



Date: January 11, 2026
Baptism of the Lord
Theme: The Baptism of Jesus

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. OhWang Kwon

Musician: Barbara-Lynn & Dave Goodwin

Audio/Visual: Holly McKenzie or Nora Nixon

(*: Please, stand if you are able.)

Musical Prelude

Greetings

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Response: And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements (Care & Concerns)

- **Anniversary Sunday:** January 18, 2026
- **Celebration of Life** Gary Douglas Larson Wednesday January 14th 11:00 am Stettler United Church
- **Youth Summer Vacation Camp** ~ The First Third Ministry group of Chinook Winds has Camp Caravan that could be booked. They have a full program and leaders that would come for a week. Needs to be booked ASAP. Please speak with Barbara-Lynn Goodwin if this is something you would support and for additional details.

Acknowledgement of Territory

ALL: God calls us to live with respect and care for all our relations in creation. For thousands of years, Indigenous peoples of this area have tended the earth, and we give thanks for such diligence. We covenant to live and work together, sharing this land in peace and respect as long as the sun shines, the grass grows, and the river flows.

Peter Chynoweth, Cochrane AB

Call to Worship

God calls you to ministry in the world.

We are truly thankful.

God calls you beloved, God's own children.

We are truly thankful.

God calls you to worship here with your siblings in faith.

We are truly thankful.

In gratitude, let us worship.

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Light the Christ Candle

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord Sunday. Especially we light the Christ candle and remember Jesus who was baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan River and began his ministry in divine humility.

May the Light of the world shine brightly in holiness and inspire us to understand the implication of the baptism of Jesus for us.

***Hymn *Morning Has Broken* VU#409**

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Opening Prayer

Come to the edge of the sea, the barrier between you and a new life, and pray for a path to freedom.

Turn barriers into highways, Holy One!

Come to the edge of a river, the obstacle between you and security in a new way of living.

Turn obstacles into footpaths, Rock of Ages!

Come to this time of worship and its challenge of meaning and belonging.

Turn us into a people of the journey, taking the path, the highway to daring love.

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Prayer of Confession

Creator Spirit, Ancient of Days, open us to your presence.

Name the night and the day within each of us, and reassure us that they are both blessed. Take us through the waters before us to places of hope and safety.

Let us come with you on the way to a different world, one of generosity, grace, and goodness. Open us in this time of prayer, song, and praise to your word of life. Notice when we open ourselves to you.

We are not perfect, and some days we struggle to be good or kind. We lose the commitment to your purposes. We go our own way.

Forgive us, even when we are slow to forgive others. Remind us of our baptism, and lead us back to the banquet of love.

We pray in the name of the Beloved Child. Amen.

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***Hymn *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* VU#101**

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Prayer of Illumination

Now is the time for us to attend to you, O Holy One.

We ask that you open our hearts and spirits to receive your word today.

As water flows from one place to another, let our outside thoughts flow away from us.

Help us remember, perhaps not the words, but the intention behind our own baptisms, and baptisms we have witnessed, as we revisit Jesus' baptism today. Amen.

Lorna Corzine, St. John's U.C., Levack, Ont. Gathering, Advent Christmas Epiphany 2025-2026, 41. Used with Permission.

Scripture Readings: Dave Goodwin
Acts 10:34–43: Peter's sermon to the Gentiles.
Matthew 3:13–17: Jesus is baptized.

Congregational Theme/Story Time

Message Rev. Dr. OhWang Kwon

***Hymn *Water Flowing from the Mountains* MV#87**

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Invitation for Offering

Offering Hymn *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Offering Prayer

Mysterious, Calling God, you reach out to us and call us to use the gifts we have been given, as your beloved children, for the good of others and as blessing in this world.

We are called to love others:

with acts of kindness,

with time spent together,

with acts of generosity,

with listening and welcoming spirits.

We are called to love others, not considering whether we like them or not. We are called to do this because you are love, O God.

Help us to be one of your expressions of love in the world. Amen.

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Prayers of the Gathered Community

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.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for
thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever
and ever. Amen.**

Hymn *I Was There to Hear Your Burning Cry* VU#644

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***Commissioning and Benediction**

***Threefold Amen (Unison) VU#967**

Postlude