

We are here to: Love God, Love Our Neighbor and Serve the World.

January 12, 2025 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM The Baptism of the Lord

Prelude *Rise, Shine, You People* Wood

Welcome Pastor Ian Carlos Urriola
Come and Play on January 25th Beth McLaughlin

***Call to Worship** Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries

When we pass through the cleansing waters of baptism and the troubled waters of our lives, God declares:

I will be with you.

When we go through the fires that refine us and the fires that threaten our livelihoods, God declares:

I will be with you.

Even when we travel to the far corners of the earth or down into the depths of our souls, God declares:

I will be with you.

So come, let us worship God whose love never fails, whose presence never leaves, whose mercies never end.

Praise be to God who, in the form of Jesus, waded into the waters of baptism to prove God's solidarity with us! Amen.

***Hymn** *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry* TFWS #2051

Covenant Prayer

I am not my own self-made, self-reliant human being.

In truth, O God, I am Yours.

Make me into what You will.

Make me a neighbor with those whom You will.

Guide me on the easy path for You.

Guide me on the rocky road for You.

Whether I am to step up for You or step aside for You;

Whether I am to be lifted high for You or brought low for You;

Whether I become full or empty, with all things or with nothing;

I give all that I have and all that I am for You.

So be it.

And may I always remember that you, O God, and I belong to each other.

Amen.

Originally posted on HackingChristianity.net by Rev. Jeremy Smith

Anthem 9:00 am *Everything That Has Voice* Haugen
10:30 am *Hosanna* Fraser

Song *Jesus Loves Me* vs. 1 UMH #191

A Time for Young Disciples

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* You are invited to stand in body or in spirit

Scripture Reading Luke 3:15–17, 21–22
Acts 8:14–17

Message “Beloved” Pastor Ian Carlos Urriola

Hymn *Water, River, Spirit, Grace* TFWS #2253

Renewal of our Baptismal Covenant Discipleship Ministries

Responses printed on the screen

...And so I ask you, will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,

Reject the evil powers of this world,

And repent of our sin!

Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?

We accept the freedom and power God gives us

To resist evil, injustice, and oppression

In whatever forms they present themselves!

Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ, his body on earth?

We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior,

put our whole trust in his grace,

and promise to serve him as our Lord,

in union with the church which Christ has opened

to people of all ages, nations, and races!

Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church

And serve as Christ's representatives in the world.

Will you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

We affirm and teach the faith of the whole church

as we put our trust

in God, the Father Almighty.

in Jesus Christ, his only Son.

and in the Holy Spirit,

one God now and forever.

The Spirit of the Lord is with us.

Even so, come Lord Jesus!

Let us pray...your mercy is everlasting.

Your healing river flows.

Your Spirit blows where you will.

We cannot stop you, God!

But sometimes we try...We parch ourselves.

We are dry and thirsty, O God.

Come, refresh us!

Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

Come upon these waters.

Come upon these waters.

Let these waters be to us drops of your mercy.

Let these waters remind us of your righteousness and justice.

Let these waters renew in us the resurrection power of Jesus.

Let these waters make us long for your coming reign.

Most Holy God, Abba, Father!

Glory to you!

Jesus Christ, Savior, Lord!

Glory to you!

Spirit of fire, Spirit over the waters, Spirit of holiness!

Glory to you!

Eternal God, One in Three and Three in One!

All glory is yours, now and forever. Amen!

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Invitation to Generosity: Offering our Gifts, Tithes and our Thanks

Offertory

***Singing Our Praises** *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #95

Prayer of Dedication

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns Pastor Amy

Prayer Song *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* Akers

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Amy

***Sending Hymn** *This Is a Day of New Beginnings* vs. 1–4 UMH #383

Benediction


***Postlude** *The Voice of God Is Calling* Lloyd

Please join us for Coffee Hour after the service
hosted by Glenda Hughes, Linda Noonan
and Kristen Reck.

Welcome

Welcome to worship! If you are new, please fill out a welcome card found in the pews, if you'd like to receive more information. **Thank you for coming** to spend part of your Sunday with us. We hope you experience a sense of God's love and grace here today.

Announcements

- Please join us at **11:30 today in the kitchen** to make soup for tomorrows' lunch at the soup kitchen.
- Please join us for a weekly meditation group every **Tuesday from 10:00-11:30 am and Wednesday from 7:30-8:30 pm** hosted by Marilyn Stoner. We will meet upstairs in the senior high room.
- **We are recruiting ushers for 2025!** If you are interested in being an usher, please scan the QR code and sign up with sign up genius or contact Sue Hennessey or Brenda Little. 
- **January 19 is Human Relations Day**—Human Relations Day is a special Sunday across our denomination, focused on fostering better relationships and supporting community and youth outreach. On the **Sunday before Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday**, we take up a special offering to help bring his vision of a “beloved community” to life. Your gifts support important programs like **Community Developers, United Methodist Voluntary Services, and Youth Offender Rehabilitation**. Thanks to your generosity, over **\$250,000** was raised last year to support these vital ministries. For over 50 years, United Methodists have observed this special Sunday to honor the message Jesus lived out: that **every one of God's children matters**. One of the beautiful things about The United Methodist Church is that, **together, we can accomplish far more than we could on our own**. Our collective gifts help build "the beloved community." Please use the special offering envelopes or give online.
- Join us on **Sunday, January 19, from 4–7 p.m.** for a cozy Winter Potluck & Family Night! Bring a dish to share and enjoy an evening of delicious food, open mic, and fellowship for all ages. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to connect with friends and family during the winter season. See you there! For more information, contact Katherine Weis or Orion Marchese. Please sign up for open mic outside of Knight Hall.
- Preschool Open House is **January 25 from 10:00 am-12:00. pm**
- All are welcome to find joy and connection in the new year through shared expression! Share your stories, explore your gifts, and celebrate community at a day-long gathering facilitated by Beth McLaughlin, Renee Mesh, and Marilyn Stoner on **Saturday, January 25, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m in Knight Hall**. Participants will share food, fun, and fellowship as they engage in story-telling exercises, drum circles, collaging, and more! Lunch will be provided and childcare is available to those who will need it. **Sign up form is located on the bulletin board outside of Knight Hall**. Contact Beth, Renee, or Marilyn for more information! Plan to stay for the whole time.



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FOR MORE INFORMATION

Our Ministry Today

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BHUMC Welcome Statement

At Burnt Hills UMC, we aspire to be a community of grace and unconditional love, where all people will find hospitality, compassion and mercy. We seek to welcome all on the journey, to grow together in faith and to go out to serve the world. We welcome people of any age, culture, race, nationality, ability, marital status, economic status, sexual orientation and gender identity, as full participants in the life of our congregation. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we seek to be part of Jesus' movement of love and justice for all of God's children. All are welcome to worship, grow and serve with us.

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