

Owatonna United Methodist Church
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Weekly Prayer List

Doris Harriman;
Rex & Julie Harriman;
Bradley Hartle;
Doug & Carol Harvey;
Derek Harvey;
Logan Harvey

Happy Birthday this week

Kathryn Krause;
Jena Ambe;
Sydney Turner



If you have any pastoral care needs (in the hospital, illness, home care, etc.) or know of someone who does, please inform the church office ~ 451-4734. (The hospital does not call the church).

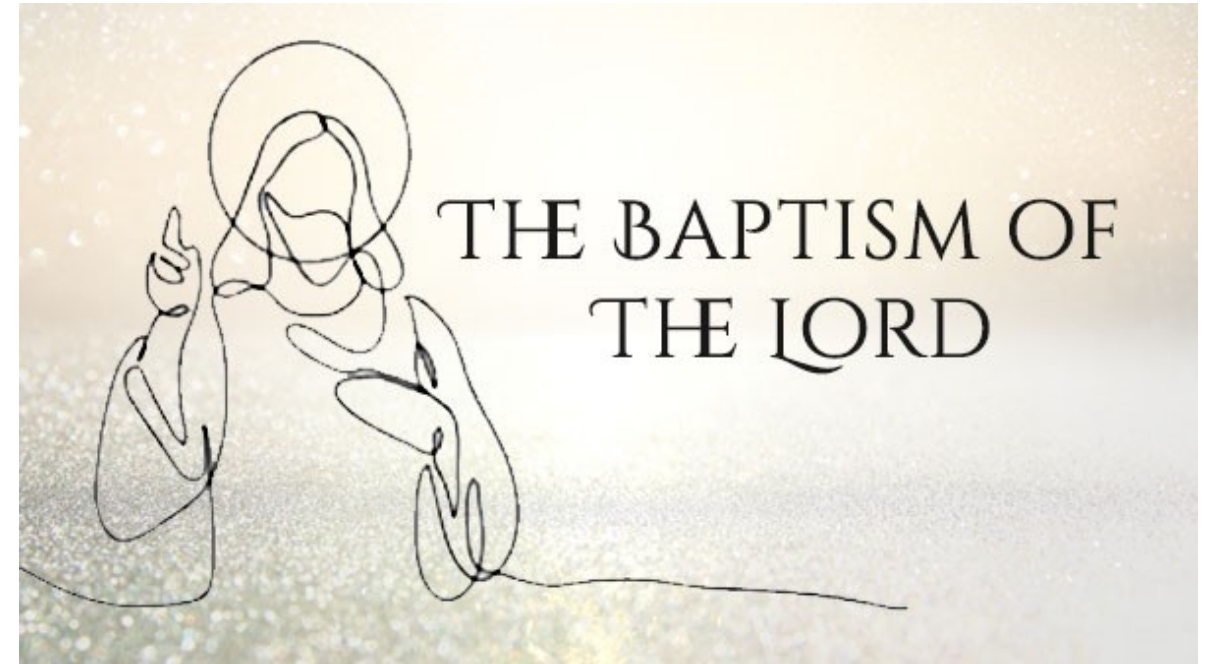
To watch from home, “Like” our Facebook page, and watch the service live at 9:00 a.m. on **Facebook Live**.

Also available 24-7 on www.owatonnalive.com
and click on the picture of United Methodist Church.

Welcome to all visitors. When you are signing your name and address on the registration pad, **please** include your phone number ~ especially if you are new to our community.

January 12th, 2025

~Baptism of the Lord~



Owatonna United Methodist Church

We are called to . . .

Gather in Christ's Name,

Grow in God's Love,

Serve All People.

The Order of Worship

Baptism of the Lord, January 12th, 2025-9:00a.m.

- Prelude *Shall We Gather at the River* arr. Dale Wood
- † Welcome and Announcements
- Centering Words
- * Centering Hymn *Spirit Song* Red #347
- Call to Worship:
- L: When we pass through the cleansing waters of baptism and the troubled waters of our lives, God declares:
P: I will be with you.
- L: When we go through the fires that refine us and the fires that threaten our livelihoods, God declares:
P: I will be with you.
- L: Even when we travel to the far corners of the earth or down into the depths of our souls, God declares:
P: I will be with you.
- L: So come, let us worship God whose love never fails, whose presence never leaves, whose mercies never end.
ALL: Praise be to God, who in the form of Jesus waded into the waters of baptism to prove God's solidarity with us! Amen.
- Opening Prayer:
- Eternal Father, at the baptism of Jesus, you revealed him as your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Surround us with your love, pour your renewing grace upon us, and keep us faithful to our calling, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**
- Passing the Peace
- * Hymn of Praise *Down By the Jordan* Screen

* Please stand as you are able.

† Welcome to all visitors. Everyone please sign and pass the attendance register, and please join us for a social time after the service.
Large print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

Prayer of Confession:

Creator of the universe, we stand in awe of your power and glory, eager to offer our worship and praise. Yet, when you call our name, we hesitate, uncertain and afraid. We lift our voices in songs of devotion, but we resist stepping into the waters, fearing the refining fire of your Holy Spirit. Forgive us, O God, when we fail to trust your promise to walk with us always. Renew our hearts with the assurance of your abiding love, and embolden us to proclaim your justice and grace to the world. Amen.

~All pray in silence~

Words of Assurance

Chancel Choir Anthem *Down to the River to Pray* arr. Sheldon Curry

Children's Message

Old Testament Isaiah 43:1-7

* Hymn of Response *It Is Well with My Soul* Red #377

Gospel Reading Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

L: For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us:

P: Thanks be to God, Amen!

Message "I Will Be with You" Pastor Lisa Vick

* Hymn of Response *Spirit of God* Black #2117

Joys and Concerns

Pastor's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer Screen

Offering

* Doxology *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* Red #95

Offering Prayer

* Closing Hymn *Shall We Gather at the River* Red #723

Benediction

Postlude *Break Forth Into Joy* Johann S. Bach