



ST. JOHN'S
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

Richmond † Texas

ORDER OF WORSHIP
BAPTISM OF THE LORD
JANUARY 11, 2026
8:30 & 11:00AM

INSTRUCTIONS FOR LIVE WORSHIP

You are invited to use this bulletin during our live worship service at 11:00am on Sunday morning. To access our live worship, please [click here](#).

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 29*

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
People: Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Leader: Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
People: Worship the LORD in holy splendor.
Leader: The voice of the LORD is over the waters
People: The God of glory thunders over the mighty waters.
All: The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

SONG OF PRAISE

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" #57

O for a thousand tongues to sing,
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread thru all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin,
He sets the pris'ner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood availed for me.

He speaks, and listening, to His voice,
New life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
The humble poor believe.

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;*
The third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic** church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 42:1-9

¹Here 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. ²He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. ⁵Thus 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: ⁶I 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, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the

Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who have trespassed against us. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SONG OF REFLECTION

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God" #420

Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldest do.

Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure
Until with Thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am wholly Thine,
Till all this earthly part of me glows with Thy fire divine

Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life of Thine eternity.

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

OFFERING OUR GIFTS and TITHES

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SHARING OUR GIFTS

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 3:13-17

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved with whom I am well pleased.'

SERMON

"Name It and Claim It"

Rev. Richard Luna

COVENANT RENEWAL

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

SONG OF INVITATION

"Spirit Song" #347

Oh let the Son of God enfold you
With His Spirit and His love.
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
Oh let Him have those things that hold you,
And His Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Jesus, oh Jesus, Come and fill Your lambs.
Jesus, oh Jesus, Come and fill Your lambs.

Oh come and sing this song with gladness
As your hearts are filled with joy.
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.
Oh give Him all your tears and sadness;
Give Him all your years of pain,
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.

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SENDING FORTH

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Benediction Blessing"

May the Lord bless and keep you in His care.
As you leave this place, take His love to share.
Go now in peace for all to see.
God's love has come to set us free.

GOING FORTH

Blessed by God's love and strengthened by God's
Grace, let us be the church to the people we are with.
Amen.

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God in
honor of Beth Woodfin's birthday by Jim, Chloe and
family.*

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Thank you.*

