



BROADWAY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 2026

There is a vow that keeps on breathing,
long after the water has dried from our skin.
When the world teaches us to hedge our hearts,
this vow calls us to stand anyway,
firmly planted in promise,
hands and hearts open to work
for the justice we pray for.

Remember:

a Voice has already spoken your name in love;
a people has already answered, "We will."
answer again, with your whole life,
'Here I am.'

*By Rev. Dr. Shonda Nicole Gladden,
for Broadway UMC January 2026*



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SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Worship Leaders: Rev. Aaron Hobbs, Rev. Dr. Shonda Nicole Gladden & Sierra Simmons
(CTS Ministerial Intern)

Organist: Wolff von Roos

Liturgist: Chuck Daube

JoyLand Assistant: Emma Hobbs

Ushers: Lisa Hopper, Barbara McGahey Frain, John Cook & Suzanne Conger

Worship Assistant: Michelle Palmer

WELCOME TO BROADWAY

As we gather for worship this morning, we invite you to feel God's presence in this place. Broadway United Methodist Church is a fully open community of believers who live and love among God's creation.

“JOYLAND” CHILDREN’S PLACE

We invite the youngest among us to an interactive area in the right front of the Sanctuary that we call JoyLand. Here children can be a part of worship but with a little more room to move. There is a youth helper there each week to provide minor assistance with the children, but we also encourage adults with children to keep an ear out and an eye open to assist them as your child needs you.

PRAYER SHAWLS AVAILABLE TODAY

As we expand our presence beyond these four walls, we encourage you to take a prayer shawl from the rack at the front of the Sanctuary and give it to anyone who may need God's love wrapped around them. These shawls are made by members and friends of Broadway who pray over them as they are created. On the 4th Sunday of each month we bless the newly created prayer Shawls in worship.

ONLINE GIVING

Scan the QR Code or visit our website: broadwayumc.org



Baptism of the Lord Sunday

We are a Reconciling Congregation

*All rise in Spirit and stand if you are able
TFWS = Black Hymnal / UMH = Red Hymnal / AAHH = Tan Hymnal

PRELUDE “Rhapsody I Op. 7” by Camille Saint-Saens,
Ministered by Wolff von Roos

GREETING

READING OF THE COVER POEM

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY’S THEME

ACOLYTES & CANDLE LIGHTING

“God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale” UMH #122

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come! Let us follow Jesus to the edge of the Jordan River to be baptized.

ALL: We come to be cleansed and made whole.

One: Come! Let us witness John’s confusion and Jesus’ insistence that John baptize God Incarnate.

ALL: We come to join Jesus in choosing life in the kingdom of God.

One: Come! Let us hear God declare the truth of Jesus’ identity and the truth of our identity as baptized people.

ALL: We come to remember and embody who we are as beloved children of God.

One: Come! Let us worship God who leads us into the baptismal waters and salvation life.

ALL: We come to worship God who empowers us through divine presence to live together as the family of God.

+ *Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries*

***PRAISE HYMN** “Standing on the Promises” UMH #374

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

+ *Children are invited to come forward for the Children’s Sermon.* +

FIRST TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 42:1-9 NRSVUE

RESPONSE

Liturgist: Holy Words. Holy Wisdom.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

***DOXOLOGY** (Tune is UMH #95)

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

***GOSPEL READING** Matthew 3:13-17 NRSVUE

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."

***RESPONSE**

Holy Wisdom.

Liturgist: Holy Words.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Fairest Lord Jesus" by Lloyd Larson, Ministered by the BUMC Bell Choir
"Water Variations", Ministered by BUMC Worship & Arts Friends

SERMON "Righteous Fulfillment: Living the 'Yes' of Baptism"

Rev. Dr. Shonda Nicole Gladden

SONG OF RESPONSE "Order My Steps" AAHH #333

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CONGREGATIONAL REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

+ *At the conclusion of our liturgy all who have been baptized will be invited to come down the center aisle and touch the water to remember your baptism and be thankful. If you have not yet been baptized, we would be happy to schedule a time to discuss baptism with you after the service.*

*AFFIRMING OUR MISSION

Leader: Let us now affirm our mission:

ALL: As followers of Jesus Christ, responding to God's love, our mission as the people of Broadway Church is to be a multicultural, Christian community that in its ministry seeks, welcomes, and values ALL people.

*CLOSING HYMN

"When Jesus Came to Jordan"

UMH #252

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on "We Shall Overcome" by Carl Haywood
Wolff von Roos

+ *Please be seated and enjoy the Postlude before departing.*

***All rise in Spirit and stand if you are able.**

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ALTAR FLOWERS

In loving memory of Homer, Ruby Jane, and Amy Dillahunt given by Elaine Dillahunt and Karen Doe.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Would you like to give **Altar Flowers** this year?
Please contact Joanne Solomon at jsjgsolo@aol.com.

Mark your calendars!

Broadway's Day Camp will be June 8 to June 12.

UPCOMING EVENTS

COFFEE WITH PASTOR AARON

Tuesday, January 13th | 1:00pm - 2:00pm | Command Coffee

BROADWAY LADIES' LUNCH

Tuesday, January 13th | 11:00am | Good Morning Mama's

BROADWAY STAFF MEETING

Thursday, January 15th | 10:00am | Conference Room

SUNDAY BOOK STUDY

Four Sundays, Beginning Jan 18th 11:00am - 12:30pm

Light refreshments provided.

Come connect, grow, and have meaningful conversation as we explore *A Faith of Your Own: Naming What You Really Believe*.

Thanks to Sierra Simmons for hosting this teaching!

PRAYER LIST

- Condolences to James Solomon Benn on the passing of his mother.
- Prayers for the family of Renee Nicole Good and the people of Minneapolis.
- Prayers for Claire Bozzano, Mama Dee Aguilar, Noah Weaver, Michelle Palmer, David Garza, Riley Smelman, Andrea Clough, Phyllis Newton, Alice Langford, Cindy Wood, Janice Holley, Lisa Hopper, Judy Miller, Kimberly Gibson, Marshall Brown, Emma McKinney, Diane & Harold Metheny, Mike Priest, Caretta Alte, & Richard Webb.
- Prayers for our local, state, and national leaders.
- Prayers for the people of Gaza, Ukraine, South Sudan, Washington D.C., Chicago, Los Angeles, Portland, and Charlotte.
- Prayers for the courage and strength to stand up for peace and justice, and act with compassion and love.