

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**January 12, 2025**  
**First Sunday after Epiphany / Baptism of the Lord**

**Pastor: Jaime Torres**  
Ringing of Outdoor Bell @ 10:00 AM

**Liturgist: Dan Michel**  
**Reader: Joanna Michel**

**\*Gathering Hymn: “Open the Eyes of My Heart”**

**Call to Worship**

**Liturgist:** When we pass through the cleansing waters of baptism and the troubled waters of our lives, God declares:

**All: I will be with you.**

**Liturgist:** When we go through the fires that refine us and the fires that threaten our livelihoods, God declares:

**All: I will be with you.**

**Liturgist:** Even when we travel to the far corners of the earth or down into the depths of our souls, God declares:

**All: I will be with you.**

**Liturgist:** So come, let us worship God whose love never fails, whose presence never leaves, whose mercies never end.

**All: Praise be to God who, in the form of Jesus, waded into the waters of baptism to prove God’s solidarity with us! Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Confession All:**

Creator of the universe, we gather amazed at your power and glory. We are eager to worship you and offer our praise, but we are often reluctant to answer when we hear you calling our name. We sing our songs of tribute in the sanctuary, but shy away from the river, lest we be baptized with the fire of the Holy Spirit. Forgive us when we forget your promise to be with us always, O God. Renew us with the power of your ever-present love, and strengthen us to proclaim your justice throughout the world. Amen.

**Liturgist:** Passing the Peace: May the peace of Christ be with you

**People: And, with you!** (Please be brief as you pass the peace of Christ and greet one another.)

**Liturgist: Prayer before the Offering**

Loving God, who guides us with your everlasting presence, we offer these gifts with grateful hearts. As Jesus stood with us in the waters of baptism, may these offerings stand as a testament to your love and grace. Use them to bring hope, healing, and transformation to our world. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen. ([Luke 3:15-17, 21-22](#))

**Offertory**

Song / Music

Joy Asenas

**\*Doxology:**

UMH # 94

**Prayers, Concerns and Celebrations of the week .....**

**Pastor:** The Lord’s Prayer

UMH # 895

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. Amen.

**\*Preparation Hymn**

**“The Church’s One Foundation” UMH # 545**

**Scripture Readings**

**Old Testament** – Isaiah 43:1-7

**New Testament** – Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

**Communion**

**Message**

“I Will be With You”

*By Pastor Jaime Torres*

**\*Hymn of Commitment**

**“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” UMH # 89**

**Prayer for Going Forth Liturgist and People:** Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. In Jesus’ name. Amen. (J. Wesley, England, 18<sup>th</sup> Century).

**Liturgist Announcements:** Music Class: Mondays at One Step at 5:00 p.m.; Coffee House: Fridays at Starbucks at 11:00 a.m; Pastoral Visits: Thursdays and Fridays – call to request; Governing Board Meeting: Wednesday January 15<sup>th</sup>, 3 p.m.; Next Food Share: Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>.; Church Visioning Session: Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the church.

**Blessings for the people (Pastor)**

May the Triune God, whose presence surrounds you always and everywhere, bless you with the deep assurance that you are never alone. In the waters, in the fires, in the far corners of the world, God is with us. Thanks be to God. Amen.

**\*Closing song** May the God of Peace be with you, holding you in strong fingered hands, and may you be an instrument of God's peace, to those whose hands you hold, and may the blessings of peace, be with you, be with you, be with you.

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

**OUR APPRECIATION TO:**

Pastor  
Liturgist  
Reader  
Greeters  
Pianist  
Hand Bell Choir Director  
Adult Education Director  
Lay Leader  
Videographer  
Office Admin

Jaime Torres  
Dan Michel  
Joanna Michel  
You  
Joy Asenas  
Marcia Heerema  
Laura Shaw  
Susan Johnson  
Eric Nelson  
Cristina Ramos

**Upcoming Events**

**Bible and Book Studies**

“Disciple 1” Bible Study  
Monday’s 10:00 – 12:00 Noon  
Laura Shaw facilitating on ZOOM

“Calvin January Series”  
Registration Meeting Tuesday January 14<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm  
Laura Shaw facilitating on ZOOM

**Our Mission**

Bardsdale United Methodist Church is a loving, caring,  
Christ centered church,  
growing in relationship with God, ourselves, and all others.

**Our Vision**

With God’s help we will  
Foster personal growth,  
Promote participation by all ages,  
Embrace new ideas, and  
Be more visible and engaged in our community.

**January Birthdays**

15<sup>th</sup> Marcia Heerema  
15<sup>th</sup> Fran Lee

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**OPEN HEARTS \* OPEN MINDS \* OPEN DOORS**

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