

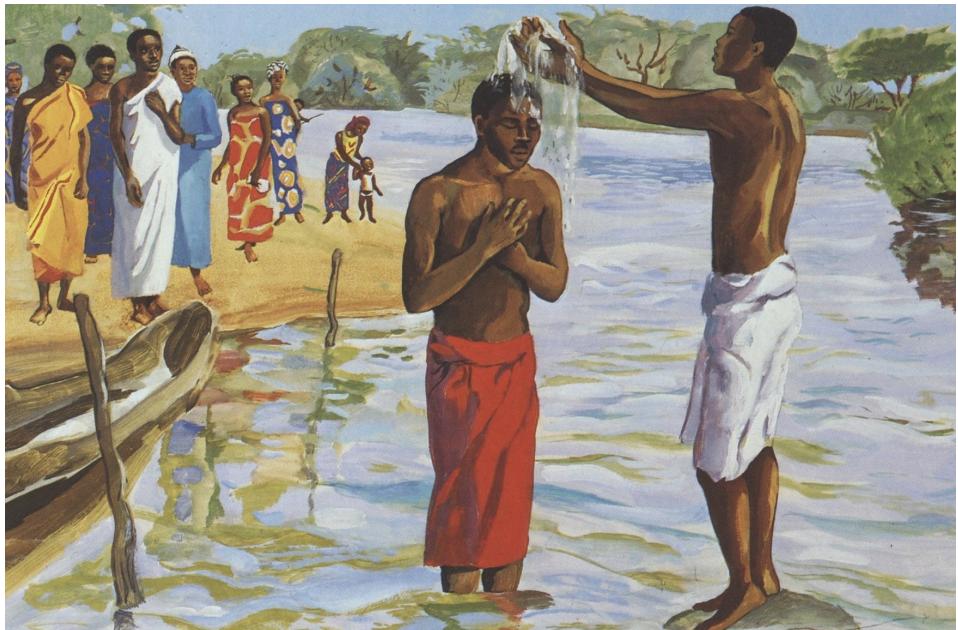
CHURCH ON THE CAPE

United Methodist Church

Baptism of the Lord, Year A

January 11, 2026

Rev. Greg Smith



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*those who are able, please stand to worship

HYMN SING

Susie Goodwin

PRELUDE

“For God is Love”

James Southbridge

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are in need of volunteers for Coffee Hour. Please see sign up sheet.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: A voice of power and majesty calls out to us:

People: “I am your God; I have called you in righteousness!”

Leader: We are amazed that God knows us and calls us.

People: By God’s breath and spirit, we receive life.

Leader: God takes us by the hand and leads us.

People: In covenant with God we shine God’s light in our world.

Leader: Eyes will be opened and the oppressed will be set free.

People: Justice and peace will prevail by God’s strength.

Leader: Worship with joy and give glory to God’s name!

People: We will watch for the new things God is doing!

Leader: Remember that we have been baptized in Christ.

People: May God be well pleased with us for we are God’s children!

*HYMN

“When Jesus Came to Jordan”

UMH #252

UNISON PRAYER

In the beginning, O Lord our God, your spirit was brooding over the waters of creation. By your Spirit, you brought life out of the waters and created all that is.

In the waters of the Jordan, O Lord our God, you revealed Jesus to be your beloved son who is the bringer of hope and life to our world.

In the waters of baptism, O Lord our God, your spirit brings the promise of life to your people, for through this water you make an eternal covenant with us.

Now, O Lord our God, in this time of worship, remind each one of us of the gift of our own baptism. Whisper in our ears that we are all your beloved children. Tell us you are pleased with us and show us how to live as disciples all our days, through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Isaiah 42:1-9

The Prophet Isaiah proclaims that God is sending a servant who will reveal God's ways to the world...

STORY TIME

SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

The apostle Paul reminds us of the strength we receive from having faith in Jesus...

CHOIR ANTHEM "Come to the Water" The COTC Choir
John B. Foley, S.J.: Jack Schrader, arr.

The story of how Jesus was baptized by John...

MESSAGE "I have taken you by the hand."'

[#COVENANT PRAYER LMMI / 2017](#)

*COVENANT PRAYER UMH #607

OFFERTORY MUSIC "Living Waters"

Michael Shea

*DOXOLOGY, hymnal #95

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN “We Would See Jesus” UMH #256**

BLESSING

POSTLUDE “The Morning Trumpet”

Gilbert M. Martin

FROM THE MISSION'S OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Gifts of Love Giving 2025

Bon Appetit	\$ 395.00
Camp Mechuwana	\$ 620.00
Caring Unlimited	\$ 410.00
Community Outreach Services	\$ 350.00
Dr. Belinda Forbes	\$1375.00
Grace Street Ministries	\$ 195.00
Habitat for Humanity	\$ 165.00
Ronald McDonald House Maine	\$ 145.00
Seeds of Hope	\$ 385.00
Total	\$ 4040.00

Don't forget your Clynk Bags! They can be found on the table on the way to Bartlett Hall.

