

Baptism of the Lord

January 11th, 2026

Chiming of the Hour	The Children of Highland Park	Hymn, No. 449	"Baptized in Water"
Prelude	"Baptism of the Lord" Mark Stern, Organist	Offertory Prayer	Kade Keith
Welcome and Invocation	Rev. Masyn Evans-Clements, Associate Pastor	Offertory	"Preludio 'Sine Nomine'" Mark Stern
Call to Worship, responsive reading		Doxology, tune No. 307	
One: As many of you as were baptized into Christ One: Have clothed yourselves with Christ One: There is no longer Jew or Greek, Many: There is no longer slave or free, One: There is no longer male or female; Many: For all of you are one in Christ Jesus. One: Let us worship together.		Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, above ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. O Praise God, O Praise God! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!	
Opening Hymn, No. 450	"With Water Freely Flowing"	Special Music	"Down to the River to Pray" Chris Vines, Jessica Dunlap, Sophia Miller
Passing the Peace	Kade Keith, Liturgist	Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Masyn Evans-Clements
One: The Lord be with you. Many: And also with you. One: Lift up your hearts. Many: We lift them up unto the Lord. One: Now with the power of God's love and in the fullness of God's spirit, please greet one another with the peace of Christ!		The Lord's Prayer, spoken in unison	
Hymn of Peace	"All Are Welcome Here" Children are invited to the front steps for the children's sermon.	Anthem	"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Choir
Children's Sermon	Rev. Masyn Evans-Clements Children 2nd grade and below are dismissed to the nursery.	Scripture Reading	Matthew 3:13-17
		Sermon	"Why Baptism?"
		Time of Reflection	"Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine"
		Announcements	Rev. Cheryl Kimble

Benediction Hymn No. 523, vs.1

Postlude

"God Be With You"

"Toccata, BuxWV 157"

Mark Stern

Please Remain Seated for Postlude

Announcements

For the benefit of our kids, we're going to split up the older and younger kids for Sunday School. Children, kindergarten and up, will go to the Multi-Purpose room for Sunday School and kids PreK and down will stay in the nursery complex. Please help with this effort! Volunteers will be asked to teach and assist in Sunday School. Volunteers for the older kids' classroom will teach the class and facilitate the game, while your assistant, Ms. Ale, will prepare your materials and lead the craft. Materials will be sent to you in advance! Volunteers for the Nursery will help wrangle toddlers and assist Ms. Nina with whatever she needs. You can sign up for as many slots as you can. This is not a every week commitment. Please reach out to Masyn if you have questions or need help signing up. The link to sign up is in your emails from the Church office.

The first Church Council Meeting of 2026 is **today** after church service at 12:15pm. The meeting will be held in the library and all are welcome to attend.

The Saturday Book Club will meet again on January 17th at 10:00am in the parlor. The discussion will be on the book titled, *Black Wolf* by Louise Penny.

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WELCOME

The Worship of God
on January 11, 2026



Welcome to our worship service. We are so glad you're here.
All are welcome here because all are worthy.