

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 11, 2026

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come! Let us follow Jesus to the edge of the Jordan River to be baptized.

People: We come to be cleansed and made whole.

Leader: Come! Let us witness John's confusion and Jesus' insistence that John baptize God Incarnate.

People: We come to join Jesus in choosing life in the kingdom of God.

Leader: Come! Let us hear God declare the truth of Jesus' identity and the truth of our identity as baptized people.

People: We come to remember and embody who we are as beloved children of God.

Leader: Come! Let us worship God who leads us into the baptismal waters and salvation life.

People: We come to worship God who empowers us through divine presence to live together as the family of God.

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OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN "Spirit Of God" TFWS 2117

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH 881

*GLORIA PATRI UMH 71

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 3:13-17 NT – page 3

ANTHEM (11 A.M. only) "Down To The River To Pray" arr. Curry
Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S SERMON

CHILDREN DISMISSED TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH as we sing:
**This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine,
this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let
it shine, let it shine.**

SERMON "Beloved" Reverend Ed Priestaf

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORSHIP IN TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory

* DOXOLOGY No. 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia!
Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up lifts! Praise
the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

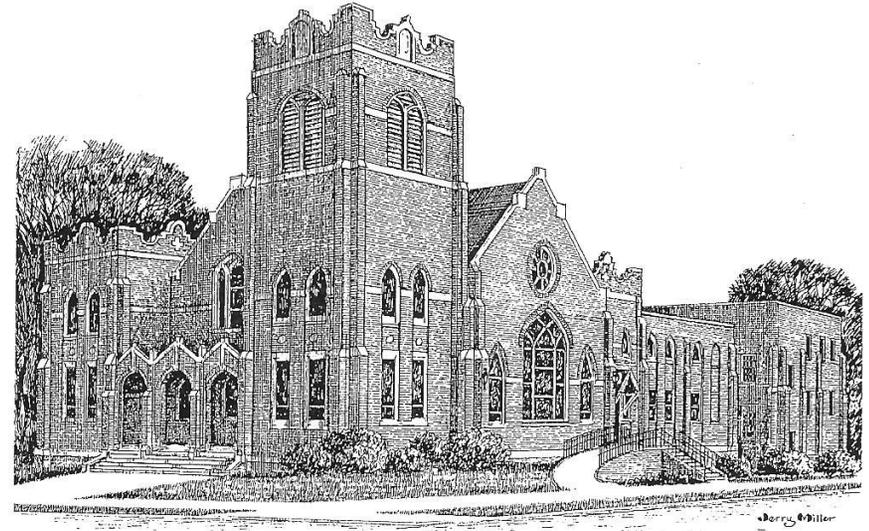
*HYMN "Baptized In Water" TFWS 2248

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION SONG (8:45 A.M. only)

POSTLUDE

*Please Stand As You Are Able



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*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that
whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.*
John 3:16

*Our Mission Is To Make Disciples Of Jesus
For The Transformation Of The World*

**Leader: This Is The Day The Lord Hath Made
People: Let Us Rejoice And Be Glad In It.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome you to Long Memorial United Methodist Church! It is our sincere desire that your worship time with us will be enjoyable and edifying. If you are interested in learning more about our community please see the "visitor" section of this bulletin.

THIS WEEK AT LONG MEMORIAL UMC:

- Sunday:** 8:45 A.M. - Early Church - Chapel
11:00 A.M. – Worship – Sanctuary
Monday: 4:00 P.M. – UWF Executive Meeting - Library
4:30 P.M. – DYW – Harris Hall
Tuesday: 5:00 P.M. – Billie Oakley – Harris Hall
7:00 P.M. – Trustee Meeting - Library

PRAYER LIST: Lois Winstead, Linda & Eddie Bridges, Phyllis Tuck, Norma Sabiston, Jean Andrews, Mike Wrenn, Bob Morningstar.

A nursery (located in front of the church office) is available. Parents – please set your phones on vibrate and leave your cell number with the nursery attendants so that if you are needed you can be reached.

This Week's Scripture

Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 29
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17

Next Week's Scripture

Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 40:1-11
I Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42

Church Staff:

- Rev. Ed Priestaf, Pastor**
Charles Higgins, Director of Music
Peggy Wade, Church Secretary
Pam Day, Preschool Director
Billie Oakley, Church Treasurer
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Sherry Clayton & Kayla Brown, Nursery Attendants
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