

*January 11, 2026: Baptism of the Lord*

~~ *GATHERING BEFORE GOD* ~~

**GREETINGS ~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ JOYS**  
~ CONCERNs ~ GOD MOMENTS ~

† HYMN “Surely the Presence of the Lord”      UMH #328  
*The Light of Christ Enters*

**OPENING PRAYER** (unison)

Gracious Lord who dwells among us,  
Open our ears to Your word,  
awaken our hearts to Your love,  
and renew our spirits in Your presence,  
That blessed with Your presence, we may be a blessing  
to others in Your name. Amen.

~~ *PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD* ~~

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:** Isaiah 42:1-9

**RESPONSIVE READING:** Psalm 29      UMH #761

**CHORAL HYMN** “When Jesus Came to Jordan”      UMH #252

**EPISTLE LESSON:** Acts 10:34-43

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Matthew 3:13-17

**CHILDREN'S/INTERACTIVE TIME**

† HYMN “Spirit Song”      UMH #347

**MESSAGE** “Power of Presence”

~~ *RESPONDING IN THE SPIRIT* ~~

**THE APOSTLES' CREED** (Ecumenical)      UMH #882

**PRESENTATION OF OFFERING**

† *Doxology*      UMH #95

**OFFERTORY / PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**      UMH #895

“*The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.*” James 5:16

~~ *SENDING FORTH* ~~  
*The Light of Christ Leads Us into the World*

† HYMN “Song of Hope”

TFWS #2186

## BENEDICTION

† Postlude “God Be with You till We Meet Again” UMH #672

† *Standing as you are able to the glory of God*

## Scriptures for January 18, 2026 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sun after Epiphany):

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9;

John 1:29-42

*Thank you for joining us for worship.*

## ~~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~~

### TODAY:

9:00 am    Worship – Georgetown UMC

10:30 am    Worship – South Otselic UMC

### WEEKLY / BIWEEKLY / MONTHLY:

- † **Pastor in the office** – Wed 11 am to 2 pm, Thurs 1-4 pm
- † **Youth Group** – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, noon to 2 pm, So.Ot.
- † **Administrative Board** – Georgetown, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 8:15 am; South Otselic, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 11:45(ish) am
- † **Food Pantry** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month 3-6 pm  
Special requests call Kevin Grewe 607-337-8941
- † **Sunshine Shop** Thu 10-4; Fri 11-5; Sat 9-noon
  - Next open Feb 5-7, Feb 19-21; *closed Jan*
  - For emergency clothing, call 315-653-7490.
- † **Community Lunch** – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, noon, South Otselic UMC; *beginning Jan 15*

## **PRAYER LIST: (Short Term):**

**From 1/4** – Bob Engle, Edith Goldschmidt, Chris Marquard, people with flu/illness, homeless/without shelter, our country, world peace, 2026

**From 12/24 & 28** – family of Dana Brussel, family of Gloria Gormley, family of Jay Graham, holiday travelers

**From 12/21** – Nikko Baker, Brad Bates, people displaced by fire

**From 12/14** – Linda Ellis, Lolita White, Littlejohn family, family of Leroy Closson, victims of earthquake (Japan), flood victims (Washington state), victims of mass shootings (Australia, Brown University), snowplow drivers

(Long Term): Jonna Bartlett, Richard Bishop, David Boyer, Paul Carson, Margaret Chase, Ron Colasudo, Kaity Davis, Doug Evans, Linda Excell, Ted Gargas, Kevin Grewe, Roger Hakes, Chuck Hathaway, Patti Lamandia, Diane MacGregor, Cassandra & Christopher Marquard, Chris Marquard, Maverick Mesko, Aaron Miller, Phil Mudge, Mitch Mullenax, Jenny Naber, Elaine Perkins, John & Carole Roalef, Kate Robinson, Justin Sheldon, Matt & Annette Sheldon, Cathy Silver, Ella Simmons, Normajean Stark, Kenneth Sullivan, Angela (Graves) Szlamczynski, David Wentworth

Travel mercies for family and friends

Our men and women in the military

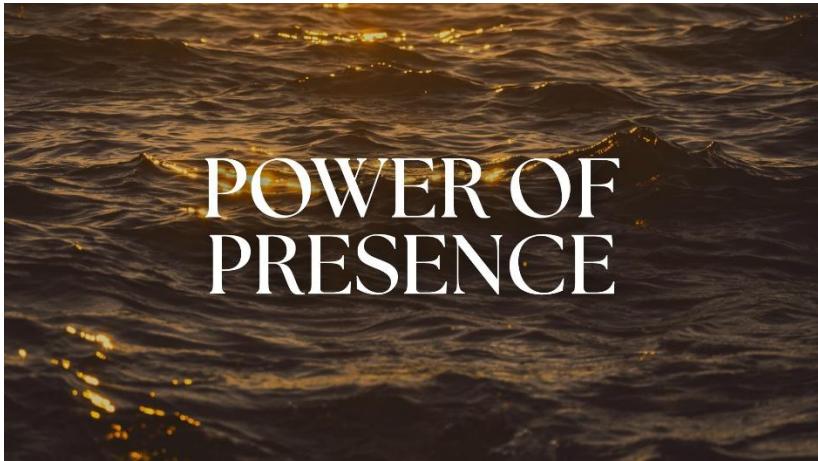
World leaders, our country, & the need for peace

## **UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS:**

**January:** 14-Kaitlyne Davis; 18-Keven Simmons;  
23-George Lott; 24-Lonnie Hakes;  
31-Madison Davis, Sarah Hite

**February:** 1-John Roalef; 2-Dustin Davis; 14-Dawn White;  
22-Melanie Simmons; 25-Bruce Hakes

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## Psalm 29

UMH #761

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 **Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.**
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, upon mighty waters.
- 4 **The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;  
**the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.**
- 6 The Lord makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- 7 **The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.**
- 8 The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
**the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
- 9 The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare;  
**and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"**
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as Ruler forever.
- 11 **May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

## Isaiah 42:1-9

NRSV

<sup>1</sup> Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

<sup>2</sup> He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;

<sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

<sup>4</sup> He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

<sup>5</sup> Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:

<sup>6</sup> I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations,

<sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

<sup>8</sup> I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.

<sup>9</sup> See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

## Acts 10:34-43

NRSV

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality,

<sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

<sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all.

<sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:

<sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

<sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree;

<sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,

<sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

<sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.

<sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

## Matthew 3:13-17

NRSV

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.

<sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

<sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented.

<sup>16</sup> And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.

<sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."