

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**  
**Baptism of Our Lord**  
**Sunday, January 11, 2026**



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*“We are a community of churches and a church to the community.”*

Welcome to worship with First Evangelical and Holy Cross churches. We come together for worship each Sunday to share in the ministry and mission of our Lord Jesus Christ with our own unique traditions and history. Seven other Christian ministries are located onsite with us.

If you are a guest or visitor and would like to know more about First Evangelical or Holy Cross, please reach out to one of our ushers, pastors, or fill out a welcome card and drop it in the offering boxes. Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. May God bless you.

## **WELCOME / INVOCATION**

### **SONG:** *Tell the World*

You are the Lord of all creation  
You are the rock of my salvation  
Oh oh oh oh

### **CHORUS:**

*And I will never stop  
Telling the greatness of  
Your love to every generation  
Jesus, Jesus Your name  
Jesus, Jesus I'm not ashamed  
For all the world to hear about You*

You are the Lord of all creation  
You are the rock of my salvation  
Oh oh oh oh

### ***Repeat* CHORUS**

My king my everything  
Lifting my voice to sing  
Until the whole world hears about You  
You are the God  
The God of all nations  
Sing it out loud  
You are the God  
The God of all nations  
Shout it loud  
Oh oh oh oh

### ***Repeat* CHORUS**

My king my everything  
Lifting my voice to sing  
Until the whole world hears about You

## **SONG:** *Ever Be*

Your love is devoted  
Like a ring of solid gold  
Like a vow that is tested  
Like a covenant of old  
Your love is enduring  
Through the winter rain  
And beyond the horizon  
With mercy for today  
Faithful You have been  
And faithful you will be  
You pledge yourself to me

### **CHORUS:**

*And it's why I sing  
Your praise will ever be on my lips,  
Ever be on my lips  
Your praise will ever be on my lips,  
Ever be on my lips  
Your praise will ever be on my lips,  
Ever be on my lips  
Your praise will ever be on my lips,  
Ever be on my lips*

You Father the orphan  
Your kindness makes us whole  
And you shoulder our weakness  
And your strength becomes our own  
Now you're making me like you  
Clothing me in white  
Bringing beauty from ashes  
For You will have Your bride  
Free of all her guilt and rid of all her  
shame  
And known by her true name

### ***Repeat* CHORUS**

You will be praised  
You will be praised  
With angels and saints do we sing  
Worthy are You Lord

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### ***Repeat* CHORUS**

**SONG:** *How Great is Our God*

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty  
Let all the Earth rejoice  
All the Earth rejoice  
He wraps himself in light  
And darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice  
Trembles at His voice

**CHORUS:**

*How great is our God, sing with me*  
*How great is our God, and all will see*  
*How great, how great is our God*

Age to age He stands  
And time is in His hands  
Beginning and the end  
Beginning and the end  
The Godhead Three in One  
Father Spirit Son  
The Lion and the Lamb  
The Lion and the Lamb

***Repeat* CHORUS**

Name above all names  
Worthy of our praise  
My heart will sing  
How great is our God  
You're the name above all names  
You are worthy of our praise  
And my heart will sing  
How great is our God

***Repeat* CHORUS 2x**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P:** Father of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination*

**P:** Most merciful God,

**C: We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and are not worthy to be called your children. Have mercy on us and turn us from our sinful ways. Bring us back to you as those who were once dead but now have life, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**P:** The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in love. Through the Holy Spirit God gives life, freedom from the power of sin, and resurrection from the dead. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Live and walk in the newness of life.

**C: Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**P:** Let us pray. . .

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Welcome** to worship with First and Holy Cross churches! Remember to join us for a delicious lunch today following worship today in the Fellowship Hall.
- Today we are welcoming **Nicole Taylor** (affirmation of faith) and **Apollonia Padilla** (Holy Baptism) as new members. It's a blessing to have you join us!
- Are you looking for a **church home**, or do you know someone who might be? Please contact the office or talk to one of the pastors for more information.
- Do you like to help others in times of an emergency? Mary Bates from the **NALC Disaster Response** will be here to help train us in how to be of help in times of crisis like hurricanes, fires, and tornados. She will lead a workshop for us on January 17<sup>th</sup> from 10-1 in the chapel. Add your name on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church or call the office so we can plan for lunch!
- **First Evangelical** is celebrating our centennial this year! First was organized on April 4, 1926, built a church downtown and later moved to the current location in 1960. Mark your calendars for these special events coming up. Everyone is invited to be a part of these events – Especially Holy Cross and the other churches onsite.
  - January 25<sup>th</sup> – Community Celebration Worship outdoors 10am-2pm
  - February 22<sup>nd</sup> – Guest Pastor, Rev. Carsten “Judd” & Teresa Ludder
  - March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Guest Pastor, Rev. Paul F. Arnold
  - April 12<sup>th</sup> – Anniversary Celebration
    - 10:00 am - Worship with Bishop Selbo, Artist Paul Oman
    - 12 - Noon Lunch and Carnival Activities
    - 1:30 pm – Program: Stories, Greetings, Music, & Videos
    - 4:00 pm – Hors d'oeuvres and Desserts
- In two weeks, on January 25<sup>th</sup>, First Evangelical is kicking off our **Centennial Celebrations with a special worship event!** Our Sunday worship will be held outdoors on the basketball courts and include all the ministries onsite. We will begin worship at 10:00 a.m., with various preachers, musicians, choirs, throughout the day. There will be noon lunch with sub sandwiches and chicken bites. The event will end around 2:00 p.m.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### ORDER FOR HOLY BAPTISM AND WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

*Nicole Taylor and Apollonia Padilla*

**Congregational Response:** We welcome you as fellow members, as you join with us in worshiping God, hearing his Word and sharing his supper, proclaiming the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, serving all people, and striving for justice and peace in all the earth.

