



January 11, 2026  
*The Baptism of Jesus*

*(†) The congregation is invited to stand as your able  
(BOLD-FACED TYPE) Congregation responds*

## THE CHURCH GATHERS

*Silent Prayer and Time for Centering*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP      \*\*\*

Creator God, giver of life and light, we praise you.

**As you spoke to Jesus at his baptism,  
speak to us now with your Word,  
your command, your delight.**

Beloved Christ, you call us

to share in the baptism of your death and resurrection.

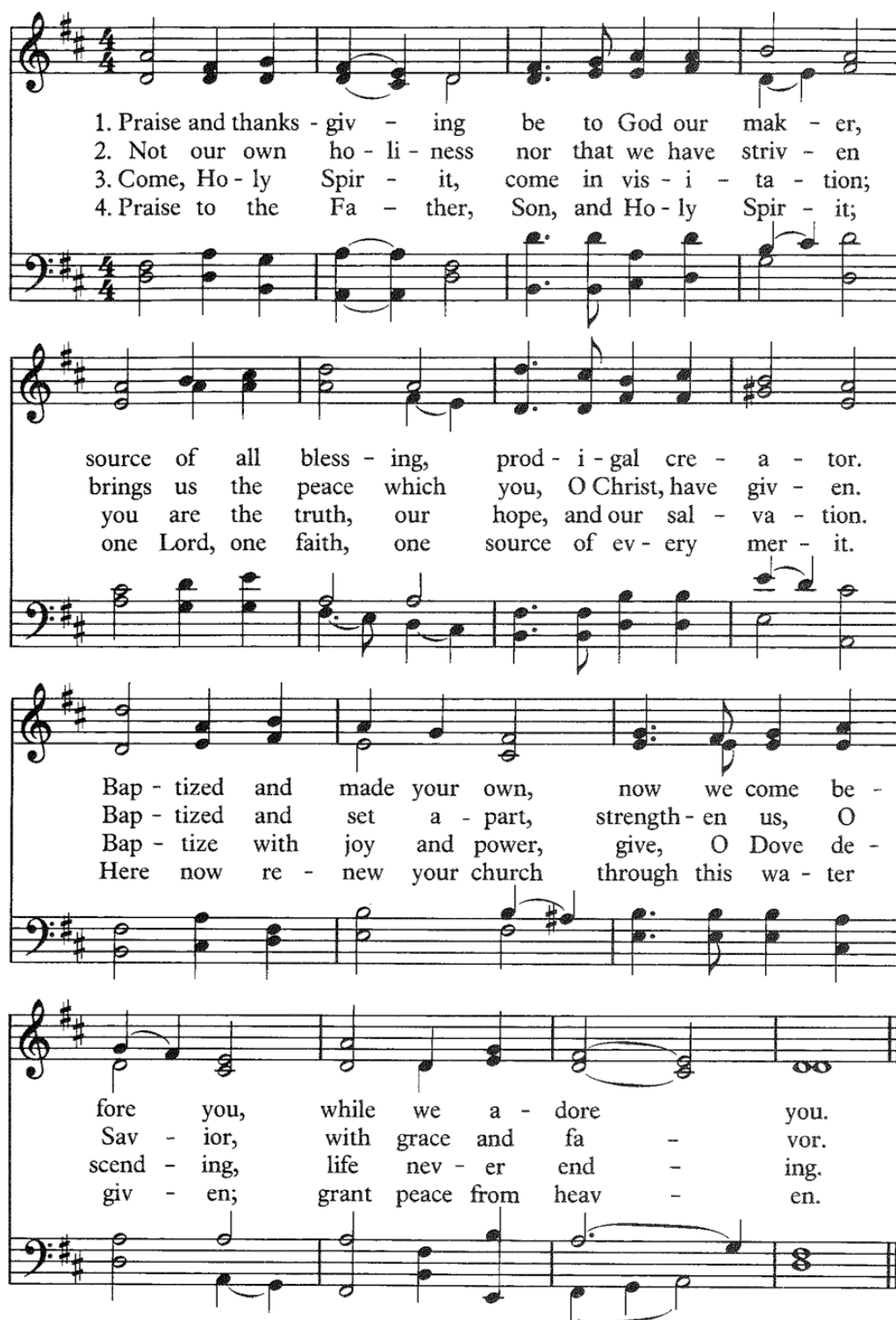
**In your baptism you draw all believers to you.**

**Draw us to you now,  
and make us one with you.**

Holy Spirit, you who brooded over the waters of Creation,  
create us anew.

