

# THE SANCTUARY

Baptism of the Lord Sunday • January 12, 2025 • 8:45 AM & 11 AM

## GATHERING

Sellers

## CENTERING

"I Will Sing Praise"

*The congregation is encouraged to join in singing.*

**"I will sing praise, I will lift my voice. I will sing praise, I've made my choice.  
I will sing praise in all I do. I will sing praise to you."**

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## \* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

## \* GREETING

Stevens Poirer

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name.

**People: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is upon the water.

**People: The God of glory thunders, the Lord upon many waters.**

Leader: The voice of God is powerful.

**People: The voice of God is full of majesty.**

**All: Let us praise the name of the Lord!**

## \* HYMN "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" No. 400

## \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "The Apostles' Creed" No. 881

## \* GLORIA PATRI "Glory Be to the Father" No. 71

## \* WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

## CHORAL INTERLUDE

"When Jesus Came to Jordan"

"When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John, he did not come for pardon but as the sinless one. He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins, to speak the vital sentence with which good new begins. Come, Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make; this very day invade us, and every bondage break. Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most: to share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost."

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## COLLECT

**Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep us, your children who have been born of water and the Spirit, faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 43:1-3a

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## CHORAL MEDITATION

"O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word"

"O radiant Christ, incarnate Word, eternal love revealed in time: Come, make Your home within our hearts, that we may dwell in light sublime. Our bartered, busy lives burn dim, too tired to care, too numb to feel. Oh, come and shine upon our shadowed world: Your radiance bathes with power to heal. Your glory shone at Jordan's stream, the font where we were born anew. Attune Your church to know you hear; illumine all we say and do. O Light of Nations, fill the earth; our faith and hope and love renew. Come, lead the peoples to your peace, as stars once led the way, the way, once led the way to you."

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## PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

## GOSPEL LESSON Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON "Splash in the Water" Stevens Poirer

## OFFERTORY "Shall We Gather/Peace Like a River" arr. Raney

## \* DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 94

## \* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**God of redemption and new life, we focus once more this day on the greatest gift ever given – Jesus, our Savior. As he was baptized by John in the Jordan, we share in his baptism and receive the promise of sharing in Jesus' resurrection. Help us to live and give of ourselves and our resources as those who know every day what a great gift we have been given. May it move us to give our whole selves more freely! In the name of Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, we pray! Amen.**

## \* HYMN "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" No. 382

## \* BENEDICTION

## \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE AND RECESSIONAL

*Please remain in place and join in singing.*

"Lift High the Cross"

**Lift high the cross,**

**the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.**

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## \* POSTLUDE "When John Baptized by Jordan's River" RENDEZ À DIEU

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*\*Rise in body or spirit.*

# THE HARBOR

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## WELCOME

Malambri

## OPENING PRAYER

\* SONG "Your Love Never Fails"

## \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

\* SONG "God of Wonders"

## \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"The Apostles' Creed"

## CELEBRATION OF GIFTS

SONG "Lord, I Need You"

SCRIPTURE John 4:1-42

MESSAGE "Living Water" Malambri

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

\* SONG "Come Thou Fount (I Will Sing)"

## \* ANNOUNCEMENTS

## \* BENEDICTION

- Sermon Notes -

## BELIN MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*A Stephen Ministry Church*

Clergy: Will Malambri, J.T. Brown, Sandra Stevens Poirer  
Ministers: Belin Congregation Minister Emeritus: Harold Lewis

Pastoral Cabinet: Mark Ale, Mike Alexander, Keith Clarke,  
Becky Forrest, Sam Hale, Wayne Sayre, Connie Stinson

# Announcements

■ **Deepest sympathy** is extended to Sue Payne, family and friends on the death of her father, Phillip Unger (Roanoke, VA); to Leslie Lybrand, family and friends on the death of her mother, Joyce Murray Browning (Spartanburg, SC); to Susan Neal and Leigh Neal, family and friends on the death of their stepmother, Nancy Neal (Bristol, VA).

■ A new power of prayer study called **The Book of Daniel** begins this Wednesday, January 15, from 9:45 AM–11 AM for seven weeks in the Family Life Center. Contact Mary Mallick, Director of Adult Ministry, at [marym@belinumc.org](mailto:marym@belinumc.org), for more information.

■ Belin Youth's annual **Middle School Ski Trip** will be at Beech Mountain, NC, from Saturday, January 18, to Tuesday, January 21. For more information please contact Brandy Streett, Director of Youth Ministries ([brandys@belinumc.org](mailto:brandys@belinumc.org), 843.357.5177).

■ Please join for the **Centennial Celebration** next Sunday, January 19, by attending one of our four services, participating in a special blessing at the site of the 1925 sanctuary, and being part of the fellowship gathering in the Family Life Center. Tickets for the FLC event are \$10 per adult (children are free) and can be purchased at the church office, the FLC, or online. The **Centennial Team** invites our church bakers to participate by baking a cake or cookies to share as desserts during the fellowship gathering. Baked goods will be collected at the FLC on Saturday, January 18, from 12 Noon - 4 PM. Contact Geri Miller ([gerimiller@sccoast.net](mailto:gerimiller@sccoast.net)) to confirm your baked goods donation and see [belinumc.org/now](http://belinumc.org/now) for more Centennial Celebration information.

■ **United Methodist Men's** meeting will be Monday, January 27, at 6:30 PM in the Family Life Center. For more information contact Gordon Myers ([gordonmyers.belinummpresident@gmail.com](mailto:gordonmyers.belinummpresident@gmail.com); 843.344.4256).

