



Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

January 11, 2026
Baptism of the Lord Sunday

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9:00 a.m.
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Chiming of the Hour

We gather in community this morning to worship God.
To help center our focus in worship, please silence all electronic devices.

Welcome to Worshipers

Georgia McKee

Centering Silence

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One: We breathe in the breath of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Call to Worship

Georgia McKee

One: God of peace and love, bring to us a new awareness

All: Of your kingdom at work in the world.

One: Grant that we may see and understand

All: The small and unassuming things,

One: Which take patience and attention to notice:

All: A seed,

One: Yeast in bread,

All: Treasure buried in a field,

One: A net cast into water,

All: A baby lying in a manger.

One: We acknowledge that we mostly miss the signs when they are not flashy or earth-shaking,

All: But that your kingdom is all around us.

One: We acknowledge that Christ came to exhibit neither wealth nor political power,

All: But self-sacrificing love, which the world had never seen and mostly overlooks.

One: We acknowledge that the progress of the good work we do may be imperceptible to us,

All: And that our success is in our obedience to you.

One: We welcome your kingdom, in the world and in our hearts.

All: We seek your kingdom, certain that we will find it.

One: We anticipate your kingdom,

All: Working toward peace,

One: Providing for the poor,

All: Healing the sick,

One: Loving our enemies.

All: We trust in your love to provide for us in our seeking.

One: Whether your spirit comes to us as a wind or a whisper,

All: May we know your presence and be useful to your kingdom work. Amen.

+Congregational Song

Breathe on Me, Breath of God
No. 235

TRENTHAM

Scripture Reading — Matthew 3:13–17

Jordann McMahan

At that time Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan River so that John would baptize him. John tried to stop him and said, “I need to be baptized by you, yet you come to me?” Jesus answered, “Allow me to be baptized now. This is necessary to fulfill all righteousness.” So John agreed to baptize Jesus. When Jesus was baptized, he immediately came up out of the water. Heaven was opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and resting on him. A voice from heaven said, “This is my Son whom I dearly love; I find happiness in him.”

For the Word of God in Scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
And for the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God!

Message

Jordann McMahan

Prayer Practice — Lectio Divina

Amanda Hines

Music for Meditation

Send Me
Ariel Merivil

Jenn Johnson/Chris Quilala

Sending

Jordann McMahan

One: God our maker,
We honor the sacred multitude that resides in you.

**All: May the guardian in you protect us.
May the child in you delight in us.**

One: May the friend in you challenge us.
May your ashes resurrect us.

**All: May your sky shelter us.
May the mystery of you liberate us.**

One: Provide abundance and healing in all forms to those who need it today.
And deliver us from shame, hatred, and the chains that bind us.

**All: For you have made us, and we are still being made.
Amen.**



We're glad you're here.

If you're a guest today and would like to let us know, scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to access our online response card. You can also scan the code to make a financial contribution or submit a prayer request. Response cards and offering envelopes are available in the pews and can be given to any minister after the service.

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