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**Fairlawn Avenue United Church
Sunday, January 11, 2026 10:30am
Baptism of Jesus**

Rev. Rob Metcalf
Eleanor Daley, Director of Music
Fairlawn Avenue Senior Choir

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*Indicates when the congregation is to stand, as able.

Congregational responses, singing and readings in unison are indicated in bold text.

Welcome and Acknowledgement

***Processional Hymn** Christ, When For Us You Were Baptized

VU #99

***Gathering Prayer**

***Introit** Holy Spirit, Source of Love

E. Daley

Holy Spirit, source of love,
who, to us came from above,
gifts of blessing to bestow
on your waiting church below:
once again in love draw near
to your servants gathered here.
(William D. Maclagan, 1826-1910)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Sharing Peace

Scripture Acts 8:26-40 (The Good News Bible)

Reader: Sue Metcalf

Anthem When Jesus Comes to Be Baptized

When Jesus comes to be baptized,
he leaves the hidden years behind,
the years of safety and of peace,
to bear the sins of humankind.

The Spirit of the Lord comes down,
anoints the Christ to suffering,
to preach the word, to free the bound,
and to the mourner comfort bring.

O Spirit help us be like Christ:
to live in love and charity,
to walk in truth and justice now,
and grow in Christian dignity.

We praise you, God, source of all life,
 we praise you, Christ, eternal Word,
 we praise you, Spirit, gracious gift;
 your triune presence fills our world.

Reflection The Baptism of Jesus Rev. Rob Metcalf

***Hymn** Wash Us, God, Your Sons and Daughters VU #442a

Introduction of Offering

Offertory Anthem A New Year Carol Chris Williams

Here we bring new water from the well so clear,
 For to worship God with this happy New Year.

*Sing levy dew, the water and the wine;
 The seven bright gold wires
 And the bugles that do shine.*

Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her toe,
 Open you the West Door and turn the Old Year go. *R*

Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her chin,
 Open you the East Door and let the New Year in. *R*
 (Anon.)

***Presentation of the Offering**

**In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today,
 To serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.
 O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ, your Son,
 Teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

***Recessional Hymn** Loving Spirit VU #387

***Blessing**

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***Choral Commissioning**

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(The choir will sing through once, and then the congregation is invited to join in.)

**May God's love surround you, may God's wisdom guide you,
may God's light shine upon you, until we meet again.**

Postlude



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