

# *Celebration of Worship*

## *Baptism of the Lord*

January 11, 2026

9:30 A.M.

*We are followers of Jesus Christ, living and sharing  
the love of God through faith and action, welcoming all.*

### **Prelude**

### **Words of Welcome, Announcements, and A Minute for Mission**

### **Reflection**

The Creator came into this world the same as we all do...vulnerable and dependent. He lived life as we do...with all its joys and challenges. And he loves us as we should love each other...without regard to situation or circumstance. Christmas is too big to be confined to a single day. In this season of new life, let us remember that God alone is worthy of being worshiped.

### **Ringling of the Bell**

### **Gathering Song**

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.  
I can feel God's mighty power and His grace.  
I can hear the brush of angel's wings; I see glory on each face.  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

### **Call to Worship**

based on Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. God made us, and we are God's people.

**People: Enter God's house with thanksgiving and praise.**

Leader: Thank God and bless God's holy name.

**People: The Lord is good. God's love is steadfast and endures forever.**

Leader: God's faithfulness knows no boundary and no end.

**All: Praise the Lord! Let us worship with our whole hearts.**

### **Hymn**

*Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice*

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### **Invocation**

**All: Renewer of life, we celebrate new life throughout the Christian year – at Advent, at Easter, at baptism. As the calendar moves forward, we again ask for new beginnings for ourselves and the world. Bless all that has gone behind us, and all that will go before us – that we might be a blessing in your plan for the future. May our true resolution be that of more faithful prayer, quieter listening, and a desire to do your will. Lift our hearts in**

**hope and expectation as we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

### **Call to Confession**

Leader: God of light, you bring hope into the world and joy into our lives. Yet darkness hovers in many corners of our hearts and minds. Anger and violence overpower us and block the light for others to see. Despair casts shadows of doubt upon our hopes. Our prejudices keep us from seeing your light in others. In these moments of silent reflection, let us admit to God that which He already knows.

### **Moment of Silent Reflection**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**All: God of grace, we start each new year and each new day with the promise to follow ever more faithfully in the footsteps of your Son. From the birth of love in Bethlehem, we journey to Jordan and stand on the banks of the river. Let the coolness of the water refresh us. Let it restore us and wash away thoughts that soil our lives. Let us allow ourselves to be renewed with the water of life that is given in Jesus. As we stand on the banks of the river, O God, give us the strength to release into the swirling waters those things that separate us from you. And in these moments, may we hear the voice of the Eternal God echo in the quiet, calm corners of our hearts, "This is my beloved Son; this is my beloved Daughter; this is my beloved Child...with thee I am well pleased." Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. With this knowledge, know that in our baptism we are all bound to Jesus and through him our sins are forgiven.

**All: In Jesus, our sins are truly forgiven. Glory be to the everlasting God. 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.

### **Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace that Christ offers knows no bounds and never expires. Let us now share that Peace with each other, Sister, Brother, Friend and Stranger alike. The peace of the Lord be with you!!

**People: And also with you!!**

## Children's Message

### Prayer of Illumination

**All:** As the scriptures are read and the Word proclaimed, we ask you, Lord, to open our hearts and souls to your message for us today so that your Truth will fill the empty spaces of our lives. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading**      *Isaiah 42:1-9*

**Anthem**      *"Live Your Love"*

Stacy Nordmeyer  
Joseph M. Martin

Chancel Choir

Live your love, give your grace, let every breath be an offering of praise.

Pass your peace, share your song, trust in the Lord all your days.

Bless as God has blessed you, share and serve in faith.

Let God's Spirit guide you, He will show the way.

Live your love, give your grace, let every breath be an offering of praise.

Pass your peace, share your song, trust in the Lord all your days. Amen.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading**      *Matthew 3:13-17*

**Message**      *"Baptism of the Lord: The Force Awakens"*

Pastor Carl DelleFave

**Hymn**      *In Christ There is No East or West*      # 439

### Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer** (Debts/debtors)

### A Time of Remembrance

*Reading of names and tolling of the bell.*

### Invitation to the Offering

Please place your offering in the plates at the exit doors, mail your gifts to the church, or click the WPC website "Give" button. Thank you!

