

A dynamic splash of blue water with many small droplets, creating a sense of movement and purity. The splash is centered and serves as a background for the main title.

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 7, 2024



We exist to welcome ALL people by sharing the Love of Christ!

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WELCOME and OPENING PRAYER

Bob Green

PASSING OF THE PEACE*PRELUDE**

Gayle Graening

(As the music begins, we invite you to prayerfully prepare for this time of worship as the Acolyte Lights the candle.)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Bob Green

Leader: Today we celebrate a special baptism - The Baptism of Jesus of Nazareth!

Congregation: God says: Look! See my chosen servant, the One in whom I utterly delight; I have placed my Spirit on Him; He will bring true justice to all nations and all people!

Leader: When Jesus was baptized, the heavens opened up, and Spirit came down like a dove; and there was a voice from heaven saying: "This is my dearly loved Son, with whom I am delighted."

Congregation: May the joy of the Lord be with us all. Amen!

HYMN OF PRAISEO God, Our Help in Ages Past (v 1,2,3 & 6)*

UMH 117

INITIATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

UMH 881

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory Be to the Father

UMH 70

MUSICAL OFFERING*Let There Be Peace on Earth*

Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Bob Green

HYMN OF PREPARATIONWhen Jesus Came to Jordan*

UMH 252

***SCRIPTURE**

Isaiah 42:1-4; Mark 1:9-11

Rev. Felicia Kumar

SERMON

The Baptism of Jesus

Rev. Felicia Kumar

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE**

Communion Servers:

UMH 12-14

Stormie and Lawrence Hill

Bob and Sandy Green

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT** *I Stand Amazed in the Presence (v 1,2,4 & 5)*

UMH 371

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Felicia Kumar

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSINGShalom to You*

UMH 666

POSTLUDE

Gayle Graening

(Please remain standing as the Acolyte brings the Light of Christ.)

*Please stand as you are able

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Epiphany Season

The season of Epiphany is a period of four to nine weeks, from Epiphany, through the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. The coming of the Magi or the wise men is celebrated on Epiphany which is always **January 6**. The Baptism of our Lord is observed on the Sunday after Epiphany. This year **Ash Wednesday** falls on **February 14**. The length of the Epiphany season varies according to the date of Easter.

The Gospel stories of this season describe various events that manifest the divinity of Jesus. The Last Sunday in the season of Epiphany is always devoted to Transfiguration and this year Transfiguration Sunday falls on February 11. Jesus' identity as the Son of God is vividly revealed in the Transfiguration Gospel, as well as the Gospel of the Baptism of Christ.

We are called to respond to Christ in faith through the manifestations of Christ's divinity recorded in the Gospels of the Epiphany season!



WELCOME and OPENING PRAYER		Matt D'Angelo
*PASSING OF THE PEACE		
*SONGS OF PRAISE	<i>Washed by the Water Testify</i>	Praise Team
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		Carrie Neblett
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER		Matt D'Angelo
*MUSICAL OFFERING	<i>Grace Like Rain</i>	Praise Team
*SCRIPTURE	Isaiah 42:1-4; Mark 1:9-11	Rev. Felicia Kumar
SERMON	The Baptism of Jesus	Rev. Felicia Kumar
INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP		Rev. Felicia Kumar
HOLY COMMUNION	Communion Servers: Rose and Jack Plause	Rev. Felicia Kumar
*SONG OF COMMITMENT	<i>Bright as the Sun</i>	Praise Team
*BENEDICTION		Rev. Felicia Kumar
BENEDICTION SONG		Praise Team

*Please stand as you are able

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Rehoboth's Prayer Requests

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2

Long-Term

(hospice care or long-term medical treatments, diagnosis or rehab)

Maria Avila-Raspet (J. Miller)	Hanson family	Sylvia McGinty (Hart)	Sylvia Street (Walker)
Lewis Broglen (Stone)	Edith Hardy	John McIntosh	Bobbie Sullins (T. Cage)
Al Burzo (J. Miller)	Sara Kennedy (B. Miller)	Jackson Murtha (Shumate)	Barbara Vaughn (Walker)
Jean Cage	Helena Ludwig	Candy Smith (Hart)	
Frances Catron (Catron)	Michael Mayernick (Dorris)	Donna Stephens (J. Miller)	