**Pour out your power upon us,  
fill us with your delight,  
and transform us according to your grace. Amen.**

## Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God 604



1. Praise and thanks - giv - ing be to God our mak - er,  
 2. Not our own ho - li - ness nor that we have striv - en  
 3. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come in vis - i - ta - tion;  
 4. Praise to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it;

source of all bless - ing, prod - i - gal cre - a - tor.  
 brings us the peace which you, O Christ, have giv - en.  
 you are the truth, our hope, and our sal - va - tion.  
 one Lord, one faith, one source of ev - ery mer - it.

Bap - tized and made your own, now we come be -  
 Bap - tized and set a - part, strength - en us, O  
 Bap - tize with joy and power, give, O Dove de -  
 Here now re - new your church through this wa - ter

fore you, while we a - dore you.  
 Sav - ior, with grace and fa - vor.  
 scend - ing, life nev - er end - ing.  
 giv - en; grant peace from heav - en.

WORDS: H. Francis Yardley, 1982 (Lk. 3:21-22)

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## **† PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of love, we confess**

**we are dominated by our little self-enclosed “selves,”  
separate from you and from others.**

**In the deep water of your grace**

**let that little, flesh-bound self drown,  
and birth us from the waters of your womb  
as members of the Body of Christ,  
one with you and with our neighbors.**

**Forgive us, wash us clean,**

**and birth us anew in the baptism of your Spirit.**

**Amen.**

## **† WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**In God’s grace, the small selves we cling to are released,  
and a new life is given—**

**a life shaped by Christ, joined to others,  
and led by the Spirit’s renewing power.**

**You are forgiven.**

**You are welcomed home.**

## **PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

## **THE CHURCH HEARS THE WORD OF GOD**

Old Testament Lesson:     [Jonah 2](#)     (Pg. 752) \*\*

Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God  
from the belly of the fish, saying,  
“I called to the Lord out of my distress,  
and he answered me;  
out of the belly of Sheol I cried,  
and you heard my voice.  
You cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas,  
and the flood surrounded me;  
all your waves and your billows passed over me.  
Then I said, ‘I am driven away from your sight;  
how shall I look again upon your holy temple?’  
The waters closed in over me;  
the deep surrounded me;  
weeds were wrapped around my head  
at the roots of the mountains.  
I went down to the land  
whose bars closed upon me forever;  
yet you brought up my life from the Pit, O Lord my God.  
As my life was ebbing away, I remembered the Lord,  
and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple.  
Those who worship vain idols forsake their true loyalty.  
But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you;  
what I have vowed I will pay.  
Deliverance belongs to the Lord!”  
Then the Lord spoke to the fish,  
and it vomited Jonah out onto the dry land.

*The word of the Lord*

Anthem: Christ Has Broken Down The Wall

[Mark A. Miller](#)

Christ has broken down the wall!  
Christ has broken down the wall!  
let us join our hearts as one,  
Christ has broken down the wall

We're accepted as we are,  
we're accepted as we are,  
through God's love all is reconciled,  
we're accepted as we are

Cast aside your doubts and fears  
cast aside your doubts and fears,  
peace and love freely offered here  
cast aside your doubts and fears

We will tear down the walls!  
We will tear down every wall!  
God has called us one and all,  
Christ has broken down the wall

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## When Jesus Came to Jordan

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*Unison*

1. When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap-tized by John,  
 2. He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut-most woe and loss,  
 3. Come, Ho - ly Spir-it, aid us to keep the vows we make;

he did not come for par - don but as the sin-less one.  
 for us and our sal - va - tion to die up-on the cross.  
 this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - ery bond-age break.

