

Hope United Methodist Church

January 11, 2026

Sunday Service

Power of Presence

Pastor Jim Denton

Psalms 29

Matthew 3:13-17

Today's Music:

Opening Hymn: Fairest Lord Jesus (UMH 189)

Prayer Hymn: Lord of All Hopefulness (TFWS 2197, verses 1-2)

Special Music: Elijah (sung by Joe Ramirez)

Closing Hymn: See How Great a Flame Aspires (UMH 541)

Choir Anthem: Down to the River to Prayer

Prayer Concerns:

Claude, Shirley, Rosalie, Angela, Jim, Phyllis, Breanna, Dean, Mary, Amanda, Larry, Nancy, Jerry, Sheryl, James, Tim, Heidi, Pam, Lexi, Deanne, Dave, David, Elaine, Lisa, Mary Jo, Jacob, Liliana, Tom, Don, Yvonne, Mikey, Daniel, Ramah, Francis, Jenny, Faith, Jacob, Betty, Andrea, Kristen, Steve, Dana, Denny

Our homebound: Wayne, Adele, Mary, Sandy, Fran, Irene, Nina, Shirlee, Betty, Diane

Weekly Calendar:

Sunday, Jan. 11

Adult Bible Study @ 11:30am, Library

Worship Committee @ 11:30am, Sanctuary

Endowment Committee @ 11:30am, Sunday School RM

Monday, Jan. 12

Phil's Friends @ 10:00am, Library

Dart Ball @ 11:30 am, Basement

Tuesday, Jan. 13

Sonrise Seniors @ 10:30 am, Library

Wednesday, Jan. 14

Quilters @ 10:00am, Narthex

Bible Study @ 10:30am, Library

Brianna's Hope @ 6:00pm, Narthex/Library

Praise Bells @ 7:00 pm, Sanctuary

Thursday, Jan. 15

Knit & Crochet @ 12:30pm, Library

Guiding Council Meeting @ 6:00pm, Library

Sunday, Jan. 18

Adult Bible Study, @ 11:30am, Library

Confirmation Class @ 11:30am, Sunday School Room

CCC @ 11:30 am, back office

Serving Today

Greeters: Phyllis Sovola, Irma Mora

Ushers: Pete Ward, Richard Miller

Acolyte: Sofia Smith

Children's Message: Maureen Tedesco

Liturgist: Joan Link

Fellowship: The Ward Family

Serving Next Sunday

Greeters: Phyllis Sovola, Irma Mora

Ushers: Pete Ward, Richard Miller

Acolyte: Georgia Hedy

Children's Message: Cyndi Slaboski

Liturgist: Nancy Craig

Fellowship:

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Announcements and Community News

January Second Mile Giving for Hope UMC - The Neighborhood Meal

Next Steps Merger Workshop Seminar - After worship on **January 25** Hope UMC will be having a Next Steps Merger Workshop Seminar. Rev. Shannon Stringer and Rev. Dr. Cindy Reynolds will be leading us as we discover how to continue to grow together as Hope UMC.

Messy Church – The Next Messy Church event is on Tuesday, **January 27** from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Hope UMC, Community Center.

Northern Lakes District Leadership University 2026 - Free Zoom workshops for laity and clergy will be held Sat., Jan. 31 (9am–noon CST) and Sat., Feb. 7, 2026 (8–11am CST). Register by Jan. 30 or Feb. 6. Learn more and register at inumc.org/districts/northern-lakes-district or contact Eva Goeb - eva.goeb@inumc.org

2026 Annual Conference Session - Thinking about how to get more involved in the Conference in the new year? **The District Equalization Members' Willingness to Serve** form gathers names of those willing to serve as an equalizing member at the 2026 Annual Conference Session. To express your willingness to serve and find more information visit <https://inumc.swoogo.com/Serve2026>. The application deadline is **February 2** at 11:59 p.m. Questions, please see Pastor Jim or Pat Mosley.

Northern Lakes District Spring 2026 Lay Servant Academy - You are invited to join us for the Lay Servant Ministries Academy to begin or continue training for living out the call to make disciples for the transformation of our churches, communities, and world. This is an in-person LSA and you must attend all four sessions to receive credit. The first class will take place on **February 22** and will continue on **March 1, March 8, and March 15**. Training will take place at Hebron UMC, 202 West Church Street, Hebron, Indiana. For more information contact Karen Williams at 219-869-2324 at 219-869-2324 or mrs.karen.wms@gmail.com. **Registration deadline:** Prior to start of class on February 22, 2026.

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*Please stand, as you are comfortable.

Welcome and Community Life

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Let us follow Jesus to the edge of the Jordan River to be baptized.

People: We come to be cleansed and made whole.

Leader: Come! Let us witness John's confusion and Jesus' insistence that John baptize God Incarnate.

People: We come to join Jesus in choosing life in the kingdom of God.

Leader: Come! Let us hear God declare the truth of Jesus' identity and the truth of our identity as baptized people.

People: We come to remember and embody who we are as beloved children of God.

Leader: Come! Let us worship God who leads us into the baptismal waters and salvation life.

People: We come to worship God who empowers us through divine presence to live together as the family of God.

*Opening Hymn – Fairest Lord Jesus (UMH 189)

1 Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God and man the Son, thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

2 Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring: Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host: Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.

4 Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.

Children's Message

Memory Verse: Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock.

Isaiah 26:4

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Prayer Hymn – Lord of All Hopefulness TFWS 2197 (verses 1-2)

1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy: Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe: Be there at our labors, and give us we pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Prayers of the People

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

Prayer Response - Hear Us, O God (UMH 490)

Choral Anthem – Down to the River to Prayer

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Psalm 29

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

Leader: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, upon many waters.

People: The voice of the Lord is powerful, the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

Leader: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars,

People: the Lord breaks the Cedars of Lebanon.

Leader: The Lord makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

People: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

Leader: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness,

People: the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

Leader: The voice of the Lord makes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forests bare;

People: and in his temple all cry, open quotation “Glory!”

Leader: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as Ruler forever.

People: May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented.

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And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Leader: The Word of God

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon - "Power of Presence"

Special Music – Elijah (sung by Joe Ramirez)

Lesser Thanksgiving

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Offering our Gifts to God

*The Doxology (UMH 95)

*Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn** - See How Great a Flame Aspires (UMH 541)

1 See how great a flame aspires, kindled by a spark of grace. Jesus' love the nations fires, sets the kingdoms on a blaze. To bring fire on earth he came, kindled in some hearts it is; O that all might catch the flame, all partake the glorious bliss!

2 When he first the work begun, small and feeble was his day; now the Word doth swiftly run, now it wins its widening way; more and more it spreads and grows, ever mighty to prevail; sin's strongholds it now o'erthrows, shakes the trembling gates of hell.

3 Saints of God, your Savior praise, who the door hath opened wide; he hath given the word of grace, Jesus' word is glorified; Jesus mighty to redeem, who alone the work hath wrought; worthy is the work of him, him who spake a world from naught.

4 Saw ye not the cloud arise, little as a human hand? Now it spreads along the skies, hangs o'er all the thirsty land. Lo! the promise of a shower drops already from above; but the Lord will shortly pour all the spirit of his love.

***Breakthrough Prayer**

God of new beginnings and second chances. When your son, Jesus the Christ gave his life for us, the veil of separation was torn. Breakthrough all that would keep us separate from one another, from our

Romans 12:12 ~ Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

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neighbors, and from you that we may be one just as you and the Father are one. Lead us now into your beloved community where our identity is rooted in Christ alone.

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude