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POWERFUL GIFTS



HOLY COMMUNION AND BAPTISM

January 11, 2026 at 9:00 AM

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Message: Power and Purpose of Baptism

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UMH – United Methodist Hymnal
*Stand in body or in spirit

Prelude

Like a River Glorious

June Shuffett

Welcome/Announcements

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

***Call to Worship**

Pastor: People of God, come to the waters.
John proclaimed a baptism of repentance,
inviting all to turn toward the One who makes all things new.

**People: We come seeking renewal,
ready to walk in God's transforming grace.**

Pastor: When Jesus was baptized, the heavens opened,
the Spirit descended like a dove,
and a voice declared, "You are my beloved."

**People: We come to remember that we, too, are God's beloved—
claimed, called, and empowered by the Holy Spirit.**

Pastor: The Risen Christ sends us out, saying,
"Go therefore and make disciples...
baptizing them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

**People: We come to be shaped for mission—
to live our baptism with courage, compassion, and joy.**

***Hymn**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

UMH 400

***Opening Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray

**People: Fount of every blessing,
You are the One who calls us by grace and gathers us in love.
As we remember the waters of baptism today,
wash over us with Your renewing Spirit.
Where we have grown weary, refresh us.
Where we have lost our way, guide us.
Where we have forgotten who we are,
speak again Your word of life.**

**Just as Jesus entered the waters and heard Your voice,
help us to hear Your voice—
steadying us, claiming us, sending us. AMEN.**

Children's Moment

Andrea Reid

Prayers of People

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

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.**

Offering

Shall We Gather By the River

Robert and June Shuffett

***Doxology**

UMH 95

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Gospel Reading

Luke 3: 3, 21-22; Matthew 28: 18-20

Bruce Bartolain

Message

Power and Purpose of Baptism

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

***Litany of Baptism Renewal**

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Sarah Chambers

Song of Remembrance

Baptized in Water

Amy McCarthy

(You are invited to come forward during the song to remember your baptism)

***Hymn**

When Jesus Came to Jordan

UMH 252

***Benediction**

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Postlude

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

June Shuffett



*Franconia United Methodist Church believes that everyone is a child of God.
We welcome all people to worship, join in membership, serve in lay leadership,
and actively participate in the life of the church.*

*We welcome and affirm all persons without regard to gender, gender identity, race,
sexual orientation, faith tradition, age, marital status, family structure,
economic background, political affiliation, physical or mental ability or life experience.*

*We commit to extend Christ's hospitality, creating a place of safety and sanctuary for all people.
We recognize there are differences among us and although we may not think or look alike,
we commit to respect and love one another as we are all the family of God.*

*We further commit ourselves to loving acts of invitation, hospitality, and community,
providing ministry to, for, and with all persons without exception,
fostering a sense of belonging where people are respected and valued as beloved children of God.*

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