He came to share re - pent-ance with all who mourn their sins,  
 So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,  
 Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:

to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.  
 the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.  
 to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen-te - cost.

WORDS: Fred Pratt Green, 1973 (Mt. 3:13-17; Mk. 1:9-11; Lk. 3:21-22)

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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.”

PRESIDER: For the word of God in Scripture,  
For the word of God among us,  
For the word of God within us,

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**



# † GLORIA PATRI

THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD

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## Glory Be to the Father

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the

Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is

now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men. A - men.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the lyrics written below the vocal staves. The piano accompaniment provides a harmonic foundation with chords and moving lines in both hands.

WORDS: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th cent.  
MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

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SERMON: Ho-Soon Han

*“Journeying with Jonah:*  
*RETURNING”*

THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE WORD OF GOD

# **WESLEYAN COVENANT PRAYER**

*(Modern Interpretation)*

**I am no longer my own, but yours.**

**Put me to what you will,**

**place me with whom you will.**

**Put me to doing, put me to suffering.**

**Let me be put to work for you**

**or set aside for you,**

**praised for you or criticized for you.**

**Let me be full, let me be empty.**

**Let me have all things, let me have nothing.**

**I freely and fully surrender all things**

**to your glory and service.**

**And now, O wonderful and holy God,**

**Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,**

**you are mine, and I am yours.**

**So be it.**

**And the covenant which I have made on earth,**

**let it also be made in heaven. Amen.**

# 253 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, take it to the Lord in prayer.

Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need - less pain we bear,  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?  
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer.  
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a sol - ace there.

Words: Joseph M. Scriven, 1819–1886  
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# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Sharing of Joys and Concerns*

## PRAYER SONG

### Confitemini Domino / Come and Fill

Ostinato Refrain

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo-nus.  
*Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.*

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no, al - le - lu - ia!  
*Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al - le - lu - ia!*

Text: Psalms 106 and 118; Taizé Community  
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## SILENT PRAYER

### The Lord's Prayer

(UMH p. 895)

## PRAYER SONG

*(See Above)*

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## OFFERTORY MUSIC

# † DOXOLOGY

THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD

## 94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Unison*



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow;  
praise God, all crea - tures here be - low:

*Harmony*



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Unison*



Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Je - sus Christ, whose power up - lifts!

*Refrain (Harmony)*



Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Unison*



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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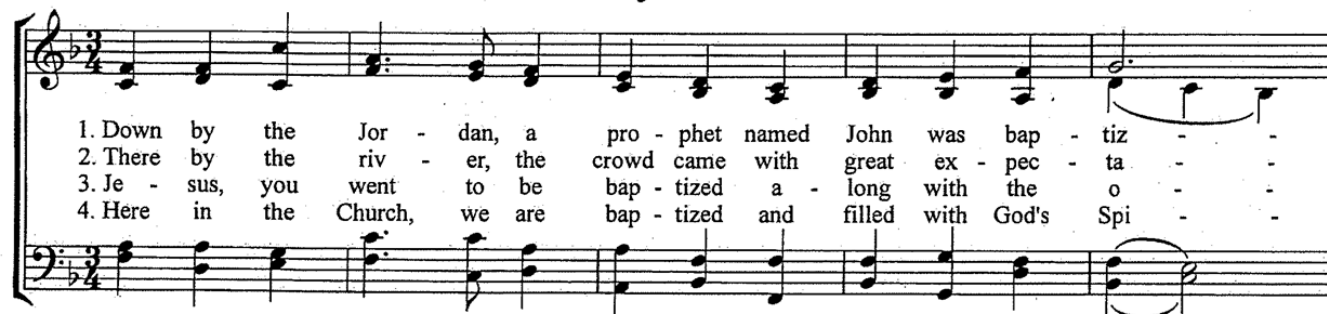
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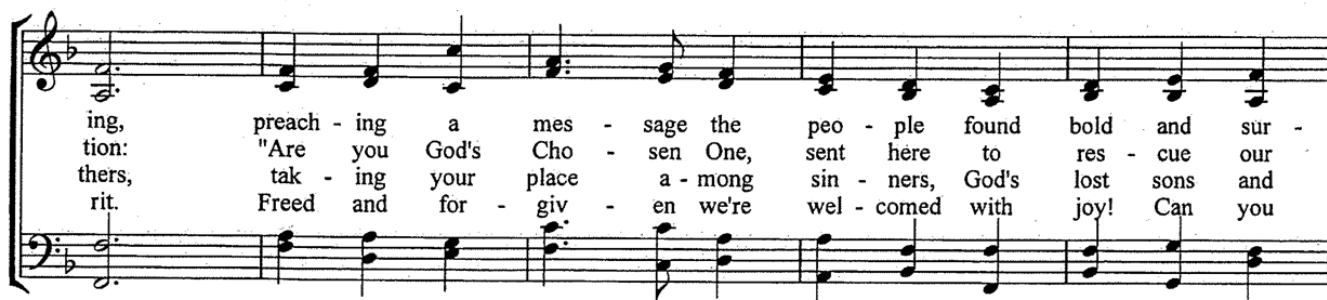
## THE CHURCH IS SENT TO SERVE

