

Go in peace to
LOVE & SERVE
the Lord

Chester Bethel UMC

January 11, 2026 9:30 AM



Sharing in Worship Leadership this morning:

Organist: Carmella Lynch
Bell Choir Director: Pam Manocchio
Special Music: Laura Putman Crail
Greeter: Lorraine MacMillan
Usher: Bill White
Worship Leader: Polly Brown

Prayer Joys and Concerns:

H=Health; L=Loss; LT=Long Term; O=Other

David D. (H); Dom D.(H); Millie Burke (H); Enya Hoyer's family (L); Janet Canavan (H); The Donahoe family (L); Keith Saulsbury (H); Steve Schellberg (H); Brione (H); Donna (H); Joseph Glasgow (H); Bill Hazel (H); Linda Lyons (H); KFK (O); Jean Andrews (H); Andrew R.(O); Bill and Doreen Jones (H); Mary Ann Box (H); Ramona Harlow (LT); Holly Dorner (H); Donna McCormick (H); DeBrock Family (O); Allison (H); Kim Nally; Amy (H); Gail Kracyla (H); Dominic King (LT); Jill Brownback (LT); Nancy Walker (LT); MaryAnn Rumford (LT); Rick Browne (LT); all peoples impacted by war (LT)

Please add prayer requests and updates to the list in the Narthex

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- There will be a Missions Meeting today after the worship service; you are welcome to join us in the Narthex. We will vote on charities for the first six months of 2026.
- We have switched to seasonal silk flowers for the altar. You may still dedicate special Sundays to loved ones by calling or emailing the office prior to Thursday before that Sunday. Thank you to Yvonne for following through on this!

Dates To Remember

Jan. 11 - Missions mtg. after service

Jan. 14 - Admin. Council at 6 PM

Now thru Feb 8 - Souper Bowl Sunday food drive

Feb. 26 - Trustees Mtg. at 6 PM

January 11, 2026
Baptism of the Lord Sunday

9:30 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP – for Baptism of the Lord Sunday¹

Leader: Come! Let us follow Jesus to the edge of the Jordan River to be baptized.

People: **We come to be cleansed and made whole.**

Leader: Come! Let us witness John's confusion and Jesus' insistence that John baptize God Incarnate.

People: **We come to join Jesus in choosing life in the Kingdom of God.**

Leader: Come! Let us hear God declare the truth of Jesus' identity and the truth of our identity as baptized people.

People: **We come to remember and embody who we are as beloved children of God.**

Leader: Come! Let us worship God who leads us into the baptismal waters and to a life of salvation.

All: **We come to worship God who empowers us, through divine presence, to live together as the family of God.**

*OPENING HYMN – “Baptized in Water” TFWS #2248

OPENING PRAYER

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the Peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.²

SPECIAL MUSIC

¹ Adapted from original written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2025.

² The Episcopalian *Book of Common Prayer*.

PRAAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy and gracious God, may your Holy Spirit give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that, with the eyes of our hearts enlightened, we may know the hope to which Christ has called us, the riches of his glorious inheritance among us, and the greatness of his power for those who believe. Amen.³

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 2:1-12

***HYMN OF RESPONSE – “The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done”
v.1-3 UMH #306**

THANKSGIVINGS AND INTERCESSIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

You may place your cash or check offering into the plates we pass around at this time or mail your tithes and offerings to the church office. Thank you for working as Christ's hands and feet in the world!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him all creatures here below! Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise Him, the source of all our gifts; praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***CLOSING HYMN – “Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”**

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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

**Standing in body or in spirit*

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³http://www.valleypresct.org/uploads/8/0/1/6/80162/prayers_for_illumination.pdf