**CERAMICS:** Mondays, 1-9pm

**CHANCEL CHOIR:** Thursday, 6:30-7:25pm

**JOYFUL BELLS:** Thursday, 7:30-8:30pm

**DINING OUT GROUP:** Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at:

Area 51 Sports Bar & Grill, 5121 W. Howard Ave

**SASSY SOWERS:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday & 3<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday, 10am-1pm

**WOMEN'S BREAKFAST:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 9am at Meyers

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 8:30am at Meyers