**Sung Response**      *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.

### Prayer of Dedication

**All:** Bountiful God, we come with our offerings in response to your amazing love. Empowered by our new life in Christ, we give ourselves in service to others. Receive the work we do, and the gifts we bring, that they may be a blessing in your sight and to all that they touch. Amen.

### Communion of the People

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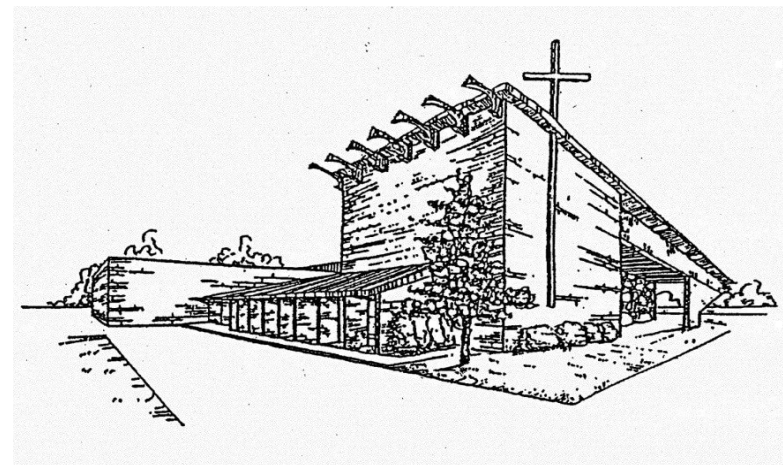
**Hymn**      *Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters*

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### Charge and Benediction

### Postlude

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living and sharing the love of God  
through faith and action,  
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## Service of Holy Communion

### Invitation

Leader: This table is for all of us, near and far, high and low, east and west and north and south. This table is for all of us, but it is not our table. It's not an American table. It's not a Presbyterian table. It's God's table, for all of us, and it's a table of grace. So come and take your place at the table. You are welcome, you are invited, you are called to come and share this meal together.

### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. Even when we were dust, when our story begins in dust, you were there, your word was there, your breath into the lifeless void. And upon your word, all creation sprang into life.

When we were in the wilderness, terrified, timid, you were there, your word was there, with manna just enough for today, with water even from the driest rock, with the abundant grace upon which our story always rests.

And when we fell short, slaves to power and greed, you were there, your word was there, on the lips of prophets, and in the hearts of servants, in stories of revolution and revelation and liberation, calling us even now to acts of courage and witness and peace. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Indeed, blessed are you, O Christ, our Lord, for living among us, vulnerable and rejected; for teaching among us the radical hope of God; teaching grace to a world bent on vengeance, teaching love to a world bent on destruction, teaching peace to a world bent on tearing itself apart.

You were there, your word was there, even to the point of death itself. Even faced with terror and hatred and the brokenness of the world, you rose again, to new life, to new creation, to

resurrection, that we might know something other than the dust, that we might expect something other than the end, that we might work for something other than ourselves.

And so you speak to us again, with these abundant gifts of bread and vine, with which we joyfully celebrate your dying and rising, as we await the table of the Kingdom yet to come, and as we dedicate ourselves again to you, thankful, and transformed, as living and holy sacrifices, that our lives may proclaim the one crucified and risen.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Leader: Gracious God pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these your gifts of bread and vine, that the bread we break together, and the cup we share together, may retell our common stories together and reshape our common bonds together, so we remember our common grace together, in the communion of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ, the one in whose life and death you have torn down our divisions. And so may we be one with all who share this feast, on this day, and all the days to come, with all your children at every corner of your table. May we share this abundant cup with all those who thirst for your justice. May we share this abundant bread with all those who hunger for your righteousness. May we be united with every part of your story, united in hope, united in vision, united in purpose, united in ministry in every place.

