



Sunday, January 11, 2026
Baptism of Christ
St. James United Church of Christ
St. Mark's United Church of Christ
Rev. Keith Weiland, Pastor
Marcus Ellair, Pianist Scott Siekman, Reader

Our Mission is to help others deepen their relationship with God, become faithful followers of Christ, and to share the message of Christ's love with others.

Meditative Music
Bells Ring
Prelude Gathering for Worship

****Bold text means to read in unison**

Call to Worship:

Arise, shine; for your light has come!

**WE HAVE CHASED THE STAR ACROSS THE SKY. WE HAVE JOURNEYED FAR
TO WORSHIP THE BABE IN THE MANGER**

The Glory of God has risen upon you!

**WE HAVE OPENED OUR TREASURES BEFORE THE BABE: OUR WEALTH, OUR
HOPES, OUR VERY LIVES.**

Again, arise, shine; for your light has come!

Hymn:

St. James #95

St. Mark's #156

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Affirming Our Faith Together: Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord:

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried:

He descended into hell: The third day he rose again 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 One Holy Universal Christian Church: the communion of saints: The forgiveness of sins: The resurrection of the body: And the life everlasting. *Amen.*

Unison Prayer of Confession

Between our own actions and the best, we know we see a wide gap that we cannot bridge. O God, reclaim us, and help us to reclaim our baptism; we need your healing, forgiveness and transforming Spirit. Make your voice plain as you strengthen us to face the problems and possibilities of life. Grant us your strength and bless us with peace. *Amen.*

Words of Assurance

God sent the Christ Child into the world that we might realize wholeness and accept it for ourselves. We have confessed our sin and God is offering the Son as the source of our wholeness. We are therefore forgiven and accepted by God and have the possibility for wholeness. Thanks be to God.

Young at Heart:



Hymn:

St. James #142
St. Mark's #284

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Scripture Reading:

The Baptism of Jesus

Matthew 3:13-17 ESV

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, 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 thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

The Message:

Miraculous Baptism

Rev. Keith R. Weiland

People's Prayer:

Glory be to you, O God, whom we worship in awe and wonder. Open the eyes of our imagination that we may be ready to receive your gifts and discern your activity in our midst. In the name of Jesus, in whose baptism we, too, are baptized, hear us.

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering:

~ The offering is brought to the altar ~

Offertory Music

Doxology: *(Everyone stand as you are able.)*

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.

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

Dear God: With all that we have, help us to be content; and in our contentment, to be grateful; and in our gratitude, to be generous; and in our generosity, to share the love of Christ with those in need. We ask in his name. Amen.

Hymn:

St. James #314
St. Marks #411

How Firm a Foundation

Benediction**Postlude**

COME & JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS!

St. James UCC

***1st & 3rd Sundays..... 10:30 a.m.
2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays..... 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School at St. James 9-10am every Sunday.***

St. Mark's UCC

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2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays..... 10:30 a.m.***

Visit our Church Website: [**https://www.stmarksstjamesucc.org**](https://www.stmarksstjamesucc.org)
Worship Services are recorded weekly and uploaded to our church

YouTube channel: St. Mark's & St. James UCC

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Join our prayer team; contact Karen in our Church office:
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Staying Close, Staying Connected

Our Church Celebrations!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:

January 11th - Azalea Heling
12th - Margene Reyer
14th - Brenda Miota, Tim Schueler
16th - Warren Vandooske
17th - Andrew Nye
18th - Hailey Hermann

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:

January 14th - Gary & Sheri Kaestner

CONFIRMATION CLASS - meets Wed., January 14th, 6-7:30pm at St. Mark's



**IT'S ANNUAL REPORT TIME!
ST. MARK'S, ANNUAL MEETING FOLLOWING
TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE.**

**ST. JAMES, YOUR REPORTS WERE DUE
FRIDAY JAN. 9TH.**

**ST. JAMES ANNUAL MEETING IS JAN. 18TH
after the worship service**

While Pastor Patrick is out on medical leave,
Rev. Keith Weiland will be your contact person should
pastoral care be needed.

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