

January 11, 2026



WELCOME

PASSING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FOLDERS

PRELUDE *More Love to Thee, O Christ*
Doane/Pethel

MESSAGE FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS

CALL TO WORSHIP

SUNG RESPONSE No. 191, vs. 1
Jesus Loves Me

Come! Let us follow Jesus to the edge of the Jordan River to be baptized.

We come to be cleansed and made whole.

Come! Let us witness John's confusion and Jesus' insistence that John baptize God Incarnate.

We come to join Jesus in choosing life in the kingdom of God.

Come! Let us hear God declare the truth of Jesus' identity and the truth of our identity as baptized people.

We come to remember and embody who we are as beloved children of God.

Come! Let us worship God who leads us into the baptismal waters and salvation life.

We come to worship God who empowers us through divine presence to live together as the family of God.

**Jesus loves me! This I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

ANTHEM *Down By the River to Pray*
arr. Sheldon Curry
Chancel Choir

OPENING HYMN No. 500

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

SCRIPTURE 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."

OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus, you revealed him to be your Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit, Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful to their calling as your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

MESSAGE *The Power of Presence*

SIGNS OF PEACE AND UNITY IN CHRIST

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER
The Spirit of the Lord is with us.

Even so, come Lord Jesus!

Let us pray. Almighty God, the life you

birthed in us by baptism into Jesus Christ
will never die. Your justice never fails.
Your mercy is everlasting.

**Your healing river flows. Your Spirit blows
where you will. We cannot stop you, God!**

But sometimes we try. We try to block the
flow, we redirect the winds of the Spirit,
or we walk so far away from the life-giving
Stream that we do not hear its sound, and
we forget its power. We parch ourselves.

**We are dry and thirsty, O God. Come,
refresh us!**

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

Spirit of the Living God

No. 393

TIME OF PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

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UMCWC \$50 to 73256, by using the QR
code on your screen, at umcwc.org,
through the mail, by automated giving
through Realm, or by dropping it off at our of-
fice. Thank you for your generosity.*

OFFERTORY

Rock of Ages

Hastings/Busarow

OFFERING RESPONSE No. 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and holy Ghost. Amen.**

OFFERING PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN TFWs No. 2130

The Summons

BENEDICTION

Go in peace. Love and care for one
another in the name of Christ; and may
the Spirit of God, which filled John and
Jesus, fill your hearts, souls, and minds.
May the power of God, which upheld them,
strengthen you for each day; and may the
love of God, which directed their every

action, be your guiding light and your
shining star, both now and forevermore.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

Sink Not Yet, My Soul, to Slumber
J.C. Bach

Bold text indicates congregational response.

Worship Participants

Message: Rev. Cyndi Stouffer

Liturgist: Rev. Allen Keller

Reader: Jani Poh-Pike

Message for Growing Christians:

Kristi Largoza

Chancel Choir Director: Jeannie Nelson

Organist: Steve Campitelli

Live Stream Team: Tim Case, CC Clark,

Brad Rush, Jacqueline Rush, Cory Smith

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Today, January 11

8:45 AM - Worship (Sanctuary)

10:00 AM - Sunday School

11:00 AM - Worship Café (Fiesta Center)

4:30 PM - Youth Group (Youth Room)

6:00 PM - Sprouts (Rm. 4)

Monday, January 12

10:00 AM - Coffee With the Pastor (Gramm's Diner)

7:00 PM - Digital Disciple I (via Zoom)

7:00 PM - Narcotics Anonymous (Fiesta Center)

7:00 PM - Boy Scouts (Rm 4)

Tuesday, January 13

1:00 PM - Sunshine Memory Café (Fiesta Center)

Wednesday, January 14

7:30 AM - Men's Bible Study (Chapel)

9:30 AM - Women's Bible Study (Chapel)

5:45 PM - Wednesday Night Out Dinner

6:30 PM - Digital Disciple III (Chapel)

