

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Announcements

Gathering Song: Vu#101 vs 1 & 4 (tune 516)

Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus Christ, to you we raise,

Manifested by the star to the sages from afar;
Branch of royal David's stem in your birth at Bethlehem;
Anthems be to you addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

Grant us grace to see you, Lord, Mirrored in your holy Word;
With your grace our lives endow, Grace to imitate you now,
That we like to you may be at your great epiphany,
Anthems be to you addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

Call to Worship:

Leader: The heavens open. The Spirit descends

People: Jesus emerges from the water.

Leader: And a voice echoes through the blue expanse.

People: "This is my child, the Beloved, with whom I am well-pleased"

Leader: Jesus is named. Claimed.

People: We come to the water. We remember we are named. Claimed.

Leader: Can it be so? What a thing to be named. Claimed.

People: Let us worship the one who names and claims us still.

Singing: *When Jesus Came to be Baptised* VU#100

Prayer and Lord's Prayer: Most wonderful God, foolish and flawed though we are, we too delight in your beloved Son. As in his name we gather in the house of many praises, may the heavens be opened for us, that we may catch a glimpse of that Light and Love that transforms our common days with a beauty not of our making. Through Christ Jesus our Lord, who thought us to pray...

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, the power and the glory forever and ever. **Amen.**

Anthem: *Farther Along*

Children's Time --

Singing: *I'm Gonna Live so God Can Use Me* VU#575

**Scripture Readings: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 p. 584
Matthew 3:13-17 p. 784**

Reflections: "Working On Love"

**Singing: *Love Who Made Me in Your Likeness*
VU#565 (tune 62)**

Presentation of Ourselves and Gifts to God

Anthem: *Freely, Freely*

Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Offertory Prayer: Everlasting Father, thank you that you are the light of the world, guiding our steps on your path. Your word says that the earth is yours, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to You. We recognize everything we have belongs to You. We acknowledge that our very lives belong to You. We now offer back to You a portion of what you have given us. May God the Father prepare our journey, Jesus the Son guide our footsteps and the Holy Spirit watch over us, on every path that we follow. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We come to prayer singing: VU#603 vs 1-3-4

In loving partnership we come,
Seeking, O God, your will to do.
Our prayers and actions now receive;
We freely offer them to you.

Loving community we seek;
Your hope and strength within us move.
The poor and rich, the strong and weak
Are brought together in your love.

In loving partnership, O God,
Help us your future to proclaim.
Justice and peace be our desire,
We humbly pray in Jesus' name.

We bring our prayers to God

Singing: *O Christ, In Thee My Soul* VU#630

Benediction

Please Pray For: The family of Neebin Armstrong, Arthur Allan, Antoine, Pat Ashworth, Heinz Bauer, Shelley Baumann, Barbara Batten, Jean-Marc Bergeron, Bernice, Brigitta Blersch, Robin Blersch, Bonnie, Esther Bohlein, Catherine Brophy, Leah & Chris, Liam, Carol, Caroline, Caroly, Rick Cessford, Shirley Christie, Laura Cuthbertson, Dianah, Milt Dodds, Dominica, Norm Elkin, Mary-Alice Epps, Gail, Linda Gallant, Dan Gingras, Alison and Lee Gilbert, Gladys, Myrna Hall, Ruby Horan, Jennifer, Fern Lafontaine, Lance & family, Roger Laplante, Laura & family, Jim Lowson, Jemma Mahabir, Clarence Mahaney, Carrie Marchand, Marcelle, Marisa, Laura McLean, Dan McVeigh, Mile, Michael, Cheryl Miller, Sandra Murphy, Don Nielsen, Ib Nielsen, Paige, Patrick, Julie Patterson, Willa Pender, Sarah Puskas, Ella-Mae Ramsey, Bruce Rathwell, Daniel Raigneau, Norma Raigneau, Rupert Richardson, Eric Robinson, Cheryl Rogers, Bruce Ryan, Eileen & Donald Sim, Heather Sim, Reynold Skeete, Shirley Smith, Dylan Stanamir, Madeline Stevens, John Taylor, Peter Tucker, Brian Verschoote, Jan Verschoote, Margaret Whittal, Joanne Wilken, John Wiwcharyk, Wolfgang, Shirley Yarnell.

Announcements:

- Rev. Alice will be on study leave until January 13.
- Session Meeting – January 16 at 1:30 pm.
- **Service of Remembrance for Garnett Bourgaize** will take place at St. A's on January 18 at 2:00 pm. Visitation from 11:00—1:30 pm at Yves Légaré, 123 Maple Blvd.
- An **Official Board** meeting is being called for **Monday, February 3 at 7:30 pm**. The purpose is to preview the proposed 2020 Budget, to hear from the Nominating Committee and from Ministry and Personnel Committee.
- The **Annual General Meeting** will be held **February 16** after our **Valentine Day Service in the Chapel in the Hall**. Please remember to email your reports for the **Annual Report** as soon as you have completed them. Thank you.
- It's time to renew your subscriptions to the **Upper Room -- the cost is \$13 & to Broadview** (formerly known as the **Observer**) the cost is **\$25**. Thank you.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday	9:00 am	Badminton
Wednesday	8:30 pm	Volleyball
Thursday	9:00 am	Badminton
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Friday	8:00 pm	AA Meeting

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ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

187th Anniversary Year ~ 1833-2020

~WORSHIP ~
January 12, 2020 ~ 10:30 am
The Baptism of the Lord



Minister: Rev. K. Alice McAlpine
Director of Music Ministry: Doreen Gilbert Bangs

To greet you ~

Elder: Barbara Batten

Stewards: Jonathan Bergeron & Jim Meldrum