Health Concerns

Matthew Bautula (Lehmann)	Anne Dorris	Pam Hanes (A. Ayre)	Caroline Rudy (A. Ayre)
Shan Boone	Jon Dorris (Dorris)	Jennifer Harrison (Kranz)	Pat Thacker (Shumate)
Jack Bradley (Dorris)	Cathy Duncan (Grinder)	Laura Hayes	Wilburn Thacker (Shumate)
Lucretia Brinkley (Ayre)	Danny Ellis (J. Miller)	Russ Holt	Todd Willbanks (Willbanks)
Shasta Brown (Brown)	Gerald Esmer (Esmer)	Jan Mapes (Plause)	Betty Woods (Woods)
Melvin Burke (A. Mason)	Maria Dill (Lehmann)	Becky Miller	Lorna Woods
Phil Byrum	Diane Gagliardi (Cundiff)	Jack Miller	Ron Woods
Sister Shawn Conrad (Plause)	Nancy Garrison (J. Miller)	Kent Pepper (Woodrich)	
Lynn D'Angelo (D'Angelo)	Ernie Grinder	Janet & Bob Plause (Plause)	
Kathy Denny (Jones)	Chuck Hanes (A. Ayre)	Bill Ross	

Other Concerns

Family of Hilda Hadley (Shumate)
Family of Ozma Hardie (Slone)

Cathy Kroeze (Brainerd)
Family of Michael Mason (Mason)

Sympathy To

Kay Brainerd and family in the passing of Kay's nephew Ben Kroeze

*Individuals will remain on our list for up to 3 weeks. Please contact the church office to resubmit a praise and/or prayer request.
(Names in Bold have been newly added to the list.)*

**Please Help With
Christmas Decor Removal and Storage
Tuesday, January 9, at 1 pm**

It is time to remove and store away the wonderful Christmas greenery, wreaths, trees and chrismons that we have enjoyed during this Advent season.

If you are interested in helping with this task, please join us on Tuesday (January 9) at 1 pm in the Sanctuary.

For questions or additional information, please contact: Karen Shrode at Khshrode@gmail.com.

Thank you for your assistance with this project.



Card Creation & Fellowship

Join with others to create greeting cards

**Wednesday, January 10
10:00 a.m. - RUMC Library**

**Weekday Prayer Time
Wednesdays Beginning January 17
9:30 am in Rehoboth UMC's Chapel**

Let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need!

~Hebrews 4:16

The second stanza of the profound hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" goes like this:

*Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness,
Take it to the Lord in Prayer!*

In John 16:33 we hear Jesus say: "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world!" Do you go through troubled times? Are you discouraged and overwhelmed? Do you feel anxious about life in general? If you have said "yes" to one of the three questions, then you are invited to come and be a part of the weekday prayer time **every Wednesday, beginning January 17 at 9:30 am** in the Chapel.

If you can't pray out loud or in public, no worries! God intercedes on our behalf and God hears and listens to our silent prayers offered to Him with a genuine spirit! As God's Word instructs us, we are to cast our cares upon the Lord, because God cares for us!! So, bring all your requests – whether it is for you, your family, church family, workplace, community, nation or for the world and we will take it to the Lord in prayer!

Please extend an invitation to your family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors. We pray you will make a commitment to join the prayer time every Wednesday as we journey through the year 2024!

All Ladies are invited

TO JOIN THE MEN AT THEIR

**SWEETHEART
BREAKFAST**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10
9:00 AM - FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall



**Lunch at
The Chocolate Covered
Strawberry
Wednesday, February 14**

Meet at the restaurant at 11:00 am

If you need a ride, please contact
Norm Kranz (615-400-5767)

Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

INCLEMENT WEATHER SCHEDULE

Rehoboth will follow the Sumner County School schedule for inclement weather. If school is cancelled, activities at Rehoboth will also be cancelled.

Week of January 7, 2024

Today:

- 8:30 am Chancel Choir
- 9:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 10:00 am Fellowship Time
- 10:30 am Sunday School
- 11:15 am Contemporary Worship Service

Tuesday:

- 1:00 pm Christmas Decor Removal

Wednesday:

- 7:45 am Men's Breakfast at Panera
- 10:00 am Card Creation Fellowship (Library)
- 6:00 pm Children's Group
- 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 6:15 pm Chancel Choir



Birthdays

- Jan 8 Nancy Carman
- Jan 12 Emily Cage

Birthdays Blessings

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