



**CENTER BRUNSWICK  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**Baptism of Jesus**

***GATHERING FOR WORSHIP***

**PRELUDE:**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**QUIET HYMN: Wade in the Water**

**#2107**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**\*HYMN: How Great Thou Art**

**#77**

***CENTERING FOR WORSHIP***

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L:** When we are overcome with difficulties and stress,

**P: God is with us always and calls us each by name.**

**L:** When we are discouraged and feel lost and alone,

**P: We are reminded we are God's beloved children.**

**L:** Even when things are difficult, and we turn away from God,

**P: God's love is a gift that is always with us, now and forever.**

**A: Thanks be to God, Amen.**

**\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**Holy God, you have called us by name. We pray for courage and the strength to answer your call. As we open our ears to hear the story of Jesus' baptism, open our hearts, that we may experience the renewing power of rebirth in the Holy Spirit again. Inspire us in this time of worship, that we may claim our identity as your beloved children. We ask this in the name of our beloved sibling, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## ***PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD***

### **SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17

**\*HYMN: Sweet, Sweet Spirit**

**#334**

### **THE WORD OF GOD EXPLORED**

Pastor Joel

### ***GRATEFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD***

### **OFFERTORY**

**\*DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTOR**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kindom 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 trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kindom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**\*HYMN: Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore**

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### **\*BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE:**

*\*Indicates standing if that is comfortable for you.*

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## **Center Brunswick Birthdays & Anniversaries**

12--Keith & Kathy Hoffman--anniversary

16—Pamela Berger

17—Kathleen Burden

God of Hope and Light, in the midst of darkness, you offered light to people who lived in fear. Today, that light comes to us as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Open our hearts on this day and remind us that you have called us to be people of hope and light. Prepare us to serve you by serving your world. Amen.

### [Center Brunswick UMC - YouTube](#)

Let's reflect on the inspiring story of Jesus's baptism, where heaven's blessings were poured out as he devoted himself fully to God through prayer. Just as Jesus opened his heart to God, we too are called to open ourselves to the world and to God's blessings every time we give more of ourselves to others. Through our tithes and offerings, we renew our baptismal promises and embrace our role as caretakers of God's gifts. Come, let's bring our lives before God through the gifts we offer today, trusting in God's love and grace.

<https://tithe.ly/give?c=1464479>

Faithful and Calling God, continue to draw us into community, into covenant, and into new life through waters of grace and acts of justice. Just as Jesus stepped into the river to stand with us and for us, we bring these gifts today to stand with others—to serve, to uplift, and to proclaim your kingdom. Use these offerings to fulfill your righteousness among us. Help us, your baptized people, to be instruments of healing, hope, and holy change in a world longing for good news. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.