



Baptism of the Lord Sunday

January 11, 2026

Pennsboro United Methodist Church

Pastor Anna Efaw

L: Because the redeeming love of God revealed in Jesus Christ extends to all persons, and because Jesus explicitly included the children in his kingdom, the pastor of each charge shall earnestly exhort all Christian parents or guardians to present their children to the Lord in baptism at an early age. (§1226 UM 2020-2024 BOD)

P: I am a United Methodist and hold to the validity of infant baptism but accept with grace those who choose believer's baptism as well.

L: Although the amount of water is not specifically addressed in the Scripture, there is a UM booklet that declares these words. In the United Methodist tradition, the water baptism may be administered by sprinkling, pouring, or immersion. However it is administered, water should be utilized with enough generosity to enhance our appreciation of its symbolic meanings. (By Water and the Spirit: A United Methodist Understanding of Baptism)

P: I am a United Methodist and recognize that our tradition is overwhelmingly weighted toward sprinkling, but I believe also in immersion.

L: When persons unite as professing members with a local United Methodist church, they profess their faith in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; in Jesus Christ, his only Son; and in the Holy Spirit. (§1217 UM 2020-2024 BOD)

P: I use the liturgy our church provides that emphasizes the Trinity (in the name of the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit), but acknowledge that our understanding of the sacraments as a whole comes from Jesus directly.

In doing so, I make my desire to live my daily life as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Thus, I covenant with God and with the members of the local church to keep the vows which are part of the order of confirmation and reception into the Church. (§1217 UM 2020-2024 BOD)



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