

Welcome to Epworth United Methodist Church

Worship: 9:30 AM

Pastor- Jeffery White
Lay Leader- Christine “Chris” Mosig
Pianist- Catherine Medovich

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 8, 2026--- Prayer meeting” 7pm on Zoom

January 8, 2026--- Thursday “Sunday School” 7:30 on Zoom

January 12, 2026---Administrative Council Meeting 6pm Fellowship Hall

January 15, 2026--- Thursday “Sunday School” 7:30 on Zoom

January 18, 2026---Devotions for Lenten books due

January 22, 2026--- Prayer meeting” 7pm on Zoom

January 22, 2026--- Thursday “Sunday School” 7:30 on Zoom

January 29, 2026--- Thursday “Sunday School” 7:30 on Zoom

February 18, 2026---Ash Wednesday—Lent begins



BAPTISM OF THE LORD

WASHINGTON COOPERATIVE PARISH
January 11, 2026

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*The Mission of the United Methodist Church:
To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world*

THE CHURCH GATHERS

PRAISE HYMN

Hymn No. 347 "Spirit Song"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GATHERING HYMN

Hymn No. 189 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

CALL TO WORSHIP

You who created the heavens and stretched them out above us,
You who spread out the earth beneath our feet and summoned sprouts and
shoots,

All Breathe life into us, God Who Creates!

You who came to the river,
You who sought the Baptizer and the Jordan waters,
Welcome us to the waters of life, Jesus the Christ!
You who soared through the heavens,
You who hovered and rested upon Jesus,
Alight upon us today, Spirit of God, Heaven's Dove.

UNISON PRAYER

You Who Call Us, we come before you in answer your call in our life.
You created the heavens and the earth and placed us here for life and
hope. We know your dream for a world that is righteous and just,
a world you promise will come to pass. Breathe your Spirit upon us
again and again, and bring to life our passion for your bold vision. Make
us lights to those who sit in darkness! In the name of Jesus, who
descended into the waters of baptism to show us the way to
righteousness, and of the Soaring Spirit, who alights upon those who
arise from these life-giving waters. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORIAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

PASSING THE PEACE

Jesus is the first one who passed through the waters of Christian baptism, Our
Eldest Sibling in the new family of God, Womb of Life, through whom all
find new life. Let us welcome everyone who joins us in our family time
today. May the peace of Christ be with you! **And with you!**

TO HEAR THE WORD

1st Lesson: Isaiah 42:1-9

2nd Lesson: Psalm 29:1-11

3rd Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

4th Lesson: Matthew 3:13-17**

Lectionary Reading * Sermon Lesson*

+JUNIOR CHURCH

Hymn No. 191 "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know" v.1

+ Children are invited to follow teachers to Junior Church

TITHES AND OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn No. 95 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

HYMN OF PREPARATION,

Hymn No. 420 "Breathe On Me, Breath of God"

SERMON

Pastor White

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*THE APOSTLES' CREED No. 881

*CLOSING HYMN

Hymn No. 500 "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" vv. 1, 3-5

* BENEDICTION

A surprised John asked Jesus,
"... and do you come to me?"
Jesus came to him with a surprising request.
**Jesus comes to each of us, inviting us to bold
and hopeful action.**

So when God calls, when Jesus arrives,
we will answer the call and step forward.
We will bring hope to those suffering injustice,
and light to those in darkness,
Through the power of the Spirit,
we go to live our lives to the fullest. Amen.

Leave carrying the light of Christ into the World

*please stand if able