



First United Methodist Church of Hanford

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.



Order of Worship

Sunday January 12th, 2025 | 11am

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Baptism of the Lord

“No matter who, no matter what,
no matter where you are on your spiritual journey...
You are welcome here!”

Our Mission: *We seek to grow in God’s Grace by sharing the message of Jesus Christ through community, compassion, and faith. So we exist to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World.*

Our Vision: *We seek to grow in love with Jesus Christ by connecting people to God, people to people, and people to service.*

Welcome & Announcements:

Centering Time - Prepare Your Heart for Worship

Opening Hymn

Call to Worship/Opening prayer (Responsively)

When we pass through the cleansing waters of baptism
and the troubled waters of our lives, God declares:

I will be with you.

When we go through the fires that refine us and the fires
that threaten our livelihoods, God declares:

I will be with you.

Even when we travel to the far corners of the earth or down
into the depths of our souls, God declares:

I will be with you.

So come, let us worship God whose love never fails,
whose presence never leaves, whose mercies never end.

**Praise be to God who, in the form of Jesus,
waded into the waters of baptism to prove God’s solidarity with us! Amen.**

Opening Prayer

Eternal Father, at the baptism of Jesus you revealed him to be your Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit, Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful to their calling as your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Hymn

Sharing of The Peace: We greet those around us with a sign of peace (handshakes or hugs) and words like "The peace of the Lord be with you".

Scripture Reading:

Children's Moment

Where Children Belong TFWS # 2233

(As the congregation sings, all children are invited to come forward)

Message:

David Beeman

Hymn:

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS & SERVICE

(Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness)

We commit our time, talent, treasure, willingness to serve and gift of witness out into the world as we bring our offerings.

*Doxology

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Gracious God, as we bring our offerings before you, we remember the baptism of Jesus and the gift of the Holy Spirit descending like a dove. May our gifts today be filled with the same Spirit, spreading your love and grace to all who are touched by them. We pray that this offering serves your kingdom and reflects the promise of your beloved Son in the world. We pray in your holy name. Amen.

Closing Hymn:

*Benediction

May the Triune God, whose presence surrounds you always and everywhere, bless you with the deep assurance that you are never alone. In the waters, in the fires, in the far corners of the world, God is with us. Thanks be to God. Amen.