

Sunday, January 4th, 2026

BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY



“Behold, the Lamb of God,
who taketh away the sin of the world!” -John 1:29 (KJV)

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THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

"Baptism is a loyalty oath and sign; it is a public avowal of who is on the Lord's side in this cosmic war between good and evil." – *Michael S. Heiser*

"Just the face that you get to live and breathe and interact with a wonderful world – that's pretty marvelous." – *Junot Diaz*

"For all who are baptized into Christ are clothed with Christ." – *Galatians 3:27*

Please silence your mobile devices. Thank you!

L – Liturgist / M – Minister / **P – People** / † - words are on the TVs / * – stand in body or spirit
UMH – *The United Methodist Hymnal* TFWS – *The Faith We Sing*

(1) *The Body of Christ gathers to worship God!*

WORDS OF WELCOME
FOUNDATIONAL STATEMENTS



†*HYMN OF PRAISE: *Down by the Jordan*

(screen)

(2) *We listen to what God is saying to us!*

OPENING PRAYER (ADORATION & ILLUMINATION)

SCRIPTURE † Psalm 32 (sung) / John 1:19-34 ("Agnus Dei")

THE MESSAGE: **BREATHING: IN CHRIST, IN ME**

(3) *We respond to what God is saying to us!*

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT UMH 50

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

† Confession / † Assurance / *The Peace of Christ

HOLY COMMUNION (*The Great Thanksgiving – Setting A*) (UMH 17)

ALL are invited to come forward & receive! Christ invites you!

(4) *We prepare to leave and be doers of God's Word!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO GIVE & A CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

†*HYMN OF MISSION: *Wonder of Wonders* TFWS 2247

*A BLESSING & GOING FORTH

(You are invited to place any offerings in the **Offering Box** as you leave the sanctuary; you may also give online at **peumc.org/donate** or use the **QR Code** in this bulletin.)

Prayer List:

Please pray for these members & friends throughout January:

**Jennifer & Dave M. / Carlyn C. / Sharon S. / Mable J. / Evelyn L. / Rose W. /
Leo & Sue T. / Pat M. / Revs. Caleb & Doug**

Our Homebound: Mabel; Midge & Jim; Mary; Chris; Lynn R.; Phil; Norm; Kathleen

Our Children: Addisyn; Brynlee; Eliza; Ella; Gabriel; Gabrielle; Gracie; Sawyer; Symphony

Our Infirm At Home: Joann & Peter K.; Maribeth L-S.

Our College Students: Michaela W.; Korbin B.; Melanie & Lilyann S.

From 11/30: Prayers for the family of **Damon Klinger's mother** (not Donna's mother as mentioned) (Lucy). Prayers for my friend, **Beth**, who had shoulder replacement surgery and lost her mother all on the same day (Lori H.) JOY: the piles of boots, wet mittens, gloves and socks, as well as jackets and stocking caps on the floor by the back door (Sue M.)

From 12/7: Prayer for the **family of John Potter**, who passed away recently (Mike H.); prayers **Kathy Mc.'s sister, Donna**, and her **mother, Donna K.**, who have both been very sick lately (Kathy Mc.)

From 12/14: Prayers for **my dad, Dennis**, who suffered a stroke a couple weeks back, he's doing well but prayers would be appreciated (Mat F.); prayers for **Rachel L.'s mother** who is in last stages of bone/lung cancer and her family during this most difficult time (Chuck L.); prayers for **Maribeth L-S.**, who underwent the Watchman procedure and is back at home, recouping (Pastor).

From 12/21: Prayers for **my brother-in-law, Bill**, who had a liver transplant and is having problems (Rose).

From 12/28: Prayers for **Art, Brian**, and the **Carol Ann Harvestine family** on her passing (Diane).

Daily Scripture Readings (based on Sunday's Scripture)

Monday (1/5): Matthew 4:18-20

Tuesday (1/6): Matthew 4:21-22

Wednesday (1/7): Matthew 9:9-13

Thursday (1/8): Matthew 9:35-38

Friday (1/9): Matthew 10:1-4

Saturday (1/10): Matthew 10:5-12

Sunday (1/11): John 1:35-51

January Mission Project:

Fund the purchase of wooden crosses & hearts
for Riverview Hospital waiting rooms.

Sermon Notes & Prayers from Today:

THIS WEEK'S CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP:

- **Prayer theme:** For those who are spiritually searching & religiously disillusioned.
- **Consider:** What can Christ still accomplish even if I say 'no?'
Better yet: What divine work do I hinder whenever I say 'no?'
- **Action:** Breathe (both in & out). Consider how social sins are intricately bound with our own personal sins.

Sunday Services – 10a

TODAY - January 4th

Scripture: John 1, *The Lamb of God*
Baptism of the Lord Sunday

January 18th

Scripture: John 2, *Wedding & Temple*

January 11th

Scripture: John 1, *Jesus & His Disciples*
WESLEY'S COVENANT SERVICE

PACKING THE GREENS

& Packers -n- Potatoes.

after the service

January 25th

Scripture: John 2, *Jesus & Nicodemus*

Looking Ahead

PACKING THE GREENS

All good things must come to an end (except for Eternal Life).
Next Sunday (1/11), help us de-hang the greens in the sanctuary.
With enough hands, this shouldn't take us more than 25-30 minutes.

Packers -n- Potatoes

Following the packing of the greens will be our annual
PACKERS -N- POTATOES lunch in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

This is a baked potato bar.

It doesn't matter what kind of year the Packers may have had, we can still enjoy Christian fellowship over a hot potato! The lunch is free!
(Please consider bringing a topping for the baked potato bar)

January Mission Project:

You may have seen, in other hospital waiting rooms, baskets of knitted crosses, squares, or other items. These are to be taken by patients' friends & families as comforting items. We'd like to stock the various waiting rooms at Riverview Hospital in Rapids with wooden crosses & hearts (which we will paint and decorate later) on behalf of
"your friends at Port Edwards United Methodist Church."