■ Belin Memorial UMC is having an **Early Response Team** (UMCOR) training on Friday, January 31, from 8:30 AM–5 PM. This training covers the basics of early disaster response, including roof tarping, cleaning out damaged homes, spiritual and emotional care and more. Contact Sherri Henderson ([sherrih@belinumc.org](mailto:sherrih@belinumc.org)) or register on the **NOW** page under "ERT Training."

## Dates to Remember

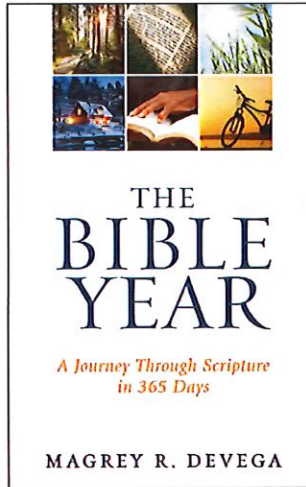
- January 12, MS 5 PM, HS 5:45 PM: Belin Youth Group (FLC)
- January 12, 4 PM: Starting Point (FLC)
- January 14, 7 AM: Youth Prayer Breakfast (Chick-fil-A)
- January 14, 6 PM: The Bible Year Zoom Discussion
- January 15, 8:30 AM: Rollie Hanna Breakfast (FLC)
- January 15, 5:30 PM: Dinner for Eight (FLC)

# In Worship Together

**Our Mission:** To make disciples of Jesus Christ.

**Our Vision:** To be a place for you to discover love, find purpose, and make a difference.

**Our Journey:** To connect, grow, and serve.



### Daily Study Guide for The Bible Year:

#### Readings for week of January 13, 2025

Monday, January 13 - John 5:1 to 6:21  
Tuesday, January 14 - John 6:22 to 7:9  
Wednesday, January 15 - John 7:10 to 8:59  
Thursday, January 16 - John 9:1 to 10:42  
Friday, January 17 - John 11:1 to 12:50  
Saturday, January 18 - John 13:1 to 14:31  
Sunday, January 19 - John 15:1 to 17:26

### Ways to grow together in The Bible Year:

- Tuesday, January 14 – ZOOM at 6 PM
- Wednesday, January 15 - Dinner for Eight at 5:30 PM (register on "NOW" button at [belinumc.org](http://belinumc.org))



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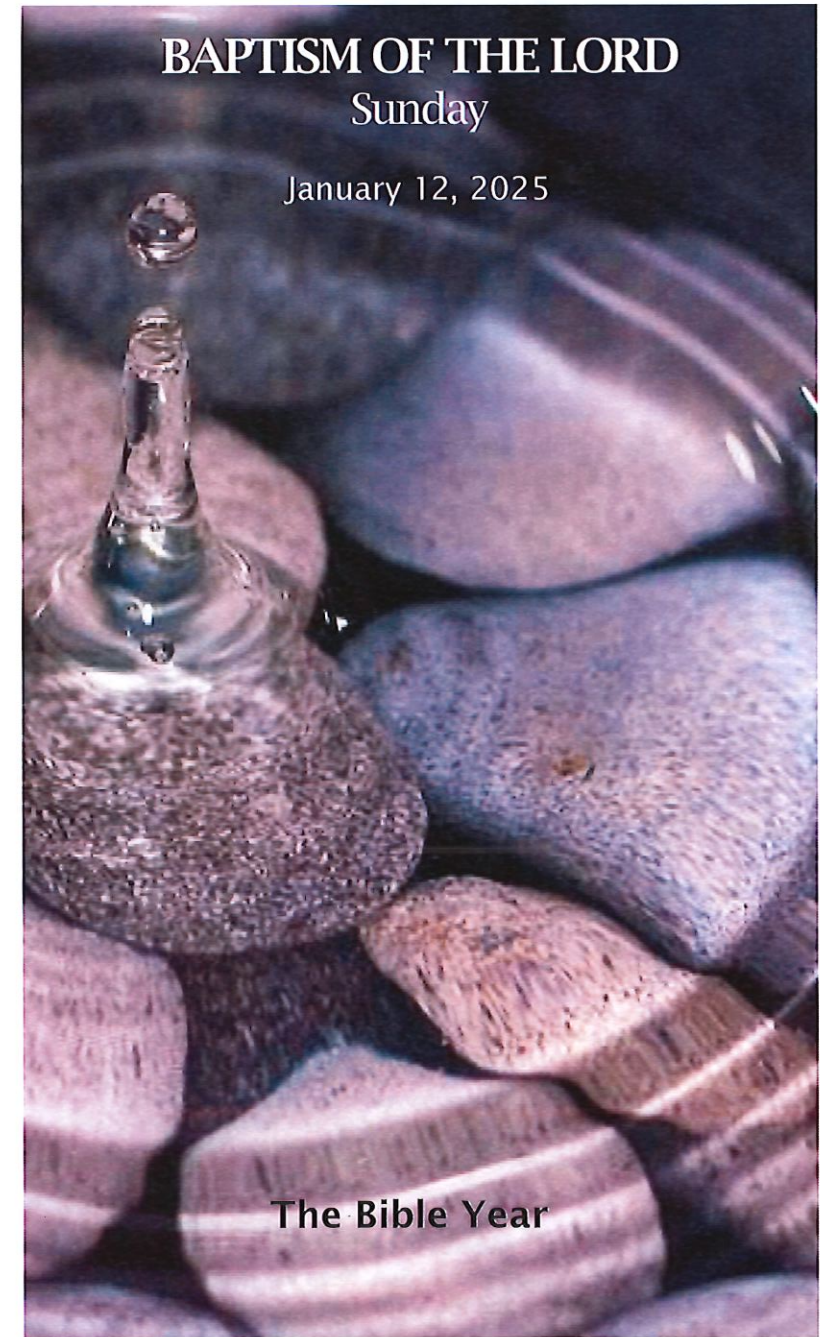
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