



FIRST CHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

of SAN DIEGO

JANUARY 11, 2026 – 9:00 AM



First Church is a community growing in grace and reaching out with love.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

*With joy we welcome your presence today, wherever you are.
Please join us as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship together.*

Register Your Attendance

Welcome

Words of Inspiration



*“We’re walking into God’s arms. We’re walking through that door
into God’s presence that’s there for us all the time.”
~ Mary Jane Pierce Norton*

Prelude Sarah Amos, Director of Music Ministries

Prelude on “Bunessan”

George McPhee (b. 1937)

Worship Guide Notes: • is an invitation to rise in body or spirit; **bold words** indicate congregational response



*Assistive listening and transcription available in First Church Sanctuary.
See pew card or usher to connect to Listen EVERYWHERE or Epiphan LiveScript.*

- **Call to Worship** Malaika Castor, Liturgist
 The river of God’s grace flows about us.
Its flow moves us, deep in wonder, swimming in grace.
 Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan.
We, too, can be covered by grace and made new in the water.
 The Spirit came to Jesus at his baptism like a dove.
May the Spirit come to us and fill us with the joy of knowing who we are.
 Come, Spirit of Life!
Meet us in the water!

TO OFFER OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

- **Hymn of Celebration, UMH #252: *When Jesus Came to Jordan***
Pastoral Prayer Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin
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.

A Time with Children

TO HEAR THE WORD

- **Prayer for Illumination**
 Holy God,
 In the reading of the scriptures, may Your Word be heard.
 In the meditations of our hearts, may Your Word be known.
 In the faithfulness of our lives, may Your Word be shown.
 Amen.
- **Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 3:13-17***
 The Word of God for the People of God: **Thanks be to God.**
Sermon: *Stepping In, Stepping Up* Rev. Trudy D. Robinson
- **Hymn of Faith, TFWS #2253: *Water, River, Spirit, Grace***

TO RENEW COMMITMENT

Baptismal Renewal

Eternal God:

When nothing existed but chaos,
you swept across the dark waters
and brought forth light.

In the days of Noah

you saved those on the ark through water.

After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow.

When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt,
you led them to freedom through the sea.

Their children you brought through the Jordan
to the land which you promised.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Tell of God's mercy each day.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus,
nurtured in the water of a womb.

He was baptized by John

and anointed by your Spirit.

He called his disciples to share in his life and work,
to witness his death and resurrection,
and share the love and grace of God to all.

**Declare Christ's love to the world,
his grace among all the people.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit,
and by this gift of water call to our remembrance
the grace declared to us in our baptism.

**All praise to you, Eternal God,
through your Son Jesus Christ,
and the Holy Spirit,
now and forever. Amen.**

*If you have been baptized, we invite you to visit one of the stations to dip your hand in water,
draw a cross on your forehead and embrace God's blessing to you:
"You are my child, my beloved, in whom my soul delights."*

*If you are not baptized and are interested, please reach out
to one of the pastors to schedule time to talk about your baptism.*

Faith in Action

Offertory, scan QR code or visit fumcsd.org/egive to give online



Offertory Anthem Chancel Choir; Brian Woods-Lustig, Director

Here Marked Not with Water Only

William Allen Pasch (b. 1948)

Here marked not with water only
but with Word, the signs of Grace,
Child of God, with us as fam'ly
standing with you in this place,
may our witness help imagine
Love that fills all time and space!

Fear no evil on your journey.
To you God has freely giv'n
all the love you need forever,
in Christ's sacrifice for sin.
Death was beaten by Christ's rising!
Now no foes can ever win.

May the Holy Spirit guide you
in the paths of heaven's love.
Grace unearned, yet still inspiring
deeds returning thanks above.
Now reborn, washed with God's blessing,
faithful, go! All mountains move!

(William Allen Pasch)

• Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

• Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, we thank you for the water of life, the mystery of grace,
and the delight of your love that welcomes us as beloved and unites us together,
as the Body of Christ.
May your eternal life flow through us with the power of your Spirit,
by the grace of Christ, to your glory. Amen.

TO DISPERSE IN MISSION

- Hymn of Consecration, UMH #605: *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters*
- Benediction Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

Postlude

Toccata on “Hanson Place”
Joel Raney (b. 1956)



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