



**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:**

*On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

St. James #95

St. Mark's #156

### **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:

Matthew 3:13-17 ESV

#### The Baptism of Jesus

*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**

***1st & 3rd Sundays..... 9:00 a.m.***

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

Visit our Church Website: <https://www.stmarksstjamesucc.org>  
Worship Services are recorded weekly and uploaded to our church

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

Facebook: St. Marks & St. James UCC

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 11<sup>th</sup> – Azalea Heling  
12<sup>th</sup> – Margene Reyer  
14<sup>th</sup> – Brenda Miota, Tim Schueler  
16<sup>th</sup> – Warren Vandoske  
17<sup>th</sup> – Andrew Nye  
18<sup>th</sup> – Hailey Hermann*

### **ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:**

*January 14<sup>th</sup> – Gary & Sheri Kaestner*

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**CONFIRMATION CLASS** – meets Wed., January 14<sup>th</sup>, 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. 9<sup>TH</sup>.**

**ST. JAMES ANNUAL MEETING IS JAN. 18<sup>TH</sup>  
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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