

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
Baptism of the Lord – January 11, 2026

Land Acknowledgement

I want to acknowledge I am leading worship from Treaty 4 Territory the traditional homeland of the Cree, Ojibwe, Saulteaux, Dakota, Nakota, Lakota, and the traditional homeland of the Métis Nations

Responsive Call to Worship

Our lives have purpose.

We are called to be like Christ and serve God.

God chooses us and loves us

God calls us by name, and we belong to God.

God will bring to completion the good work of grace started in us,

And we will find joy, peace, and restoration in God's loving plan. Let us worship God, who claims us and loves us!

Hymn 811 Standing at the portal

**1. Standing at the portal
of the opening year,
words of comfort meet us,
hushing every fear,
spoken through the silence
by God's loving voice,
tender, strong and faithful,
making us rejoice.**

Refrain:

**Onward then, and fear not,
children of the day;
for God's word shall never,
never pass away.**

**2. "I, your god, am with you:
do not be afraid;
I will help and strengthen;
do not be dismayed,
for I will uphold you
with my own right hand;
you are called and chosen**

in my sight to stand.”

Refrain:

**Onward then, and fear not,
children of the day;
for God’s word shall never,
never pass away.**

**3. God will not forsake us
and will never fail;
God’s eternal covenant
ever will prevail.**

**Resting on this promise,
what have we to fear?
God is all-sufficient
for the coming year.**

Refrain:

**Onward then, and fear not,
children of the day;
for God’s word shall never,
never pass away.**

Prayer of Praise (*minister*)

Hymn 404 O Spirit come, our hearts inspire

**1. O Spirit, come; our hearts inspire;
let us thine influence prove,
source of the old prophetic fire
and fount of life and love.**

**2. Come, Holy Spirit, for in thee
thy prophets wrote and spoke.
Unlock the truth, thyself the key;
unseal the sacred book.**

**3. Expand thy wings, celestial Dove;
brood o’er our nature’s night;
on our disordered spirits move,
and let there now be light.**

**4. God’s very self we then shall know,
if thou within us shine,
and sound with all thy saints below
the depths of love divine.**

Prayer of Confession (*congregation*)

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life. We confess that we prefer our old lives; we let nostalgia prevent us from trusting the new things you place in our lives, we cling to destructive habits, we nurture grudges, and we are reluctant to welcome or forgive one another. In your loving kindness, have mercy upon us and move among us so that we might live together with grace.

- silent confession -

The Lord's Prayer (*Debts/Debtors*)

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

**And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from
evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory. For
ever and ever. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon (*minister*)

Hymn 115 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

**1. Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son;
hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.**

**2. He brings salvation speedy to those who suffer wrong;
he saves the poor and needy, and helps the weak be strong;
they sing who once were sighing, their darkness turned to
light,
for they, who once were dying, are precious in his sight.**

**3. He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.
Before him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go,
and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.**

4. All powers shall bow before him, and gold and incense bring;

**all nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing,
for he shall have dominion o'er river, sea and shore,
far as the eagle's pinion or dove's light wing can soar.**

**5. O'er every foe victorious, Christ on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious, all blessing and all blest:
the tide of time shall never his covenant remove;
his name shall stand for ever: that name to us is Love.**

Responsive Reading

Psalm 29

p. 478 NT & Psalms

¹Honour the Lord, you heavenly beings;
honour the Lord for his glory and strength.

²Honour the Lord for the glory of his name.

Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

³The voice of the Lord echoes above the sea.
The God of glory thunders.

The Lord thunders over the mighty sea.

**⁴The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is majestic.**

⁵The voice of the Lord splits the mighty cedars;
the Lord shatters the cedars of Lebanon.

**⁶He makes Lebanon's mountains skip like a calf;
he makes Mount Hermon leap like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the Lord strikes
with bolts of lightning.

**⁸The voice of the Lord makes the barren wilderness quake;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the Lord twists mighty oaks
and strips the forests bare.

In his Temple everyone shouts, "Glory!"

**¹⁰The Lord rules over the floodwaters.
The Lord reigns as king forever.**

**¹¹The Lord gives his people strength.
The Lord blesses them with peace.**

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Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 42:1-9

p. 588 pew Bible

Acts 10:34-43

p. 220 NT & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon A new year and a baptism

Prayers of the People (*minister*)

Prayer of Dedication (*congregation*)

God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, we bring our gifts to you with grateful hearts. Use these gifts to spread your love in the world. And make us a blessing to all those whom we encounter, that the life of Christ lives in us. Amen.

Hymn 293 Come, Thou almighty King

**1. Come, thou almighty King;
help us thy name to sing;
help us to praise.
Father, all glorious,
o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.**

**2. Come, thou incarnate Word;
gird on thy mighty sword;
our prayer attend:
come, and thy people bless,
and give thy word success;
Spirit of holiness,
on us descend.**

**3. Come, holy Comforter;
thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour!
Thou who almighty art,
now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.**

**4. To the great One in Three
eternal praises be
hence evermore!**

**His sovereign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity
love and adore.**

Choral Blessing

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will be with you each hour of every day.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

Benediction

Three-fold Amen

Piano Postlude