As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us from this table to be the body of Christ in all the world. Send us with a spirit of courage, a spirit of power and love, that we may be witnesses in all creation to the unending story of your word breathing life into the dust. Keep us faithful, and fruitful, and hopeful, and peaceful, until we come at last to the one table of your Kingdom, to feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm, with you and with your Word, through Christ and in Christ, the one who came for us, died for us, and rose for us.

### Sharing The Meal

#### Prayer after Communion

**All: Gracious God, we offer our thanks, for the whole communion of saints' witness to this feast, and for the ministry of churches around the world who gather with us today. By this broken bread may we each be restored for the work yet to come. By this shared cup, may we each be claimed for the proclamation of your Kingdom. At this shared table, may we be united as children of your promise, children of your word, dying and made new again, sent boldly together into the world as servants of your peace. Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. WELCOME to Webster Presbyterian Church! We are pleased that you are worshipping with us, whether in person or by live-streaming. You can live-stream at 9:30 or later at your leisure using:  
**Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/Websterpres/> or  
**YouTube** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UczM5thYxua2HQSPF6P71wA>
2. THE BLANKET SUNDAY SPECIAL OFFERING begins today and will run through Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. Special envelopes are in the chair racks. Our donations enable Church World Service to provide warm blankets to very needy children and adults in the USA and in many other countries. Please give as generously as possible!
3. 2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES are on the table outside the church office. If you do not see a box with your name on it and would like one, contact the church office, and one will be provided.
4. ADULT ED. meets in Room 9/10 following today's worship service to revisit Debi Thomas' book, *Into the Mess*. Join the discussion on "The Woman at the Well," "Only One Thing," and "The Widowed Prophet." Please join us even if you haven't read the book!
5. THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION is planned for Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the worship service. Everyone is encouraged to attend to hear information on the church finances and committee reports from Mission, Trustees, and Deacons.

### Lectionary Passages

	January 11 <sup>th</sup>	January 18 <sup>th</sup>
Old Testament	<i>Isaiah 42:1-9</i>	<i>Isaiah 49:1-7</i>
Psalms	<i>Psalms 29</i>	<i>Psalms 40:1-11</i>
New Testament	<i>Acts 10:34-43</i>	<i>I Corinthians 1:1-9</i>
Gospel	<i>Matthew 3:13-17</i>	<i>John 1:29-42</i>

### Memory Verse

*I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.*

*Isaiah 43:19*

## This Week's Calendar

### Sunday, January 11

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-Streamed
- 9:45 A.M. SHINE Program for Children in PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade in Room 3  
Youth Program for Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> in the Youth Room
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. – Book Discussion: *Into the Mess* by Debi Thomas

### Monday, January 12

- 6:30 P.M. Boy Scout Awards
- 7:00 P.M. Session Meeting in Room 9/10

### Tuesday, January 13

- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 1:00 P.M. Garden Club in the Memorial Room
- 4:30 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 220 in the Memorial Room
- 5:00 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10
- 6:00 P.M. Girl Scout Service in the Social Room
- 7:00 P.M. Trustee Meeting in Room 9/10

### Wednesday, January 14

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast/Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant
- 12:00 P.M. Naomi Circle in the Memorial Room
- 5:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 715 in the Memorial Room
- 5:30 P.M. Nar-Anon in Room 9/10
- 7:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social and Basement Rooms

### Thursday, January 15

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 9:00 A.M. Glory Bells' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 3:00 P.M. Book Club in Room 1
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 6:45 P.M. Boy Scout Committee in the Memorial Room
- 6:30 P.M. Deacon Meeting in Room 9/10

### Friday, January 16

- 9:00 A.M. Flying Club in the Social Room
- 10:00 A.M. Heart and Hand in Room 4
- 10:30 A.M. Books, Friends & Faith Meeting on Zoom
- 5:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 510 in the Memorial Room

### Saturday, January 17

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom  
ROC Ringers' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary