



## Order of Worship: January 11th, 2026

**Prelude/Postlude** (Casey Derksen)

**Welcome/Announcements**

**Candle Lighting**

**Call to Worship**

**Songs:** "Holy, Holy, Holy"  
"Surely the Presence of the Lord"

**Scripture:**

Isaiah 42:1-9  
Psalm 29  
Matthew 3:13-17

**Song:** "Wonderful Words of Life"

**Unison Prayer**

**Recognition of Baptism**

**Profession of Faith**

**Apostles Creed**

**Invitation to Reaffirmation of Baptism**  
(*Spirit of the Living God*)

**Song:** "Spirit Song"

**Message:** "Baptism of the Lord"

**Offering/Doxology/Offertory Prayer**

**Special Music:** "The River"--Casey Derksen

**Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer**

**Song:** "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

**Blessing**

## The Week at Grace:

**Tuesday:**  
Bible Study  
9am

**Wednesday:**  
Bible Study  
4pm

**Thursday:**  
Men's study 930am  
(offsite)

If you are planning to meet at Grace UMC, please call ahead or email the office to reserve space and to get your meeting on the church calendar. To adjust for heating/cooling needs, Pastor Jen needs to know if/when you are meeting.

**Office Phone:**  
218-568-5755

### Grace Office Hours

Tuesday

9 a.m. to noon

Wednesday

10-noon

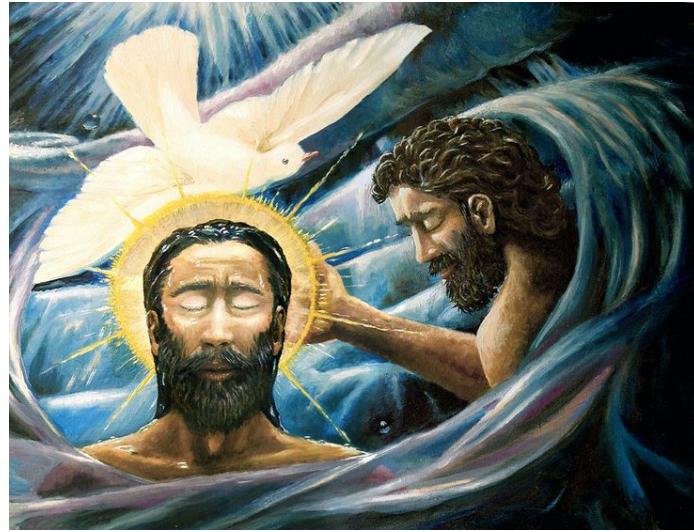
**Worship**

Online--available at

[www.graceumcpequotlakes.org](http://www.graceumcpequotlakes.org)

In-Person Worship

Sunday--9am



## Unison Prayer

Eternal God,  
at the baptism of Jesus, you  
revealed him to be your Son,  
and anointed him with the Holy  
Spirit,  
Keep all who are born of water and  
the Spirit faithful to their calling as  
your people;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who  
lives and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and forever. Amen.



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## Call to Worship

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

**P: We come to be cleansed and made  
whole.**

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

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

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

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

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

**P: We come to worship God who  
empowers us through divine presence  
to live together as the family of God.  
Amen!**



## Scriptures for next week:

Matthew 22:37-40

Psalm 119:129-136

Romans 13:8-10

For January our monthly missional giving will be designated to "My Neighbor to Love". Help end homelessness. *Our Neighbor to Love Coalition* provides homes and a supportive environment for those experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity. There are numerous volunteer opportunities if interested in volunteering. Visit MNTLC.ORG to learn more.

Please note on your gift this designation.



### THE APOSTLES' CREED, ECUMENICAL VERSION, UMH 882

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

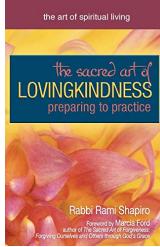
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers requested for our friend Ann Hutchings as her good friend Carl Boberg has passed away. His service will be held on Wednesday January 28th at 11am, at the Journey Church in Nisswa.





Calling men who are interested in a book study:  
A group has been meeting regularly and will begin a new book on January 8th. They meet at 9:30am on Thursday mornings at the home of Dean Fitch. All men are welcome for coffee and a spirited discussion. Questions? Please speak to Dean F, Les M, or Ken Q. The new book is "The Sacred Art of Loving Kindness" by Rabbi Remi Shapiro, contact Pastor Jen if you would like a book.



The church office is open **Tuesday from 9am until noon. It is also open on Wednesdays from 10-noon.** Ring the doorbell and we will come to open the south door!

--Church office phone: 218-568-5755  
--Church office (for all general inquiries and administrative/clerical duties)  
**[graceumcpequotlakes@gmail.com](mailto:graceumcpequotlakes@gmail.com)**  
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#### **Communication Reminder.....**

The church office email (**[graceumcpequotlakes@gmail.com](mailto:graceumcpequotlakes@gmail.com)**) should be used to inform the office about ALL events, meetings, or use of the building you would like to schedule so they can be added to the master calendar. This enables us to avoid scheduling conflicts and make sure the areas of the building are cooled/heated as needed.

If you have something that should be added to this newsletter from your group or mission, please speak with Pastor Jen or email the details to her at [jenmatt20@gmail.com](mailto:jenmatt20@gmail.com). The E-Grace is generally completed by noon on Thursdays, so articles need to be received by Thursday 10am.

If you wish to connect with me directly and it is not an emergency, please know that I will respond as needed during regular office hours. I am generally in the church on Tuesday (830-12) and Thursday (10-1) call the office to be sure, as my weeks vary. You may find me here at other times too! I check my emails frequently throughout the day, and this is the best way to contact me. **Friday is my day off** as needs allow, and **Monday is a full school day** (unless it is an emergency, Monday calls will be returned on Tuesday).

--Pastor Jen.

Did you know the church calendar is available on our website?

**[graceumcpequotlakes.org](http://graceumcpequotlakes.org)**

There is a tab near the top right side that you can click to see the calendar



### Important note

If you are mailing something to the church, ***you must use our P.O. Box for the address.*** We do not receive mail at the church, and if you use the physical church address it will get returned and could delay your notices to us or offerings.

**P.O. Box 276**  
**Pequot Lakes, MN 56472**

[Visit our website](#)

On our website you can find links to past services, a spot to watch this week's service, an online link to giving, and much more!

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