

### Prayer for Illumination

God of light, help us hear your living word, so we may follow Christ with hope, live together in peace, and share your love with the world. Amen.

#### Matthew 3:13-17 NRSVUE

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. 14 John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" 15 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. 16 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. 17 And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

#### Wesley Covenant Service Prayer

"I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen."



*"We are a mission-minded, family-friendly church in action,  
reaching our neighbors with the life-changing love of Jesus Christ."*

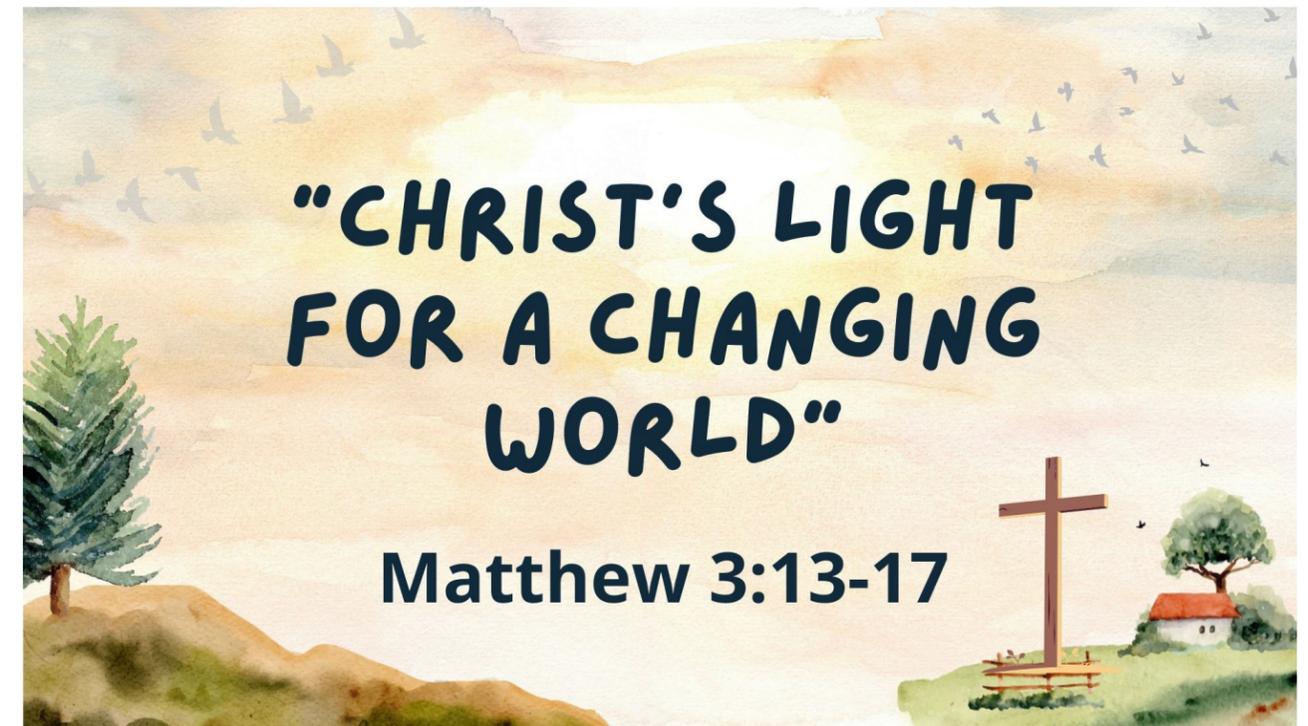


# Welcome to First United Methodist Church Portland, Texas

*May grace and peace be yours in abundance in the  
knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.*

*2 Peter 1:2*

**Sunday, January 11, 2026**



~ Rev. Barbara Aziz

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## Contemporary Worship

9:00 AM

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### OPENING PRAYER

**PASSING THE PEACE** "Please pass the peace of Christ, especially to those new to you."

†**OPENING PRAISE SONG** "God of All" **Lighthouse Praise Band**

**CHILDREN'S TIME** "Moment of Glory" **Children's Director, Angela McConnell**

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY** "Hosanna (Praise is Rising)"

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Lord in your mercy.....Hear our prayer

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### LORD'S PRAYER

**CENTERING SONG** "There is a Redeemer" **On Screen**

†**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (Back of bulletin) **On Screen**

†**SCRIPTURE LESSON** (Back of bulletin) Lay Reader: Syndi Vo **Matthew 3:13-17 NRSVUE**

**MESSAGE** Christ's Light for a Changing World - Beloved and Called Together **Rev. Barbara Aziz**

### REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL VOWS SERVICE

**WESLEY COVENANT SERVICE PRAYER** **On Screen**

### INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

†**CLOSING SONG** "Blessed be Your Name" **On Screen**

### †DISMISSAL WITH BLESSINGS



## Traditional Worship

11:00 AM

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### OPENING PRAYER

**PRELUDE** **Tanya Stegall, Accompanist**

**PASSING THE PEACE** "Please pass the peace of Christ, especially to those new to you."

†**OPENING HYMN** UMH# 130 "God Will Take Care of You" **On Screen**

### A STATEMENT OF FAITH OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA (UMH#883)

†**GLORIA PATRI** UMH #70 "Glory Be To The Father" **On Screen**

**CHILDREN'S TIME** **Children's Director, Angela McConnell**

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY** **Tanya Stegall, Accompanist**

†**DOXOLOGY** UMH #94 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" **On Screen**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Lord in your mercy.....Hear our prayer

### PASTORAL PRAYER

**LORD'S PRAYER** **On Screen**

**CHORAL ANTHEM** "Canon of Praise" **Chancel Choir**

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**WESLEY COVENANT SERVICE PRAYER** (Back of bulletin) **On Screen**

### INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

†**CLOSING HYMN** UMH #252 "When Jesus Came to Jordan" **On Screen**

### DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

**POSTLUDE** **Tanya Stegall, Accompanist**



*Altar Flowers are given by Dee Ezell  
In Honor of Our Church Staff*

