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PROGRAM	LOCATION	TIME
Coffee Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall (L.L.)	9:00 a.m.
Worship	Sanctuary	10:00 a.m.

CHURCH STAFF

POSITION	PERSON	CONTACT
Designated Pastor	J. Martin Westermeyer	Shaman4@zoomtown.com
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Church Office Hours

Monday	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday	Closed
Friday	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Calls will be answered off-site on days when the office is closed.	



January 11, 2026
10:00 a.m.
The Baptism of Christ



Thought for the Day before Worship

*It has been said: "What you're doing speaks so loudly, I can't hear what you're saying."
When our actions are not consistent with our words or professed belief,
the credibility of our faith is greatly weakened.*

*All who are able are welcome to stand

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Prelude on the hymn tune "Nettleton" (Albin Whitworth)*

Tower Bell

Introit

Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.

*Call to Worship: from Psalm 29 and Matthew 3

The voice of the Lord is over the waters.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars.

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness.

The voice of the Lord causes oaks to whirl.

And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water –

Suddenly the heavens opened and he saw God's Spirit descending and alighting on him.

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

Let us Worship our God!!

***Hymn #243** *"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" (St. George's, Windsor)*

***Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

Lord God, it is good that we are here. It is good that we can pause in prayer and allow your Holy Spirit to catch up with us in our busy lives. Help us in Worship today to draw back far enough from what is troubling us, until we can see it in a new perspective. You remind us through your word to seek first your kingdom, and everything will fall into place.

We confess that this is sometimes hard to believe and even harder to live. Through this service of Worship, bring us closer to you, so that through your Spirit, we may be able to put first things first and lesser things last.

Lord Jesus, you have commanded us to “overcome evil with good” and to “pray for our enemies.” But to be honest, Lord, that’s not how we feel. We become bitter when someone else takes advantage of us. We become resentful when we are treated unjustly. We become angry when someone strikes out at us. Forgive our sins and remind us again of the example you set in your own life. It is in your name, we ask it. Amen.

***Assurance of Grace**

Hear the Good News! Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. Dearly Beloved, believe the Good News!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, now and forever. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

(Creatorex)

From the Major Prophets of the Old Testament: Isaiah 42:1-9

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.
He will not cry out or lift up his voice
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth,
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,

Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning

Preaching Today: Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Liturgist: Vickie Kennedy

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Chancel Choir Director: Tony Burdette

Sound Technician: Robert Pettus

Greeters: Tom Williams & Laura Haas

Ushers: Steve Twehues, Ralph Schoulthies & Mike Hanson

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This Week

- Sunday, January 11:**

10:00am Worship Service
- Monday, January 12:**

7:00pm AA & Al-Anon Meeting
- Tuesday, January 13:**

7:00pm NA Meeting
- Wednesday, January 14:**

7:00pm - 8:30pm Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, January 15:**

3:00pm-4:00pm Yoga Class Fellowship Hall
- Saturday, January 17:**

9:00am AA Meeting
- Sunday, January 18:**

10:00am Worship Service

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GO IN PEACE, SERVE THE LORD THANKS BE TO GOD!

*Benediction

*Choral Response

God be with you till we meet again,
by His counsels guide uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you,
God be with you till we meet again.

*Postlude

Postlude on the Hymn tune “Beecher” (Gordon Young)

WELCOME!

Welcome to this House of Prayer and Worship!
We pray that your experience of worship will deepen your faith and prepare you for the week ahead. We believe God’s Spirit is present in our listening to the Word and our response of discipleship. In our greeting of one another we sense the presence of Christ.
May you know His grace and peace today!
Please sign the guest register when it comes to your seat.



Flowers at the pulpit are in honor and celebration of
Darlene Knepshield’s birthday on Thursday, January 15, 2026.
Happy Birthday Darlene!

Love, Jan, Kelli, Scott, Kelsey, Elise, Kyle, Shelby, Tanner,
Jannah, Leah & Camryn



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who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
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,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the Lord; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Anthem

“All Things New” (Elaine Hagenberg)

Light after darkness, gain after loss.
Strength after weakness, crown after cross;
Sweet after bitter, hope after fears
Home after wandering, praise after tears

Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end,
He is making all things new.
Springs of living water shall wash away each tear
He is making all things new.

Sight after mystery, sun after rain
Joy after sorrow, peace after pain;
Near after distant, gleam after gloom.
Love after loneliness, life after tomb.

Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end,
He is making all things new,
Springs of living water shall wash away each tear.
He is making all things new.

From the Gospels of the New Testament: Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” 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. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

***Hymn #93** *“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”* (Nettleton)