



**United Methodist Church  
340 N Newell Ave  
Minden, Nebraska  
Baptism of the Lord  
10:00 a.m.  
January 12, 2025**



**Prelude**

**Lena Choi**

**Video**

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

1. **Local Church Leadership Training 2025** will take place January 21–23 via Zoom from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. A registration link was emailed to church leaders. We kindly ask the Administrative Council Chair, Trustee Committee Chair, Finance Chair, Lay Leader, and Staff-Parish Relations Committee Chair to check their emails for the registration details. Additionally, there will be a session dedicated to discussing the *One Board* model on Thursday, January 23, 2025.
2. In February 2025, Pastor Peter will begin a new sermon series titled **Living the Questions: A Journey through Faith and Life**. For more details, please check the church newsletter, where you'll find a list of potential topics for this series. If there's a particular topic that interests you, please feel free to contact the church.
3. We encourage you to consider volunteering as a scripture reader, greeter, communion server, or refreshment host. If you feel called to serve our church and ministry, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary.
4. Refreshments will be served in Room 300 following worship.
5. Last week we received offerings of \$915.

**Call to worship!**

L: Come, all who are weary and seeking renewal.

**P: We come, offering our lives as living sacrifices to God.**

L: Let us open our hearts to the One who transforms us by the renewing of our minds.

**P: We are here to be shaped and guided by God's perfect will.**

L: Together, let us center our lives on worship, surrendering all we are to the Lord.

**P: With open hearts and minds, we lift our voices in praise and offer ourselves to God in worship!**

**Opening Prayer**

Gracious God, we gather this morning to offer our lives as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to You. In this time of worship, renew our minds and transform our hearts. Help us to set aside every distraction and focus on You. Shape us through Your Spirit to live lives centered on worship, not just today but in every moment. Be glorified in all that we offer You, Lord. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**Silent Prayer of Confession**

**The Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version**

**Happy Birthday to**  
Pastor Peter Choi  
Kim Snavely

**Prayer List**

Nadine Fahrlander  
Marion Johnson  
Lee Mills  
Joe Hultquist  
Larry Anderson

**January 12-18, 2025**

**Sunday**

**Monday**

8am-4pm WIC  
6pm Boy Scouts

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

3:30 Wednesday  
School

**Thursday**

**Friday**

**Saturday**

Vision statement for 2025:

***“A Life Centered  
on Worship”***

inspired by **Romans 12:1**

**UMH#882**

**Opening Hymn**

**“Take My Life, and Let It Be”**

**UMH#399**

**Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Children’s Sermon**

**Scripture Reading**

**KayLyn McBride**

**Romans 12:1-2 (NIV) A Living Sacrifice**

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

**“A Life Centered on Worship”**

**Pastor Peter Choi**

**Song of Response**

**“Grace Alone”**

**TFWS#2162**

**Joys & Concerns—Pastoral Prayer—The Lord’s Prayer**

**Moment of Stillness and Renewal**

**Hymn “Be Still, My Soul” UMH#534**

**Unison Prayer:** Gracious and loving God, we come before You with humble hearts, seeking Your renewing presence. Cleanse us from all that hinders our relationship with You. Transform us by the power of Your grace and renew our hearts with a deep sense of hope and joy. We surrender our lives into Your hands, trusting in Your ability to restore and make all things new. Guide us in the way of Your love and truth, that we may live each day as a testimony of Your grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, we pray. Amen.

**Offering**

**Doxology**

**“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

**UMH#94**

**Offertory Prayer**

Loving God, with thankful hearts, we bring these gifts as an act of worship and surrender. Use these offerings to extend Your love, bring hope to the weary, and transform lives for Your glory. Transform our hearts and guide us to live lives that honor You. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

**Closing Hymn**

**“Trust and Obey”**

**UMH#467**

**Sending Forth**

Go now into the world as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God. Let your life be a reflection of worship, transformed by the renewing of your mind and guided by His perfect will. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the power of the Holy Spirit go with you, empowering you to live a life centered on Him. Amen.

**Postlude by Lena Choi**

