

**Bethel Presbyterian Church**

**Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**The First Sunday after the Epiphany  
The Baptism of the Lord**



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements  
Reader

David Sneddon  
Chris McCall

### APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude  
Call to Worship  
Prayer of Adoration & Approach (The Lord's Prayer)  
Hymn Blessed Jesus, at your word # 416  
Prayer of Confession

### THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Isaiah 43:1-7  
Responsive Psalm 11  
Children's Hymn Amigos de Cristo # 476  
New Testament Lesson Acts 8:14-17  
New Testament Gospel Lesson Luke 3:15-17, 21-22  
Solo *Speak, O Lord* Keith Getty & Stuart Townend  
Sermon *The Baptism of our Lord*

### OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn Christ, when for us you were baptized # 183  
Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession  
Offering  
Offertory  
Doxology # 830  
Prayer of Dedication

### WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Closing Hymn To God be the glory # 350  
Choral Amen  
Postlude

## Welcome

We welcome everyone to this service of worship this Lord's Day and pray that this will be a time of blessing for all. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service. On duty this morning are Catherine & David Sneddon and Donna Lyle

There was an Alex & Ani bracelet found Christmas Eve in the church on the south side. Please speak to the minister or Alan Townsend if it is yours.

**A Sunday School Group** will be offered for children 2 - 4yrs old starting *Sunday January 27<sup>th</sup>*. This time will include music, story time and activities. Until we have a sense of numbers for regular attendance this age group will leave church with the other Sunday School Children following the Children's Hymn.

The Nursery continues to be available every Sunday, prior to the commencement of Church Service.

Should you have any questions about this Sunday School Group please feel free to speak to Linda Ross, Jennifer March or Lisa MacKenzie.

### Nursery

**Today:** Catherine Sneddon and Eileen MacNeil

**Next Sunday** Sharon MacKay and Donna Mikkelsen

**Greeter at the South Door**

Joan Richardson

**Greeter at the Choir Room Door**

Sandra MacLeod

## **Visiting the Hospital this week**

Linda Eoaa 562 -2962

Gary Grant 567-1141

## **Readings for next week**

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 2:1-11

## **This Week**

### **Tuesday**

Men's Breakfast has resumed on Tuesday mornings. We meet at 8:45am in the Shaw Room in the hall and all men are invited to come and share in this time.

### **Wednesday**

Choir practices will resume at 7:30pm

### **Thursday**

The John Geddie AMS will meet at 2:00pm on January 7<sup>th</sup> in the Shaw Room with Group 3 in charge. Please bring your written prayer requests for the Message.

## **Advance Notices**

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
Monday, January 21st to Friday, January 25th  
Bethel Hall,  
12:10 - 12:50 pm.

**Justice and only justice you shall pursue**  
*(Deuteronomy 16:18-20).*

Bring a bag lunch. Tea and Coffee will be provided.

**Board of Managers shall meet on Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm**

## **Annual Reports/Meeting**

Groups preparing reports should submit them to the church office no later than **January 21, 2019** [bethelchurch@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:bethelchurch@ns.sympatico.ca) for inclusion in the Annual Report.

**The Annual Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, February 6, 2019** at **7:00 pm**.

### **Bulletin Reflection: The Holy Spirit, Sent to Empower Us**

By Canadian Ministries of the Life and Mission Agency

When we are baptized we enter a committed relationship with Christ and the members of his body, the church. This kind of relationship is best described by the biblical term “covenant” — a solemn promise established by God, in which we receive God’s blessing and seek to love and serve God with all our lives.

Each day, we are called to live out this covenant but we aren’t required to do it alone.

When Jesus was baptized, the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in the form of a dove. Jesus’ baptism marked the occasion when he, claimed as God’s own, was equipped for ministry. The same is true for us. Through baptism we are also anointed by the Holy Spirit and empowered to live as disciples.

Baptism is one step on a life-long journey of faith. As we take each new step as individuals as a community of faith, we would do well to remember that the Holy Spirit is with us, lending us strength, courage and power for our journey.

*“... the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in a bodily form like a dove.” (Luke 3:21)*

## Mission Moments

### **January 13: A warm welcome for Jumai**

Whenever Jumai went out into his Nepali village, he would be cruelly mocked because of his ulcers, sore patches and swollen legs. Jumai was living with leprosy and couldn't afford to pay for ongoing treatment. Visiting the PWS&D-supported Shining Hospital changed everything. When Jumai was admitted, he was struck by something more than the timely service and quality medical care—the love and acceptance he felt was a welcome relief after years of shame and judgement. “I feel at home in this hospital,” says Jumai. “I receive such good care.” Filled with thanks for PWS&D, Jumai looks forward to a better future.

*PWS&D treats leprosy with compassion*

A memorial gift has been received for the current fund in memory of Parents Duncan & Florence MacQueen and brother Art MacQueen by Charlie & Elaine Dixon.