6:30 PM - Children's Choir (Rm 10)

7:30 PM - Carillon Choir (Rm 12)

Thursday, January 15

6:30 PM - Chancel Choir

Education and Growth Opportunities

Sunday School for all ages is at 10:00 AM

Children's Sunday School (Rm 4-5)

Youth Sunday School (Youth Rm)

Adult Sunday School

Mustard Seed (Rm 12)

Seekers (Rm 7)

Upper Room (Chapel)

Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 9:30 AM

Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 7:30 AM

Youth Group

Sundays at 6:00 PM

Pastor Jo Higgins Children's Library - Books for 1 year olds through teenagers. Located on the lower level.

Connection and Sharing Opportunities

Chancel Choir (Adults)

Thursdays at 6:30 PM

Children's Choir

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

Praise Team

Wednesdays at 7:15 PM

Carillon Choir

Wednesdays at 7:30 PM

Sunshine Memory Café

Tuesdays at 1:00 PM

A welcoming place for persons with memory loss and their care partner.

Coffee With the Pastor

2nd Monday, 10 AM, at

Gramm's Diner Wednesday Night Out Dinner

Wednesdays at 5:45 PM

Retired Men's Lunch Group

2nd Wednesday at 11:30 AM

United Women in Faith

1st Tuesday at 6:30 PM,

Sept-May

Circles meet at various times throughout the month.

Web Dance

1st Sunday of each month, 6:00 pm,

Sept-May

High school hosted themed dance party for adults with intellectual disabilities

Opportunities for Growth, Fellowship, and Service

ACT Now (formerly Act In Faith) - Items for their Community Cupboard can be dropped off at the table in the Gathering Area. Donations of paper towels, toilet paper, dish soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste, shampoo, all purpose cleaner, and laundry detergent are needed, as these items are not available at other cupboards.

Unused hotel toiletries needed - Items go to Ronald McDonald House, Safe Harbor, and Salvation Army. Place items in the basket by the elevator in the Gathering Area.

Stephen Ministry - Stephen Ministry is a one-to-one confidential lay caring ministry for people who are going through a tough time. If you would like more information about how one of our trained Stephen Ministers can walk with you during this time, contact Kelly Lynn (Kelly@umcwc.org).

PRAYER NEEDS - The full list of prayer concerns can be found on the round table in the Gathering Area. Requests are also sent through our "Prayer Link". To receive the prayer link contact Luanne Sims (lsimsumcwc@gmail.com). To submit a prayer request, please sign the form in the friendship folder or contact Pastor Cyndi (pastorcyndi@umcwc.org).



**MONDAY,
JANUARY 19**

9:00 AM

PLEASE REGISTER

We need your help to pack 34,000 meals. **Please sign up on the church website (UMCWC.org).**

Registration forms are also in the

Gathering Area.

We also need a few Strong helpers at 7:30 am to unload the RAH Truck. Please let Tom Haugh (thaughumc@aol.com) know if you can help.

Thank you for your support.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

Please continue to bring in the following items for ACT-now: shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, deodorant, dish soap, toothpaste, mouthwash, baby lotion/wash, all purpose cleaner, laundry pods, toilet paper, and paper towels. Items can be placed at the table in the lounge area.

Don't forget to return your 2026 Commitment Card to the church office or fill it out online at UMCWC.org.

Sunshine Memory Café welcomes new people.

It provides a welcoming place where persons with memory loss and their care partner can enjoy activities, share stories, and socialize. The café meets each Tuesday from 1:00-2:30 pm in the Fiesta Center. There is reserved parking for participants behind the church. If you know someone who might benefit from this ministry contact Adean Bridges at adean0413@gmail.com.

Looking for a bible study in the new year? Men's Bible Study meets each Wednesday morning at 7:30 am. Women's Bible Study meets each Wednesday at 9:30 am. Both studies are in the chapel and are open to anyone.