This year's Clynk Receipts

1/31/25	\$141.90	6/30/25	\$114.65
3/31/25	\$119.55	9/30/25	\$164.00
Total 540.10			

STUDY GROUP FOR LENT

Our group will read and discuss "**An Unlikely Lent**" by Rachel Billups. This study introduces us to the overlooked characters in the Passion narrative, from Mary of Bethany to the servant girl, Barabbas, and Simon of Cyrene. Billups helps us see how these unlikely voices reveal God's surprising grace. If there is enough interest we will offer the same times we did during Advent: Tuesdays 12-1 p.m. and Thursdays 6-7 p.m. The book will cost \$12. Sign up today!

PARISH NOTES

Entering the Building

Beginning next Sunday, we will not be using the sanctuary door to enter the building. For the rest of the winter, please enter through the lobby door.

Senior Moments Returns

Senior Moments rehearsals will be at 2:00 pm on Wednesdays. The next rehearsal will begin Jan. 14, here at Church on the Cape.

Pastor Vacation

Pastor Greg is out of the office the week of January 26-30th

Newsletter Deadline

The newsletter deadline for February, is January 27, 2026. Please send your submissions to Charlie Benore at sail-chess@gmail.com

Memorial Service

A memorial service for Carolyn Broad will be held here at Church on the Cape on February 7, 2026 at 11:00 am

Storm Closing Reminder

If the church is closed due to inclement weather, please tune in to NewsCenter Maine or on the web go to

<https://www.newscentermaine.com/>

Altar Flowers

With the sanctuary being so beautiful with the poinsettias at Christmas wouldn't it be nice to have fresh flowers every week? Please consider signing up for altar flowers in celebration of, in honor of, or in memory of those you love. See the sign up sheet outside of Bartlett Hall.

Ladies' Luncheon

There will be a ladies luncheon at The Bull and Claw on Friday, January 23d at 11:30 am. Please RSVP to Pastor Sue Ellery at 978-270-7428 / susanbellery@gmail.com or Diana Smith at 802-495-6724 / 2nddsmith@gmail.com

Poinsettias

There are several poinsettias from Christmas in Bartlett Hall. You are welcome to take some home. This is the last week for pick up.

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Judy Cadieux	Patty Hutchins	Marybeth Munroe
Julie Chase	Bethany Hessel	Luverne Preble
Fran Celnar	Micki Kinney	Steve Russell
Mary Heather Cookson	Lesa Kraft Angelos	Nancy Russo
Micke Cooper	Brett LaCour	Lettie Samuel
Risha Deary	Nicholas LaCour	Eric Schoener
Beth Dudley	Charity Perry Liutai	Jane Smith
Henry & Diane Dynia	Chloe McLaughlin	Chuck Wildes
Sally Ewton	Jean Moulton	



January 1	Stedman Seavey
January 4	Rebecca Hathorne
January 5	Joan Cole
January 7	Carol Olster
January 8	Gail Browning & Vivian Murray
January 11	Linda Caroll & Ruthie Clark
January 14	Ruth Lovejoy
January 17	Susan Hathorne
January 21	John Zarrella
January 23	Jean Barraco & Guy Freeman
January 29	Armit Pak

If you would like to add someone to our birthday announcements, just let the office know.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

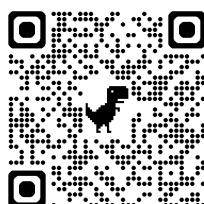
Sun., January 11	9:45 am	Hymn Sing
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
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Tue., January 13	10:30 am	Knitters
	11:30 am	Picnic Lunch
	2:00 pm	Senior Moments Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Finance Committee
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Wed., January 14	8:30 am	Evangelism Outreach Committee
	1:00 pm	Missions Outreach Committee
	7:00 pm	Trustees Committee
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Thu., January 15	9:30 am	Ministry of Caring
	12-4 pm	Greg- Out of Office (UM Clergy- Active)
	5:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
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LOOKING AHEAD

Sun., January 18	9:45 am	Hymn Sing
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
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Mon., January 19	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
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Tue., January 20	10:30 am	Knitters
	11:30 am	Picnic Lunch
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Wed., January 21	2:00 pm	Senior Moments Rehearsal
	4:30 pm	Bon Appetit
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Thu., January 22	5:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
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Fri., January 23	11:30 am	Ladies Lunch at the Bull & Claw



Everyone is welcome at Church on the Cape, UMC, without exception. What matters most to us and what unites us as a vibrant, compassionate community of faith, is the assurance that we are all beloved children of God and of sacred worth to our Creator. Come as you are and join us on our faith journeys as we seek to make followers of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



Join us from wherever you call home:

If you like what you see here, we post our worship, music, children's messages and sermons online - you can find them via our website :

www.churchonthecape.org

Church on the Cape Staff

Rev. Greg Smith	Pastor
Paul N. Stephan	Music Director
Ivan Collazo	Custodian
Jen Murray	Office Administrator
Mike Kelly	Streaming Coordinator
Jean Baracco	Head Usher
Adrien Baracco	Assistant Usher