

**St. John’s United Church of Christ**

201 West Market Street   Germantown, OH 45327

**January 18th, 2026, 10:30AM**

**Baptism of the Lord**

*Liturgist: Elaine Pottenger   Organist: Amanda Fenton   Pastor: Mark Anthony*

**Announcements**

**Lighting of the Candles**

**Welcome**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Prelude**

**\* Renewal of Baptismal Promises**

Leader: Do you reject all the forces that destroy, diminish, and bring oppression to our world?

**Many: We do.**

Leader: Do you reject the glamour and allure of evil, domination, and sin?

**Many: We do.**

Leader: Do you affirm the saving power of mercy, forgiveness, compassion, generosity, and love in our world?

**Many: We do.**

Leader: Do you commit to be a voice and presence for good in your words and actions?

**Many: We do.**

Leader: Do you trust in God, our Father and Mother, the Source of all that is?

**Many: We do.**

Leader: Do you trust in Jesus the Christ, the Child of Heaven and Earth, who is our Way, Truth, and Life?

**Many: We do.**

Leader: Do you trust in the Holy Spirit, the Life Breath of God and the Sustainer of our spirits?

**Many: We do.**

**All: This is our Faith. This is our Hope. Thanks be to God.**

**\*Hymn**

*Shall We Gather At The River*

**R701  
Verses 1,3&4**

**Musical Offering**

*Be Bold Be Strong*

**Youth Choir**

**Children’s Moment**

**Scripture**

**Acts 8: 26-31; 35-39  
Matthew 3: 13-17**

**Message**

**Freed By The Waters**

**Mark Anthony**

**\*Hymn**

*We Call Ourselves Disciples*

**R357  
Verses 1&3**

**\*The Offering**

**\*Doxology**

**All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below, Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Pastoral Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer**

**\*Closing Hymn**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

**R464  
Verses 1&3**

**\*Dismissal with Blessing**

**Postlude**

*\*All join us in standing as able*

### **Calendar of Events:**

Tuesday (01/20)	12-2PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room
Thursday (01/22)	12-2PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room

### **Staff:**

Pastor: Rev. Mark Anthony (937) 657-5347  
Pastormanthony45327@gmail.com

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Emeritus: Rev. Mark L. Williams (937) 696-7412

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### **Worship Team:**

**Liturgist:** Elaine Pottenger

**Special Music Group:** Youth Choir

**Tech:** Kendall Peters, Rich Miletic,  
Grace Gregor, Tom Weaver



*St. John's United Church of Christ is an  
inclusive congregation where God's love  
is felt by all, for all, and in all we do  
through worship, mission and community.*

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