



January 11, 2026
Baptism of Christ

We Gather Together

Prelude Sherry Steele

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Valerie Oden

Introit Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New MV 115

Call to Worship Jacqueline Hunt, Lay Leader

One: We come to the edge of familiar waters, standing between what has been and what is becoming.

All: We come with open hearts, ready for grace we cannot earn, ready to be made new.

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Source of life, we gather today carrying both hope and hesitation, standing at the thresholds of our lives and at the thresholds of the world.

As the waters of baptism mark new beginnings, may we sense your grace anew. May we trust that we are beloved, and move forward with courage and faith. Amen.

*Opening Hymn Come, Let Us Sing VU 222

Children's Time Alec Gallant

Children are invited forward for a special time.

*Children's Hymn Dance with the Spirit MV 156

After this hymn, children and youth (K-12) are invited downstairs. There is a Family Room behind the piano for wee ones where the service can be seen and heard and a volunteer will assist you.

We Listen for the Spirit Stirring

Scriptures Psalm 29 VU 756
Matthew 3: 13-17

Anthem

Reflection Sacred Thresholds: Baptism Rev. V. Oden

*Hymn of Response When Jesus Comes to Be Baptized VU 100
vss. 1, 2, 4 5

Offering our Gifts

Offering plates can be found in the narthex. Electronic gifts are welcome by e-transfer to contactus@riverbendunited.org or on the church website. We give in gratitude for God's grace and in hope that peace may spread to all.

We Share in Prayer and Remember our Baptism

Sharing our Prayers of Joy and Concern

Prayer Hymn As the Deer (Verse 1) VU 766

Remembering our Baptism

One: God of living waters, we are here before you standing in a threshold.

All: It's a threshold of faith, a threshold in our lives, a threshold in this world.

One: We are grateful for your creative Spirit that guides us and for your presence that never leaves us.

All: Today, as we honour the baptism of Christ, we also remember our own baptism, leaning into your holy waters for courage in the threshold.

*Affirming our Faith A New Creed VU 918

*Hymn Like a Healing Stream MV 144

As we sing this hymn, if you wish to acknowledge your baptism, feel free to come forward to receive a blessing of water; if you haven't been baptized and wish to be, let Valerie know when you come forward.

We Go Forth to Serve

*Benediction

*Musical Response *Wash O God, Your Sons and Daughters* VU 442
Verse 3 only

Postlude Sherry Steele

**denotes you are invited to stand as you are able and inclined*

“VU” refers to the red hardback hymnal *Voices United*

“MV” refers to the spiral bound songbook *More Voices*

Welcome to Riverbend United Church. If you are new to us, we'd love to meet you. Feel free to introduce yourself to your neighbour in the pew, and/or fill out a Welcome Card in the narthex (foyer).

Reminder: Each Sunday in January, Graham Gainie is leading a class at 9:30 a.m. on Contemplative Christian Practices (Mediation, Centering Prayer, etc. All are welcome!

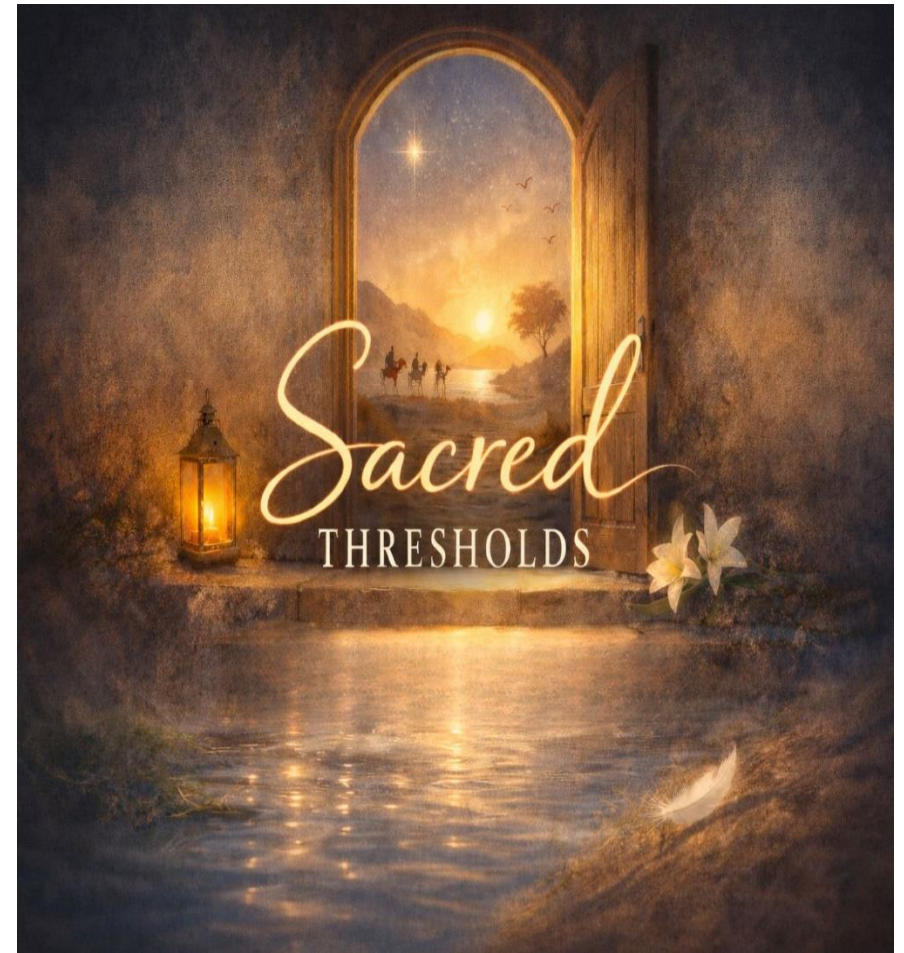
Our Mission

We, the people of Riverbend United Church, recognize the dignity, value, and beauty of each and every individual as a beloved child of God.

We seek to grow spiritually, deepening our connections to God and to each other through worship, discussion, reflection, and service.

We embrace the gifts brought by all people of every age, culture, economic background, ethnicity, gender, gender expression, mental and physical ability, and sexual orientation that enrich the life of this faith community.

As followers of Christ, we celebrate the diversity brought by each person who joins us on our journey and shares in our congregational life and work, welcoming their full participation in church membership, leadership, and celebration of life events.



Riverbend United Church Baptism of Jesus

Sunday, January 11, 2026
10:30 a.m.