

## BEULAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### Baptism of the Lord

Morning Worship 9:00 a.m. January 11, 2026  
(Please sign attendance book.)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

O heavenly beings, praise the LORD's glory and strength!  
Give glory to the name of the Lord;  
In holy splendor, worship the LORD!

**The voice of the LORD peals out over the waves and the waters; the God of glory thunders like a waterfall.**

The voice of the LORD is full of majesty.  
The voice of the LORD breaks down grown trees.  
**The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.**  
**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness.**  
In God's temple, all the faithful shout:

**GLORY!**

\*Hymn #319, "Spirit"

\* Invitation to Confession

Let us confess our sin before God and seek God's peace.

**Forgive us, God, when we ascribe glory and strength to humans, instead of to You.**

**We drown out the sound of Your majestic voice with the static of human bellowing and discontent.**

**You rule in glory, yet we worship finite things instead.**

**You call for justice and righteousness, but we avoid uncomfortable topics.**

**Forgive us. Open our ears to Your voice.**

**Open our hearts to Your peace.**

**Open our hands to work for Your justice, in light of Your truth known in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### Assurance of Forgiveness

As the prophet Isaiah says,  
"Though your sins are like scarlet,  
they shall be white as snow;  
though they are red like crimson,  
they shall become as white as wool."

Brothers and sisters, believe the Good News of the gospel:  
in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven;  
they are washed away in the love of Jesus Christ.  
Believe and share the Good News!

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**  
**In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!**

\*Gloria Patri

Team Jesus

Offering / Offertory Music

\*Doxology #592 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**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.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

Scriptures **Isaiah 42:1-9**, pg. 670; **Matthew 3:13-17**, pg. 3  
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

**"Flip Your Script"**

\*Hymn #492, "Baptized in Water"

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Sacrament of Communion

\* 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 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.



\*Hymn #411, "Arise, Your Light Is Come"

\*Charge / Benediction

\*Congregational Response (108 vs. 5) (Truro LM)

Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
Good News to this and every age.  
Till earth and sky and ocean ring,  
With joy, with justice, love and praise.

\*Postlude

\*Indicates to stand as you are able – for everyone to rise in spirit.

### Baptism of the Lord Sunday

**"Expect more."** That was the hook of an advertising campaign not long ago. A breathless actress with doe-eyes looks across the screen and breathlessly whispers, "Expect more." Of what? Your phone. As if having the right phone company will dramatically improve your life. And yet, we are tempted to listen to all these voices promising that they, and they alone, will bless us, save us, protect us, and make our lives better. If that was the case, then why are people so anxious? Angry? Nervous? Disconnected?

Don't they have enough phones? Or cars? Or protection?

Think about it, and you see we've been tricked.

At its core, Baptism is an invitation for us to remember our identity through Jesus Christ. As Christ was claimed, named and aimed by God in his baptism, so are we. We come to see who God is calling us to be. If we are to expect more, it is to expect more of ourselves as children of God. Expect more of yourself, expect more of your church. Don't expect perfection. Do expect God to guide us into a future where we experience surprising blessings. The Lord is offering us light and life to guide us into a new day, a new creation.

**Please join us today after Worship,**  
to help take down the Christmas decorations.

### Musician Appreciation Day

We will be having a potluck after Worship on  
Sunday, January 25 in honor of our musicians.

Members may bring cards for the musicians if they wish.

### Beulah Calendar

Sunday	Jan 11	9:00am	Worship / Communion
		after Worship	Christmas decorations to be taken down
Tuesday	Jan 13	6:00pm	Building & Ground Meeting
		6:30pm	Session
Wed	Jan 14	noon	Newsletter article(s) due
Sunday	Jan 18	9:00am	Worship

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**Gluten-free bread** is being served today at communion.

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Please turn any **newsletter articles** by this Wed, before noon,  
to Nancy: nroberts822@gmail.com

**Also, Congregational Annual Reports are due ASAP.**

Please send your reports to Nancy @ same address as above. Thanks!

### This week's Home Study Lectionary Readings

Isa 49:1-7      Ps 40:1-11      1 Cor 1:1-9      John 1:29-42

### Prayer List

Heather DeHaven  
Dylan Preston

Robert DeVries

Martha Green

### Missionary relatives and friends of our church family

Ted & Kim Treadway in Guatemala.

### Please Remember These Members in Your Prayers

- ♥ Louise Green
- ♥ Joyce King
- ♥ Don Paulsen
- ♥ Terry Vincent
- ♥ Jackie Williams

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**Thank you** to the **Beulah Family** for your support during Cathy Morgan's Cancer Journey! The journey has been difficult, but your support made the journey tolerable! Thanks for the food, cards, Deacons' support, Dr. Andrew McDonald's support, fruit, Christmas caroling, and other items (probably missed some items)! You have been amazing and I won't soon forget your support - much appreciated!

Best Regards, Dennis Morgan

### Mission Report

Twenty-one pairs of winter boots were purchased and distributed to the Orion School District. Monetary donations were also used to buy socks, underwear, and sweatpants requested for the Winola Preschool programs.

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**Thank you** to all who purchased or gave donations to our peanut brittle fund raising. With your help, we were able to raise \$1,766.50 (138 pounds of peanut brittle) for our 2026 mission projects. We thank you for all your support with our 2025 mission projects and look forward to your continued support in 2026.  
-The Beulah Mission Committee