

# St. John's United Church of Christ

201 West Market Street Germantown, OH 45327

January 18th, 2026, 10:30AM

Baptism of the Lord

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

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## 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
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## Worship Team:

**Liturgist:** Elaine Pottenger

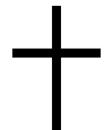
**Special Music Group:** Youth Choir

**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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