# † HYMN OF DEDICATION

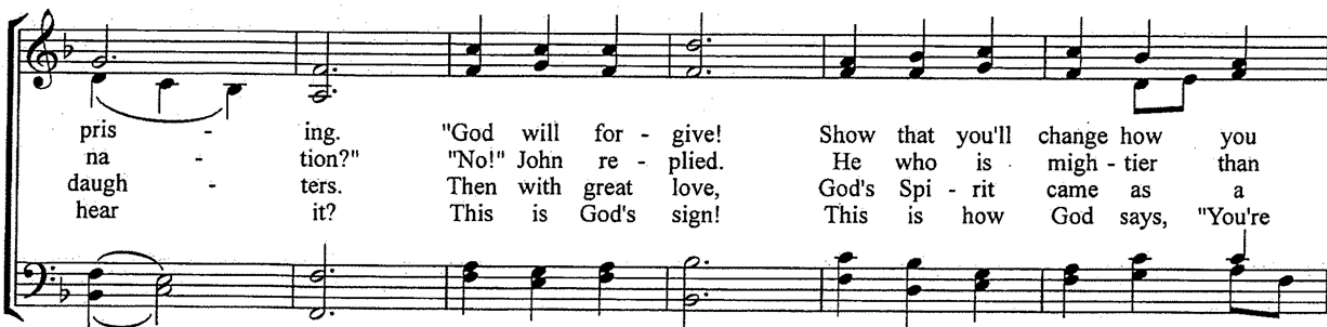
## Down by the Jordan



1. Down by the Jor - dan, a pro - phet named John was bap - tiz -  
 2. There by the riv - er, the crowd came with great ex - pec - ta -  
 3. Je - sus, you went to be bap - tized a - long with the o -  
 4. Here in the Church, we are bap - tized and filled with God's Spi -



ing, preach - ing a mes - sage the peo - ple found bold and sur -  
 tion: "Are you God's Cho - sen One, sent here to res - cue our  
 thers, tak - ing your place a - mong sin - ners, God's lost sons and  
 rit. Freed and for - giv - en we're wel - comed with joy! Can you



pris - ing. "God will for - give! Show that you'll change how you  
 na - tion?" "No!" John re - plied. He who is migh - tier than  
 daugh - ters. Then with great love, God's Spi - rit came as a  
 hear it? This is God's sign! This is how God says, "You're



live! Sure - ly God's new day is ris - ing!"  
 I jud - ges and of - fers sal - va - tion."  
 dove! Your work be - gan in those wa - ters.  
 mine!" Let's take the good news and share it!

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### Looking Ahead

Readings for January 18, 2026

Second Sunday after The Epiphany

*Isaiah 49:1-7 / Psalm 40:1-11*

*1 Corinthians 1:1-9 / John 1:29-42*



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*Putting Our Faith into Motion*

*By Feeding the Body, Mind, and Soul*

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