



First United Methodist Church of **Hanford**

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.



Epiphany / Baptism of the Lord

Order of Worship

Sunday, January 7th, 2024 | 11am

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Our Vision for First UMC is to share the message of Christ through community, compassion and faith.

So we exist to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Announcements:

Centering Time - Prepare Your Heart for Worship

Responsive Call to Worship

L: From the waters of Creation, the earth sprang forth.

P: From the waters of a womb, God's blessed Son was given to us.

L: From the waters of a river, people were baptized and marked as God's Children

P: Praise be to God, whose loving gifts and presence have called us together.

L: Let us shout our love to God for God's abundant love

P: AMEN.

Hymn

"I sing the almighty power of God" # 152

Opening Prayer

God who watches over us, offering us light and hope, Be with us this day as we hear the story of Jesus' baptism. Help us to remember your healing, cleansing, and claiming love for us. Remind us again of the many ways in which you reach out to us. May the image of the waters be for us an image of hope. Bring us closer to you, loving God. Embrace us again with your love. We open our hearts to you this day. AMEN.

Hymn

"Breathe on me, breath of God" # 420

Passing of the Peace

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Hymn

"God, that maddest Earth and Heaven" # 688

Scripture readings

Mark 1: 4-11 (NIV)

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Children Moment

“Where Children Belong” # 2233

Message:

“Baptism of the Lord: Water”

Hymn

“Wash oh God, our sons and daughters” # 605

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Doxology # 94

Prayer of Dedication

God of Power and Might, you effortlessly created light in the darkened void of our beginning universe. Today, this light continues to fill the shapeless recesses of our lives. Multiply these gifts so your beacon of light shines in every corner of the Earth. May people everywhere receive your light with praise and thanksgiving. We ask this prayer in the name of the one who proclaimed transforming redemption, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

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Closing Hymn

“Joyful, joyful, we adore thee” # 89

Benediction