



**Kincardine United Church  
Baptism of Jesus  
January 14, 2018 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**

**WELCOME, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**GOD GATHERS US**

**MUSICAL INTROIT**

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

...Raelyn Vance

**CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH**

Come on in from the cold and away from mountains of snow to warm up.

**We come to thaw our hearts at the hearth of Spirit flame.**

Come on in and share the warmth of human companionship in worship.

**We come to grow this family of faith,  
continuing to celebrate each other in all our relations.**

Come on in to commune with God in prayer:

**God who waters our souls with Christ's living water,  
may that living water become the life-blood of our faith,  
may we listen to your whispers of guidance and of challenge,  
may we become vulnerable to a living transformation. Amen.**

**\*VOICES UNITED 444** Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

...Marion Boyd

Our baptisms mark our incorporation into Christ's body, the Church,  
**yet we too often become mired in conflict, ignoring God's call to love.**

Our baptisms signaled our birth into new ways of living,  
**yet we too often return to old patterns which separate and alienate.**

Our baptisms symbolize being washed clean of brokenness,  
**yet while trying to remove the sliver from our neighbour's eye,  
we ignore the log in our own eye.**

Forgive us, O God, we pray.

*(Silent Prayer)*

### **ASSURANCE OF GRACE** *(Romans 8:14-17 from The Message)*

"This resurrection life you received from God is not a timid, grave-tending life.  
It's adventurously expectant, greeting God with a child-like 'What's next, Papa?'

**God's Spirit touches our spirits and confirms who we really are.  
We know who he is, and we know who we are" – family.**

"And we know we are going to get what's coming to us –  
and unbelievable inheritance!

We go through exactly what Christ goes through.

**If we go through the hard times with him,  
then we are certainly going to go through the good times – with him!"**

**SHARING TIME** It's Not Just for Babies, You Know

## **HOLY SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (see insert)**

### **GLORIA**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### **GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD**

**BIBLE READING** Genesis 1:1-5 in the Old Testament on page 1

**\*VOICES UNITED 710** Shall We Gather at the River

**BIBLE READING** Mark 1:4-11:in the New Testament on page 34

**MEDITATION** "Dunk Tank"

### **GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

**ANTHEM** Take Me to the Water

## 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's blessing.**

## 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,*

*make your offering and return to your seat using the side aisles.*

*Offering plates are also at the back of the worship space.*

*Please feel free to join in the following chant:*

**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 37 VU** Gloria

**Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia.**

## POSTLUDE



**AV MINISTRY TEAM** 📺 Thank you

**COUNTERS** 📖 Ralph & Mary-Ann Knowles

**JANUARY HOUSE LEADER** 🏠 Jodi Ostrowski

**MUSIC** 🎵 Lynn Broughton, KUC Choir

**NUSERY ATTENDANT** ♦ Cindy Crowley

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER** ♦ Diane Clubb

**SCRIPTURE READER** 📖 Shirley Marie Harris

**WORSHIP** 🕊️ Gord Dunbar