



Baptism of Christ  
First Sunday after the Epiphany

# Hope

Romans 8:24-25

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Sharing God's Love Since 1878  
United Church of Christ Congregational  
Spearfish, South Dakota

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**Spearfish United Church of Christ Congregational**  
**The Baptism of Christ**  
January 11, 2026  
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

WELCOME to our service today. We hope you find this time of worship meaningful and uplifting, and will join us again soon. Please join us for refreshments in Fellowship Hall after the service.

**\*All who are able may stand.**

**Please wear your nametags & turn off your cell phones.**

**Prelude** Morgan Miller  
(Please use this time to prepare your heart for worship.)

**\*Choral Call to Worship** Surely the Presence of the Lord  
**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;**  
**I can feel his mighty power and his grace.**  
**I can hear the brush of angels' wings,**  
**I see glory on each face;**  
**surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

**\*Call to Worship**

Liturgist: God takes us by the hand and leads us. In covenant with God, we extend light to the world.

**Congregation: Eyes are opened and prisoners are freed.**  
**Justice and peace prevail, by God's strength.**

Liturgist: Worship with joy and give glory to God's name.  
Listen for the new thing God declares.

**Congregation: We remember that we have been baptized.**  
**May we live as those with whom God is pleased.**

**\*Hymn** *There's a Spirit in the Air* No. 294  
verses 1, 2, 3, 5

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PULPIT SUPPLY.....Bruce Blumer  
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PIANIST.....Morgan Miller  
LITURGIST.....Katie Hood

## ~~ JANUARY 2026 CALENDAR ~~

Sun	1/11	9:30 am	Worship/Fellowship Potluck dinner after service
Tues	1/13	9:00 am	Coffee Time/Bible Study at BK
Sun	1/18	9:30 am	Worship/Fellowship
Mon	1/19		Martin Luther King Jr Day — office closed —
Tues	1/20	9:00 am	Coffee Time/Bible Study at BK
Wed	1/21	1:00 pm	Women's Fellowship
Thurs	1/22	5:00 pm	Grief Support Group
Sun	1/25	9:30 am	Worship/Fellowship Council meeting after service
Tues	1/27	9:00 am	Coffee Time/Bible Study at BK
		10:00 am	February Inspire Deadline
Thurs	1/29	5:00 pm	Grief Support Group

### Invocation (unison)

Come, Holy Spirit, to dwell in us and among us. Make us more than dimly burning wicks, that we might share enough light to make a difference in your world. Where there is injustice, help us as we work to change the minds and hearts of those who benefit from it. Show us again the new possibilities you have in mind for us. May we reflect your peace amid the frantic busy pace of the marketplace. Amen.

### The Apostles' Creed

Pg. 881

### \*Unison Response *Glory to the Creator*

No. 759

**Glory to the Creator  
The Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three in One;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

### Welcome & Opportunities

### Call to Prayer

FWS No. 2193

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*  
**Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

### Pastoral Prayer, Prayer of Our Savior

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors.  
 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 Our Tithes and Offerings

Liturgist: How can we share the message that God is impartial, that justice and peace are God's intention for all humankind? We combine our individual efforts through the church, joining in programs, projects, and outreach that reflect God's light into the world. Our gifts of gratitude are one way of sharing.

Offertory Morgan Miller

\*A Doxology *Praise God* No.780  
 Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### \*Unison Prayer of Dedication

We pray, O God, that our offerings delight you. We bring them to encourage all who work for justice and peace on our behalf, that they may not grow faint or be crushed by opposition. May the oppressed find healing, the discouraged receive hope, and those who are bound discover freedom, through and beyond our efforts. Amen.

\*Hymn *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* No. 286  
 verses 1, 4

### Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Creator of all worlds, who appoints us to serve as ministers of justice, examples of righteousness, and teachers of truth, help us to see the fulfillment of your word and the new things you now declare, so we may receive the strength you promise and thereby give a believable testimony to your world. Amen.

Scripture Romans 8:24-25

Sermon "Hope" Bruce Blumer

\*Closing Hymn *God of Change and Glory* No. 177

### Benediction

\*Choral Benediction *Benediction* C. Barrows

May God's blessings surround you today,  
 as you trust Him and walk in His way;  
 May His presence within guard and keep you from sin,  
 Go in peace, go in joy, go in love.

\*Postlude Morgan Miller

Following the worship service  
 today, please join us for a  
 Potluck Dinner honoring Pastor  
 Randy Hedge. It will be in the  
 Fellowship Hall. Everyone is  
 Welcome!!