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-9

42 “Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen one in whom I delight;  
I will put my Spirit on him,  
and he will bring justice to the nations.  
2 He will not shout or cry out,  
or raise his voice in the streets.  
3 A bruised reed he will not break,  
and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.  
In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;  
4 he will not falter or be discouraged  
till he establishes justice on earth.  
In his teaching the islands will put their hope.”

5 This is what God the Lord says—  
the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out,  
who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it,  
who gives breath to its people,  
and life to those who walk on it:  
6 “I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness;  
I will take hold of your hand.  
I will keep you and will make you  
to be a covenant for the people  
and a light for the Gentiles,  
7 to open eyes that are blind,  
to free captives from prison  
and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

<sup>8</sup> “I am the Lord; that is my name!  
I will not yield my glory to another  
or my praise to idols.

<sup>9</sup> See, the former things have taken place,  
and new things I declare;  
before they spring into being  
I announce them to you.”

R: Word of God, Word of Life

**C: Thanks be to God**

## **SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-43**

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism <sup>35</sup> but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. <sup>36</sup> You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

<sup>39</sup> “We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. <sup>41</sup> He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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## **GOSPEL READING: Matthew 3:13-17**

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Matthew.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. <sup>14</sup> But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

<sup>15</sup> Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.

<sup>16</sup> As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

Pastor Dan Baker

**VIDEO:** *“Borning Cry”*

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P: With humility and honesty, let us confess our sins to our God who is slow to anger and quick to forgive.

**C: Abundant God, so much of our harmful behavior is rooted in our envy. You have given us our manna – our daily bread – but we want more. We have allowed ourselves to be seduced by commercialism, telling ourselves that we are not complete until we have the nicest things. Forgive us when our actions convey that you are not enough for us. Help us to live our lives simply and faithfully, trusting in your steadfast love to provide all that we need. Amen.**

P: Friends, our salvation is not something that can be purchased with money or fame. Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ and Jesus Christ alone. I announce to you this day, your sins are forgiven.

**ALL: Alleluia! Amen.**

## THE OFFERING

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Separate BOXES are available for both Holy Cross &  
First Evangelical churches.*

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## THE PRAYERS

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and Praise.**

**SONG:** “*Holy, Holy, Holy*”

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of Hosts  
Heaven and Earth Are full of Your Glory!  
Hosanna! (Hosanna!) In the Highest  
Blessed is he who comes In the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna! (Hosanna!) In the Highest

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD’S PRAYER

**C: 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 and ever. Amen.**

## **THE DISTRIBUTION – CONTINUOUS FORMAT** *(Silence is appreciated)*

We practice Open Communion at Holy Cross and First Evangelical. If you believe that the Holy Sacrament carries with it the promises of the forgiveness of sins and eternal life and are a **baptized Christian** – you are welcome to receive. We do ask, however, that younger children who have not yet been instructed in the meaning of the sacrament - please come to the chancel for a blessing but refrain from receiving. Grape juice is in the center of the communion trays.

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

### **AARONIC BLESSING AND BENEDICTION IN HEBREW**

P: “The LORD bless you and keep you,  
*Y’varech’cha Adonai v’yeesh’m’reicha.*

The LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you;  
*Yaer Adonai panav eleicha veechooneka.*

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.”  
*Yeesa Adonai panav eleicha v’yasem l’cha shalom.*

**C: Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**WELCOME** to all and thank you for joining us in worship today as we give thanks and praise to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We pray that the service will be meaningful and uplifting for you. If you are a first-time visitor, please sign the Guest Register. You are invited to stay for coffee and refreshments following the service. We very much would like to greet you and hope to make you feel welcome.

### **Serving in Worship**

<b>Pastors</b>	- Rev. Daniel D. Baker & Rev. Dr. Michael Breznen
<b>Crucifers</b>	- Tom Kalorgis, Hilkka Schroderus-Rowe
<b>Liturgists</b>	- Dianne Breznen
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	- Dianne Breznen, Hilkka Schroderus-Rowe
<b>Sound/Live Stream</b>	- Ken Burton
<b>Video</b>	- Sera Butz, Scot Alexander

	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Next Week</b>
<b>Musicians</b>	CAC-WPB Praise Team	Sandra Baran
<b>Lector</b>	Dianne Breznen	Susan Moncher
<b>Ushers</b>	Katherine S., Judith M.	Katherine S., Judith M.
<b>Greeters</b>	Bob S. & Susan M.	Bob S. & Susan M.

### **Remember in Prayer**

We pray for peace between nations and peoples and for just resolutions to the conflicts throughout the world – especially the people of Israel and fellow believers facing life-threatening persecution; those in war-torn countries; for all members of our armed services and law enforcement personnel; for our country and our nation's leaders; for the Church, Church leaders, for **Youth for Christ**, and all faithful witnesses to the Gospel; for our missionaries – **Anthony and Soyoung Sellari** and their work in Egypt.

We pray for God's healing presence to be with: **Luis & Foil, Saul & Martha, Carol & Darryl, Dennis, Bill, Cynthia A, Dylan B, John, Leona, Lisa & Don, Raj, Sandy, Carl, Trish, Lou, Allan, Carson, David S, Gertrude, Holly, Katie, Linda, Marilynn, and Patrick; Lesley H** (friend of Katherine Summers); **Linda Z** – lung cancer (Lori Kinney's friend); **Cyndy S** (for healing); **Joan Cannon** (health issues); and members of the **Holy Cross and First Evangelical Church** families who are at home and unable to attend.

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