

SUNDAY WORSHIP
January 11, 2026
BAPTISM OF THE LORD, YEAR A
Please silence your cell phones
WELCOME

Ringing of Outdoor Bell @ 10:00 AM
Rev: Jaime Torres

Liturgist: Carolyn Diaz
Reader: Heather Nielsen

Gathering Hymns “ I Believe in Jesus” “Change My Heart O God ”

Call to Worship

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

P: We come to be cleansed and made whole.

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

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

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

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

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

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

All: Prayer of Confession

We are incredibly stubborn, O Lord. We have entered the season in which your light has been given to the world, your blessings have been poured out on the world, and yet all we can think about is our own problems, our own needs, our own desires. Help us to desire you, Lord. Help us to yearn for your presence. Pour your baptismal waters over us again, cleansing us from our self-pity and arrogance.

Nourish and heal us so that we may joyfully serve you. Wash away our jealousy, greed, and all negative thoughts and behaviors that stand in the way of our truly being the people you have called us to be. Again, let us receive the blessings offered in creation, in the birth and baptism of Jesus, and in the ministry of the saints of light. We ask this in Jesus’ name. 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.)

Children's Message

Marcia Heerema

Liturgist: Prayer before the Offering

Faithful and Calling God, continue to draw us into community, into covenant, and into new life through waters of grace and acts of justice. Just as Jesus stepped into the river to stand with us and for us, we bring these gifts today to stand with others—to serve, to uplift, and to proclaim your kingdom. Use these offerings to fulfill your righteousness among us. Help us, your baptized people,

to be instruments of healing, hope, and holy change in a world longing for good news. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen. ([Matthew 3:13-17](#))

Offertory

Song / Music

Joy Asenias

UMH # 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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 “ Fairest Lord Jesus ” **UMH # 189**

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Isaiah 42: 5-9

New Testament Matthew 3: 13-17

Message “Power of Presence”

Rev. Jaime Torres

Hymn of Commitment “Jesus shall Reign” **UMH # 157**

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, 18th Century).

Announcements: Senior Center Wednesday 11:00 a.m.; Coffee house Fridays 11:30 a.m.; Pastoral Evangelism Thursday's & visitation as needed; Governing board meeting Wednesday January 14, 3:00 p.m.: Food Share will resume January 17th; SPRC meeting Thursday January 22nd 10:00 a.m.

Blessings for the people (Pastor)

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

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:

Rev.
Liturgist
Reader
Greeters
Pianist
Children's Sermon
Adult Education Director
Lay Leader
Videographer
Office Admin

Jaime Torres
Carolyn Diaz
Heather Nielsen
You
Joy Asenras
Marcia Heerema
Laura Shaw
Susan Johnson
Eric Nelson
Cristina Mendez

Upcoming Events

Bible and Book Studies

“Disciple 2”

Resuming Monday January 12
Monday's 10:00 – 12:00 Noon
Laura Shaw facilitating on ZOOM

“January Series”

Beginning January 13th
Tuesday's 1:00 – 3:00pm
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

15th Marcia Heerema
15th Fran Lee

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After the pomp and circumstance of Christmas, Baptism of our Lord Sunday can sometimes get overlooked.

Bishop – Rev. Dr. *Dottie Escobedo-Frank*

North District DS – Rev. *Garth Gilliam*