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Worship Bulletin for January 11, 2026

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship (responsive)**

Today we celebrate a special baptism; the baptism of Jesus of Nazareth.
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 the nations.
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."

The joy of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

***Opening Prayer**

Hymn *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

GtG # 475

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

We are incredibly stubborn, O Lord. We have entered the season in which Your Light has been given to the world, your blessings have been poured out on the world, and yet all we can think about is our own problems, our own needs, our own desires. Help us to desire you, Lord. Help us to yearn for your presence. Pour your baptismal waters over us again, cleansing us from our self-pity and arrogance. Nourish and heal us so that we may joyfully serve you. Wash away our jealousy, greed, and all negative thoughts and behaviors that stand in the way of our truly being the people you have called us to be. Again let us receive the blessings offered in creation, in the birth and baptism of Jesus, and in the ministry of the saints of light.

We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Time for silent reflection.

Assurance of Grace

The love of God is always offered to us, freely, joyfully, for all eternity. Rejoice, dear friends, this is the Good News of our Lord. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Anthem

In the Valley Flows a River

Choir

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

(Those with prayer requests worshipping online, please text Anne the day before so your request can be lifted-831345-6324)

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Song of prayer *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* *(pew song sheet)*

Prayers lifted to God and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn *Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed* GtG# 489 (O Waly Waly)

Wonder of wonders, here revealed: God's covenant with us is sealed,
and long before we know or pray, God's love enfolds us every day.

Here in this sacrament we see God's grace unbound, for all,
for me! May we respond with joyful praise in loving service all our days.

This child of God, though young or old, we welcome now into Christ's fold,
to know with us God's loving care, and all our joys and sorrows share.

Now we our vow of faith renew, stretch wide our sights to global view,
and claim with Christians far and near a larger family held dear.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Spirit of God, who descended on Christ in the waters of baptism,
Descend again through your Word. Let us touch your light.
Let us hear your voice: beloved, called, and sent. Amen.

First Lesson:

Isaiah 42:1-9

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Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Second Lesson:

Matthew 3:13-17

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Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Sermon

The Wonder of Touch

The Rev. Anne McAnelly

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

***Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in God, Father, Creator and Creating; who gives us steadfast love, and shares with us our joy, and sustains us in our suffering. God's power is open to us; we trust him. We follow Jesus Christ, Son of God, Son of Man. His death is our victory, his resurrection is our hope; in him the Word became flesh; in him we are offered forgiveness from sin, renewal from failure, reconciliation from brokenness, release from despair. We are guided by the Holy Spirit, God's presence in the world. By the Spirit we are called into Christ's Church, to celebrate his love, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus,

crucified and risen, to share with him in Baptism and to eat at his Table. Because we are his disciples, his pilgrim people, we joyfully covenant with each other to walk together in love, to pray for one another, to care for one another, to live in Koinonia, in life, in death, in life beyond death. God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Offering

Offertory

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Offering Prayer by David S. Bell (*unison*)

God of glory and strength, we share this offering with you as a response to your powerful acts in our own lives. We share our financial resources with you because of the splendorous ways that you have blessed us. Your majestic spirit fills our lives like the mighty waters fill the oceans. All glory is given to you, Lord God. In your powerful name, we pray. Amen.

WE LIVE TO SERVE

*Hymn

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

GtG# 757

Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword,
To feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
make love and peace our fast, to serve the poor
and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.

God made the world and at its birth ordained our human race
to live as stewards of the earth, responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud; we sow not peace but strife.
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud that threatens all of life.

Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream,
with righteousness in field and town
to cleanse us and redeem. For God is longing to restore
an earth where conflicts cease, a world that was created for
a harmony of peace.

May we in service to our God act out the living word,
and walk the road the saints have trod
till all have seen and heard. As stewards of the earth may we
give thanks in one accord to God who calls us all to be
disciples of the Lord.

Benediction

The service of worship ends, the service of neighbor and world begins

TODAY'S SERVERS

LITURGIST: Sharon Allshouse

GREETERS: Lori Burkett

COFFEE HOST: Lori Burkett

OFFERING COUNTER: Pam Arnsberger

Unity Candle: Today we pray for Westhope Prebyterian Church in Saratoga

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week

Monday: Bell Choir at 2:15PM, Thomas Lounge

Wednesday, Outreach Meeting at 12PM, Zoom

Ordination and Installing of Officers next week on January 18th

Annual Congregation Meeting January 25th following worship

- Receive the budget
- Committee reports
- Approve pastor's terms of call

Joanna is OUT: January 2-18, 2026