



# North Liberty First

A United Methodist Community of Faith

**January 11, 2026**  
**Baptism of Christ Sunday**



## **Prelude**

Whether you are joining us in person or on-line, know that we are here to journey along with you as we live into our mission: to follow and invite others to follow Jesus Christ.

## **Remembering our Baptism**

### **\*Call to Worship**

In the very beginning, God separated the darkness  
and the light. God called the Light “Day”  
and the Darkness, God called “Night.”

**We were once people who dwelled in darkness,  
but God has given us the true Light, Jesus Christ.**

God has blessed us and adopted us as God’s own  
beloved children, through the sacrament of Baptism.

**The water of baptism brings to us healing and reconciliation; it is a symbol of nourishment and  
cleansing.**

This day is the day of the remembrance of Jesus’ Baptism.  
**As we hear the words of his baptism, let us be reminded  
of our own adoption by God and celebrate the joyous connection to the Almighty God.**

**\*Song                    I Was There To Hear Your Bourning Cry**

**\*Song                    Change My Heart Oh God**

<b>First Lesson</b>	<b>Isaiah 42:1-9</b>	<b>CEB</b>
<b>Word for Children</b>		
<b>Second Lesson</b>	<b>Matthew 3:1-17</b>	<b>CEB</b>
<b>Message for the Lord's Day</b>		<b>Rev. Deborah Coble</b>
<b>Song</b>	<b>Left It In the River</b>	
<b>Sacrament of Infant Baptism</b>		

Today we welcome

Kayden Paul, son of Matt and Amanda Fangman,  
into the family of God through the Sacrament of Baptism

## Prayers of the People

After each petition, there will be a pause for silent prayer.  
After Pastor says "Lord in your mercy" ALL reply "hear our prayers."

Together, let us pray for

the people of this congregation...

for those who are suffering...

for those who don't know where their next meal will come from and those who are looking for shelter from the cold...

for our troops, police, EMTs, firefighters, and others in harm's way...

and others in harm's way...  
for the earth you have given to our care...

for the Church you have given to our care.... for the Church universal: its leaders, its members,

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for peace and goodwill to all

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## The Lord's Prayer.

**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.

## **Mission And Ministry Moment**

## Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

**\*Doxology**

**Blessed be God. Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

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**Blessed be His kingdom now and forever. Amen, Amen.**

## **\*Prayer of Dedication**

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.**

**\*Song                    Shall We Gather at the River**

**\*Benediction**

**Life is short and we have too little time  
to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us.  
So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind,**

**and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always.  
Amen.**