

## This Week at Ravensworth

### Today, Sunday, January 12

RBC closed for snow - ONLINE worship

11am Worship, Zoom

5pm Education Commission, Zoom

7pm Philippians Class, Zoom

### Tuesday, January 14

7pm Admin Commission, Zoom

### Thursday, January 16

7pm Leadership Council, Zoom

### Next Sunday, January 19

9:30am Friendship Class, Library

9:30am Preschool Childcare Opens

9:45am Genesis Class, Room 134 & Zoom

9:45am Moore Class, Rm. 133

9:45am RBC Kids & Youth, Annex

11am Worship, Sanctuary & Livestream

12pm RBC Music conversation, Fellowship Room

7pm Philippians Class, Zoom

**Visitors**, we are grateful you decided to worship with us today. Please scan this code to send your info to Pastor Leah and the Outreach Team, or take a packet from the Narthex. We'd love to connect you to our ministries and Faith Formation groups.



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### Prayer Requests

can be made by scanning this QR code or filling out the notecard in the Narthex. The request is seen only by Pastor Leah. You can choose who else can see the request, such as the congregation.



**There are numerous ways to contribute to RBC**, including via the offering plate, sending via mail to RBC's office, by texting RBCGIVE to the number 73256, or scanning this QR code to give via Realm.



# Ravensworth

## BAPTIST CHURCH

An inclusive and welcoming Christian community where expressing the love of God to all people is central to our worship, study, and service.

"Love one another as I have loved you." John 15:12

Baptism of the Lord

Zoom, 11 am, January 12, 2025

*Beginning with Beloved*, by Jan Richardson

Begin here:

Beloved.

Is there any other word  
needs saying,  
any other blessing  
could compare  
with this name,  
this knowing?

Beloved.

Comes like a mercy  
to the ear that has never  
heard it.  
Comes like a river  
to the body that has never  
seen such grace.

Beloved.

Comes holy  
to the heart  
aching to be new.  
Comes healing  
to the soul  
wanting to begin  
again.

Beloved.

Keep saying it  
and though it may  
sound strange at first,  
watch how it becomes  
part of you,  
how it becomes you,  
as if you never  
could have known yourself  
anything else,  
as if you could ever  
have been other  
than this:  
Beloved.

# The Worship of God

“O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you.” Psalm 63:1

## Words of Welcome

Leah Davis

## Hymn

## Call to Worship

April Pavis–Shroeder

There are some days when I need the reminder that I belong to God.

Do you ever feel that way?

**Yes. We do. The world can be a harsh place; we often need that reminder.**

Well then, let us care for one another.

**Let us speak the truth we each need to hear.**

**Church, you belong to God. You are God’s beloved.**

**Friend, you belong to God. You are God’s beloved.**

**Take us to the water.**

**Let us worship the God who calls us Beloved!**

## Morning Prayer

Harper Shroeder

## Invitation to Give & Serve

Anna Rullan–Garcia

*During the hymn, the ushers will come forward and pass the offering plates. For other ways to give, please see the back of this bulletin.*

## A Time for All Ages

Anna Rullan–Garcia

## Quiet Time, Prayers of the People, Lord’s Prayer

Anna Rullan–Garcia

***Creator God, you are awesome! Show us who you are and how you want us to be.***

***Make earth more like heaven. Please give us what we need to keep going each day.***

***Help us when we are wrong and clean us up on the inside.***

***Help us to let other people off and move on. Keep us from bad stuff.***

***You’re in charge! You’re strong and powerful and always there.***

***Forever! Amen.***

## Musical Message

Alan Naylor

## Lesson from the Gospels, Luke 3:15–22

Leah Davis

*Como el pueblo estaba a la expectativa, y todos especulaban en su corazón si acaso Juan sería el Cristo, Juan respondió a todos diciendo:*

*—Yo, a la verdad, les bautizo en agua. Pero viene el que es más poderoso que yo, de quien no soy digno de desatar la correa de su calzado. Él les bautizará en el Espíritu Santo y fuego. Su aventador está en su mano para limpiar su era y juntar el trigo en su granero, pero quemará la paja en el fuego que nunca se apagará.*

*Así que, exhortando con estas y otras muchas cosas, anunciaba las buenas noticias al pueblo.*

*Pero el tetrarca Herodes, cuando fue reprendido por Juan respecto de Herodía, la mujer de su hermano, y de todas las maldades que Herodes había hecho, añadió a todo también esto: Encerró a Juan en la cárcel.*

*Aconteció que, en el tiempo en que todo el pueblo era bautizado, también Jesús fue bautizado. Y mientras oraba, el cielo fue abierto y el Espíritu Santo descendió sobre él en forma corporal, como paloma. Luego vino una voz del cielo: “Tú eres mi Hijo amado; en ti tengo complacencia”.*

**Leader:** This is the Gospel of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

*Liberating Belovedness*

Leah Davis

## Hymn

## Benediction

Leah Davis