

### **Prayer Concerns**

First Responders	Josh O.
Victims of natural disasters	Ron W.
Those suffering from mental illness	Barbara B. Nancy D.
Those affected by gun violence	Lois D.
Those who are homeless	Bill, Sarah J.'s brother
Those experiencing addiction	Justin, lifted by Vann P.
Nancy K.	Ray S.
Karen, sister of Jeff R.	Keith A.
David, lifted by Mary Ellen M.	Sally S.
Jane P.	Judy F.
Bob, lifted by Claudia & Paul T.	Selene, lifted by Carole A.
Terry, lifted by Claudia & Paul T.	Steve, lifted by Mary Ellen M.
Judy, lifted by Brenda F.	Matthew F., USAF
Deb, friend of Claudia & Paul T.	Lt. Col. Bill G., USMC
Kathy, lifted by Claudia & Paul T.	Christopher Y., USAF
Carole B.	

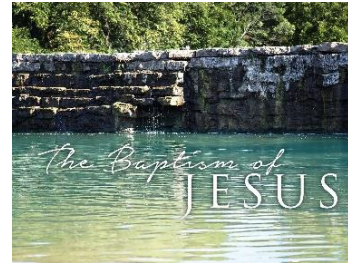
### **This Week's Birthdays**

January 9    Kim Delfing                      January 13    Leighton Maculewicz

### **Today's Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm  
Organist: Marlene Dirksen  
Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez  
Pianist: Javier Gonzalez  
Liturgist: Michelle Wolter  
Greeters: Charlene and John Vas  
Ushers: Sarah Jackson, Sydney Scothon, Greg Lavelle  
Audio Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter

## **North Olmsted United Methodist Church**



Feeding the Community –  
Body, Mind, and Spirit  
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Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm, Pastor

**Baptism of the Lord** January 8, 2023 + 10:30 am

### **Welcome and Greeting**

L: The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!  
P: **And also with you!**

### **Celebration of Ministries and Missions**

**Prelude**                                      *Be Thou My Vision*                                      arr. Dale Wood

### **\*Call to Worship**

Michelle Wolter

L: Welcome to worship this day!  
P: **We have come seeking God's blessings and love.**  
L: They shall be given to you.  
P: **We have come seeking forgiveness and healing.**  
L: These will be offered to you.  
Open your hearts to receive God's Good News.  
P: **We open our hearts to all of God's words and ways for us.**  
**Amen.**

**\*New Testament Reading** Acts 10:34-43

**\*Unison Prayer**

Living God, when the Spirit descended on Jesus at his baptism in Jordan's water you revealed him as your own beloved Son. You anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior now and for ever. Amen.

**\*Hymn**                      *Fairest Lord Jesus*                      UMH 189

**Prayers of the People**

**Prayer Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

Sometimes we can be stubborn, O Lord. We are living into a season in which your Light has been given to the world, your blessings have been poured out on the world, and yet sometimes all we think about is our own problems, needs, and desires. Help us to desire you, Lord. Help us to yearn for your presence. Pour your baptismal waters over us again, cleansing us from our self-pity and arrogance. Nourish and heal us so that we may joyfully serve you. Wash away our jealousy, greed, and all negative thoughts and behaviors that stand in the way of our truly being the people you have called us to be. Again let us receive the blessings offered in creation, in the birth and baptism of Jesus, and in the ministry of the saints of light. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Words of Assurance**

The love of God is always offered to us, freely, joyfully, for all eternity. Rejoice, dear friends, this is the Good News of our Lord.

**The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us

this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Invitation for the Offering**

**Offertory**                      *Air*                      Henry Purcell

**\*Doxology**                      UMH 94

**Prayer for the Offering**

**Gospel Reading**                      Matthew 3:13-17

**Hymn**                      *When Jesus Came to Jordan*                      UMH 252

**Sermon**                      "Loved by God"                      Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm

**Anthem**                      *Walking on High Places*                      Howard Helvey

**Holy Communion**

*The Great Thanksgiving for Baptism of the Lord and Reaffirmation of Baptism*

**\*Hymn**                      *Spirit of God*                      TFWS 2117  
(vv. 1-3, 5)

**\*Responsive Benediction**

L: Go forth joyfully. God is with you.

P: Bring peace and hope to all you meet.

And may God's eternal love shine through you always. Amen.

**Postlude**                      *All Hail the Power*                      Edward Broughton

*Please be seated for the postlude.*