

## First United Methodist Church

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### January 12, 2025 — January 18, 2025

*"Baptism of the Lord"*

Usher/Greeter: Needed

Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin

Liturgist: Gordie Barry

Children's Worship: Natalie G./Mary W.

Altar Flowers: Needed

Fellowship: Carol Livingston/Susan Barry

Monthly Mission Noisy Offering: Pastor's Discretionary (Deacon's) Fund

Monday (1/13) Trustees (Stairs project) 9 AM / Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM  
Tuesday (1/14) Worship Committee 10 AM  
Wednesday (1/15)  
Thursday (1/16)  
Friday (1/17) Education Committee 10 AM  
Saturday (1/18)

### January 19, 2025 — January 25, 2025

*"Second Sunday after Epiphany" "Human Relations Day"*

Usher/Greeter: Carol Hollenbeck

Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin

Liturgist: James Gaffney

Children's Worship: Natalie G./Needed

Altar Flowers: Needed

Fellowship: Connie & Dan Kelsey

Monthly Mission Noisy Offering: Pastor's Discretionary (Deacon's) Fund

Monday (1/20) Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM  
Tuesday (1/21) Trustees Committee 10 AM / Vitality Committee 11:15 AM  
Wednesday (1/22)  
Thursday (1/23)  
Friday (1/24)  
Saturday (1/25)

#### Lectionary Calendar—Bible Study

1/12/25 Isa 43:1-7; Ps 29 (UMH 761); Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

1/19/25 Isa 62:1-5; Ps 36:5-10 (UMH 771); 1 Cor 12:1-11; John 2:1-11



Let us please keep the following people in our prayers: Penny Tracy & family concerns, Bill Tracy & family, Jesse Baker, Carol Weinert, Sandi Kolder, Martha Weeks, Barbara Schneider, Phyllis Burge, Curt & Celie Norton, Ted Burson, Mary Prater, Joel Prater, Lynn LaRose, Katie Putnam, Sharon V. & Celie N.'s brother, Kerry Billings family concerns, Michael Haynes, Connie Meade, Jo Nell Rubick, Connie Whatsitt, and unspoken requests.

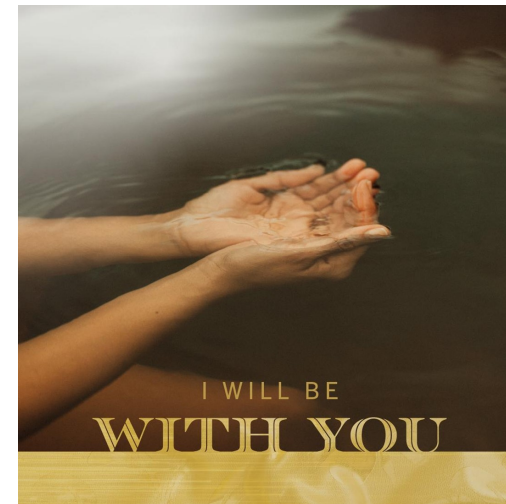


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190 North Cedar St., Manistique, MI 49854

**Pastor B.J. Ash**

January 12, 2025



**"WE EXIST TO JOYFULLY SHARE GOD'S LOVE,  
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**First United Methodist Church**  
**January 12, 2025**  
**“Baptism of the Lord”**



WORSHIP 11AM

PRELUDE: Sing Praise to God by E. Broughton

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER—INVOCATION

PSALM 29

\*PRAISE CHORUS: UMH 347 Spirit Song

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: John baptized in the wilderness, telling those who sought him that he was not the Messiah they were expecting. He said that he baptized with water, but that when the Messiah came, He would baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

**P: Why did Jesus need to be baptized? He was sinless and needed no cleansing.**

L: Jesus taught through setting the example which His disciples should follow. His baptism also provided a clear demonstration that He was indeed the Messiah, as was shown when the dove landed on Him and a voice was heard saying that this was God’s beloved Son, in whom He was well pleased.

**P: John claimed that Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. Today our ministers still baptize with water, just as John did. Where do the Holy Spirit and fire come in?**

L: The water used in baptism represents the cleansing our lives from sin through the action of the Holy Spirit, represented by fire, such as the altar candles. John could not bestow these upon those he baptized, but Jesus could, and does still through those commissioned to baptize in the name of Jesus.

**P: Come, O Jesus, come! Enter our lives today!**

\*OPENING HYMN: UMH 139 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

\*APOSTLES’ CREED: UMH 881

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN’S TIME

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION: FWS 2248

Baptized in Water

\*GOSPEL READING

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

SERMON:

Obedience

PRAYER TIME

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

PRAYER HYMN: FWS 2193

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY:

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

by T. Dorsey

\*DOXOLOGY: UMH 95

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

FAVORITE HYMN (from the Red Hymnal)

Congregation’s Choice

\*CLOSING HYMN: FWS 2062

The Lily of the Valley

\*BENEDICTION

\*PARTING HYMN: FWS 2186

Song of Hope

POSTLUDE:

Praise the Lord of All Creation

by G. Sewell

**The Altar Rail is always open to all.**

**January Mission Noisy Offering—Pastor’s Discretionary (Deacon’s) Fund**

This noisy offering is used by Pastor B.J. for needs per his discretion outside the church walls.  
 God is working through us. Thank you for your support!

\* DENOTES CONGREGATION STANDING (AS ABLE)

\* PLEASE BE SURE TO SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE