





Sunday Worship Service  
January 11, 2026

The Chiming of the Hour

The Prelude: arr by Mary McDonald  
“Like A River Glorious”

Welcome, Announcements and Invocation  
The Reverend Dr. Michael Shearon

Call To Worship “Jesus, Name Above All Names”  
by Naida Hearn

† The Greeting Tony Ganz & Congregation  
You who created the heavens and stretched them out  
above us, You who spread out the earth beneath our  
feet and summoned sprouts and shoots,  
Breathe life in to us, God Who Creates!  
You who come to the river, You who sought the Baptizer  
and the Jordan waters,  
Welcome us to the waters of life, Jesus the Christ!  
You who soared through the heavens, You who hovered  
and rested upon Jesus,  
Alight upon us today, Spirit of God, Heaven’s Dove.

† The Hymn of Praise UMH 514  
“Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus”

† The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles Creed  
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and  
earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was  
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered  
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third  
day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and  
sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence  
he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the  
Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life  
everlasting. Amen.

† The 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.

Children’s Sermon

Pastoral & Congregational Prayer Rev. Dr. Shearon

The Lord’s Prayer UMH 895

†The Hymn of Preparation TFWS 2130  
“The Summons”

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music arr by John Purifoy  
“Wade In The Water”

†The Presentation and Doxology  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him, all creatures here below;  
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Special Music Jennetta Lowery  
“Trust His Heart” by Babbie Mason

† The Scripture Reading Ephesians 6:13-18

The Sermon “The Full Armor of God”

†The Closing Hymn UMH 513  
“Soldiers of Christ, Arise”

Anyone wishing to join this church may come forward during  
the closing hymn.

†The Pastoral Benediction

†The Postlude “Down To The River to Pray”  
arr by Mark Hayes

Prayer team members are available after the service.  
They will be wearing white shawls.

† - Stand as you are able

Ephesians 6:13-18

<sup>13</sup> Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when  
the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your  
ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

<sup>14</sup> Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around  
your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in  
place,

<sup>15</sup> and with your feet fitted with the readiness that  
comes from the gospel of peace.

<sup>16</sup> In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with  
which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the  
evil one.

<sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the  
Spirit, which is the word of God.

<sup>18</sup> And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of  
prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and al-  
ways keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.



The word of God for the people of God.  
Thanks be to God!

You Are Welcome Here

You enter this church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God.  
He is your Heavenly Father. Come then, with joy in your heart  
and thanks on your lips, into His presence, offering Him your  
love and service. Be grateful to the men and women who, in the  
name of Jesus Christ, built this historic place of worship and to  
all who have beautified it and hallowed it with prayer and  
praise. Beseech His blessings on those who love this house of  
faith as the inspiration of their labor, rejoicing in the power of  
the Holy Spirit, and may that blessing rest upon your going out  
and your coming in.