



**Kincardine United Church
Baptism of Jesus
January 13, 2019 10:30 a.m.**

Welcome. You bless us with your presence. If you are a first time worshipper, please sign our guest register at the front entrance of the church. Thank you for turning off your cell phones and for refraining from flash photography. Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the downstairs hall following the service.

Bold print in the bulletin invites you to say the words.

*An asterisk in the bulletin indicates you may sit or stand.

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PRELUDE Voluntary II

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WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

Kincardine United Church takes seriously
the commitments made to First Nations communities
through the national Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report,
especially through the Calls to Action to churches like us.

**Therefore, we acknowledge, this day, that we gather for worship
on the traditional territories of the Saugeen Ojibway,
and the other Indigenous peoples who preceded them –
the original nations of this land –
and we acknowledge, with respect,
their history, their spirituality, and their culture.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

INTROIT Voluntary I

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LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Come in from the snowy cold, finding warmth and welcome here.

As we come, community and commitment crystalize within.

Come in from the frosty, freezing wind, discovering a blaze of light and life.

As we come, good news fuels the hearth of our hearts.

Come in with the icicles of life, melting them in the restorative bath of prayer:

We come, O God, carrying the frozen landscapes of our living.**Help us to thaw our fears in the assurance of your presence.****Help us to dilute our doubts in the waters of your baptism.****Help us to warm our hopes with the lifeblood of your truth. Amen.*****VOICES UNITED 444** "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(based on parts of Psalm 29)*

Let us listen carefully for the voice of God as we open ourselves in prayer:

Sometimes we hear your voice, O God, strong enough to splinter wood.**Sometimes we hear your voice, O Christ, bathing us with expectations.****Sometimes we hear your voice, O Spirit, flashing forth like refining fire.****Sometimes, we fear the intimacy of you knowing our hearts.****Still, we choose our fearful intimacy as a place of transformation.****In our choosing, hear our prayers of confession.***(Silent Prayer)*

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

SHARING TIME "Praying to God with Jesus"

THE LORD'S PRAYER (from Lectionary Story Bible by Ralph Milton pp. 177)

Our Father in heaven, your name is holy.**May your peace come. May we live on earth as you live in heaven.****Give us enough to eat each day.****Forgive us the bad things we have done,****as we forgive those who have done bad things to us.****Don't test us with things too hard for us,****and keep us from going bad things to other people and to you. Amen.**GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORDBIBLE READING Isaiah 43:1-7 from the paraphrase *The Message****VOICES UNITED 100** "When Jesus Comes to be Baptized"

BIBLE READING Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 in the New Testament on page 60

DOXOLOGY 268 VU **Bring Many Names (verse 6 only)**Great, living God, never fully known, joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,
closer yet than breathing, everlasting home: Hail and hosanna, great, living God!

MEDITATION “Adopted, Blessed, Transformed”

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

OFFERING INVITATION

ANTHEM AS OFFERING PRAYER “Covenant Prayer” *Allen Pote*

“Lord, make me what you will, I put myself into your hands.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering,

let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you.

Lord, make me what you will, I will no longer be my own.

Let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing,

Lord, I freely give a willing heart, give it all to you, all to you,

to your pleasure, your pleasure and disposal, Lord.

Make me what you will.”

INTRODUCTION TO RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL FAITH

God blesses all of us.

We are blessed and that is so amazing!

God blesses the most unlikely people.

We are blessed even when we’re not at our best.

God blesses those we like and those we do not.

We are blessed in our daring to love *all* people.

In baptism, we are blessed.

By water and the Spirit,

we are blessed as God’s own people in community.

Today, we renew the blessing of baptism.

We are reminded that we are not alone.

We belong as part of a greater whole, enlivened by Christ within.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL FAITH AND OFFERING

You are invited to come forward to the baptismal font using the centre aisle. Remember that you are God’s beloved as a cross is traced on your forehead.

Return to your seat using the side aisles.

Please feel free to join in the following chant as others come to the font:

MORE VOICES 85 Take, O Take Me as I Am

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;

set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

***MORE VOICES 161** I Have Called You by Your Name

***BENEDICTION**

***SONG OF COMMITMENT VU #37 Gloria**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, hallelujah, hallelujah!

POSTLUDE Emperor’s Fanfare

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