

Sunday January 12th 2025
Baptism of our Lord



Our Mission

*To be a diverse ministering community
making Christ's presence known
in the world around us.*

Sunday Morning Worship

9:30 St. George's Church: 1089 Highway 277, Dutch Settlement
11:00 Christ Church: 14 Church St., Lantz

Parish Clergy

Rev'd Dr. Jane Magrath
Rev'd Patty McKenna

Call to Worship:

Beloved, God chooses us and calls us by name.

We belong to God. Alleluia!

Our lives have purpose because we belong to God.

We are called to be like Christ and follow him.

We will find joy, peace, and restoration through God's amazing grace.

Let us worship God who claims us and loves us! Praise be to God!

Creator of the sun and moon and stars, you stir in our midst to reveal your light. By the work of your Spirit, you lead us in new directions. Your beloved Son has called us to new life and by his grace, reconciles the divisions among us.

Holy One, we praise you for the blessings you give us in our baptism into Christ, and through your love that surrounds us day by day. To you we give all praise, glory and honor, through Jesus the Christ, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and always. Amen.

Almighty God

to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn: *Sing of God Made Manifest (CP#162)*

**Sing of God made manifest; in a child robust and blest,
to whose home in Bethlehem, where a star had guided them,
magi came and gifts unbound, signs mysterious and profound:
myrrh and frankincense and gold; grave and God and king foretold.**

**Sing of God made manifest, when at Jordan John confessed,
"I should be baptized by you; but your bidding I will do."
Then from heaven a double sign -- dove-like Spirit, voice divine --
hailed the true Anointed One: "This is my beloved Son."**

**Sing of God made manifest, on the cloud-capped mountain's crest,
where the law and prophets waned; so that Christ alone remained:
glimpse of glory, pledge of grace, given as Jesus set his face
towards the waiting cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.**

The Collect:

Holy One: through the ministry of John the Baptist, you drew your son into the living waters of transformation, proclaiming your love and delight in him and in all who are created in your image. May we remember our own baptism by knowing that we, like the man we follow, are deeply beloved souls. And may that knowledge confirm and strengthen us in our work of loving ourselves and the world around us. **Amen**

Prayer for Illumination:

Holy Spirit, you blessed Jesus in his baptism, proclaiming him beloved of God. As we give our attention to God's holy Word, descend on us, we pray. Speak to us of God's love for us and renew our faith and commitment to follow Jesus, God's living Word. Amen.

Proclamation of the Word:

The First Reading: A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah (43:1-7)

After the reading: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Reading: Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

**The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl and strips the forest bare, and
in his temple all say, "Glory!"

**The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.**

May the Lord give strength to his people!

May the Lord bless his people with peace! Amen

The Gospel:

God be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of Jesus the Christ according to Luke (3:15-17, 21-22)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the reading: The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith: (Standing)

We are not alone; we live in God's world.

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,**

to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Prayers of the People:

We pray for the church, the world, our community, and those known to us, remembering especially those in particular need. With each petition, we respond to "Come Holy Spirit" with "fill our lives".

Confession & Absolution:

Call to Confession

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, but we confess that we prefer our old, familiar ways. We cling to destructive habits, we harbor grudges, and we are reluctant to welcome a stranger or forgive one another. Nostalgia for the past prevents us from exploring new possibilities. In your loving kindness, forgive us. Have mercy upon us and move among us so that we might pursue new life in Christ together.

Confession:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness:

Loving God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrations:

O God, our times are in your hand: look with favour, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace; and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Exchanging of the Peace:

May you know the peace which the Spirit brings: a peace rooted in love, patience and self-control, shaped by kindness, generosity and faithfulness, marked by gentleness, and crowned with joy.

Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

The Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: *I Love you and You are mine*

I will come to you in the silence; I will lift you from all your fear

You will hear My voice; I claim you as My choice

Be still, and know I am near.

I am hope for all who are hopeless; I am eyes for all who long to see

In the shadows of the night, I will be your light

Come and rest in Me

Refrain

Do not be afraid, I am with you; I have called you each by name

Come and follow Me; I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine

I am strength for all the despairing;

Healing for the ones who dwell in shame

All the blind will see, the lame will all run free; And all will know My name

Refrain

I am the Word that leads all to freedom;

I am the peace the world cannot give

I will call your name, embracing all your pain; Stand up, now, walk, and live

Refrain x2

Prayer over the Gifts:

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time and our possessions.

Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who showed us a new way, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer (ACC: Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 1)

May God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise;

for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your

Spirit in our hearts. When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation. Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Gracious God: in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you. Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him.

He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said "Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies, that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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, for ever and ever.
Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.
The gifts of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God**

Music at Communion: Down to the water to pray (*Alison Krauss*)

Announcements:

As Jesus calls us as disciples, God sends us out to serve others in the world. Let us share with one another the events of our parish and community this week.

Closing Prayers:

Loving God, in baptism you have called each one of us “Beloved,” reminded us that we are members of the body of Christ, and chosen us as inheritors of your kingdom. We thank you that in this Eucharist you renew your promises within us, empower us by your Spirit to witness and to serve, and send us out as disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ our pattern and our purpose. Amen.

Glory to God

Whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing:

May the humility of the shepherds, the perseverance of the Magi, the joy of the angels, and the peace of the Christ child be yours now and always. And may the blessing of God almighty, Source of Being, Word of Creation, Spirit of Life, go with you all. **Amen**

Closing Hymn: Shine, Jesus Shine (CP#460)

**Lord the light of your love is shining.
In the midst of the darkness shining.
Jesus light of the world, shine upon us.
Set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me. Shine on me.**

Refrain:

**Shine Jesus shine; Fill this land with the Father’s Glory
Blaze Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow river flow; Flood the nation with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word. Lord and let there be light.**

**Lord I come to your awesome presence;
From the shadows into your radiance,
By the blood I may enter your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness. Shine on me. Shine on me.**

Refrain

As we gaze on Your Kingly brightness; So our faces display your likeness,
Ever changing from Glory to Glory,
Nearer here may our lives tell Your story. Shine on me. Shine on me

Refrain x2

Dismissal:

Let us go out into the world to love and serve God by loving and serving others. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Parish Notices and Announcements- *see insert at back of church*

Next Sunday's Readings: Is 62:1-5; Ps 36:5-10; 1 Cor 12:1-11; Jn 2:1-11

Upcoming:

Sunday March 2 There will be ONE parish service at St. George's (9:30), followed by the Annual General Meeting. Please send Rev. Jane your reports by the end of January.

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