


***“Growing Within, Reaching Out, Making a Difference”***

ANNOUNCEMENTS		
1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	Packs of Plenty Distribution	3-4 pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	LEADERSHIP BOARD MEETING	6 pm
January 25 <sup>th</sup>	Statistical Reports Due	

JOYS & CONCERNS	
	<b>Joys:</b> Time with family, Rory & Manny’s house, New grandbaby (Sherrie)
	<b>Concerns:</b> Family of Kelly Amos, Family of Steve Lewis, Jerry Jett & family, Pat Poling, Jeanette Tingler, Joe Morris & family, Marilyn Mosser, Ed Carpenter & family, Kay Young, Missy Young, Etta Young, Danita Hiley, Kevin Merrill, our nation, unspoken prayers, unbelievers



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Jan 11th, 2026

*Baptism of the Lord Sunday*

Instrumental Prelude	Kathy McCullough
&Altar Candle Lighting	
Worship Leader	Debbie Richards
Announcements:	
Anniversaries & Birthdays	
Joys & Concerns	

**Opening prayer:** Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus, you revealed Him to be Your Son, and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Keep all who are born of the water and the Spirit faithful to their calling as Your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Call to Worship**

L: Come! Let us follow Jesus to the water 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.**

**Hymn**                      "When Jesus Came to Jordan"                      No. 252

**Prayer of Confession**

**P: 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 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.**

**Words of Assurance of Pardon**

The love of God is always offered to us, freely, joyfully, for all eternity. Rejoice, dear friends, this is the good news of our Lord. Amen.

**Scripture Reading**

Debbie Richards

Old Testament    *Isaiah 42:1-9*                      New Testament    *Matthew 3:13-17*

**The Message**

**"Power of Presence"**

**Pastor Anna**

***Glory Revealed***

**Tithes and Offering**

*Passing of the Plate*

*Collection-Doxology-Prayer*

**Renewal of Baptism Covenant**

***See Insert***

**Closing Hymn**

**"For the Healing of the Nations"**

**No. 428**

**Benediction** 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

**Postlude/Cares Chorus**