

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 10, 2016

Baptism of our Lord



Welcome to the Church of St. John the Evangelist. Thank you for worshipping with us. Whether you are a first-time visitor, a faithful parishioner or a returning friend, please know that you always have a place at God's table. As you enter today, may the gathering of this community strengthen you to take God's compassion and peace to a world in need of both.

The Church of St. John the Evangelist

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HOLY COMMUNION AT EIGHT O’CLOCK

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Celebrant
Preacher

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Interim Transitional Minister Perry Chuipka
Matt Kieswetter

EUCCHARIST AT TEN O’CLOCK

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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Celebrant The Reverend Paul Kett
*During the Prelude we quietly prepare our hearts and minds
for worship and refrain from unnecessary conversation*
Organ Prelude: Christ our Lord came to Jordan J.S.Bach
Processional Hymn 162 **Sing of God Made Manifest**
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THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Judah has complained that God has deserted them, his people, in the destruction of Jerusalem and in their exile. God asks, through the prophet, “Who among you ... will attend and listen for the time to come?”

First Reading Isaiah 43:1-7 Doug Woodley
Psalm 29 (sung by choir) p. 738

Philip, one of the seven chosen to ensure the welfare of widows, has proclaimed the good news in Samaria. Many have listened to what he has to say; some have been healed. Many have been baptised.

Second Reading Acts 8:14-17 Ray Dugan

Gradual Hymn 165:1,2 **Mark How the Lamb of God’s Self-Offering**
People flock to John the Baptist, responding to his urging to start new, ethical lives – as a way of preparing for Jesus. John has condemned those who seek his baptism with no intention of reforming their ways. Failure to respond to his call to repentance can lead to condemnation at the end of time.

Gospel Reading Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Gradual Hymn 165:3 **Mark How the Lamb of God’s Self-Offering**

Sermon Interim Transitional Minister Perry Chuipka

Apostles’ Creed p. 189

The Prayers of the People Ann Kelland

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy, **Response: Hear our prayer.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Sentence: *A voice came from heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17*

Offertory Hymn 163 ...**When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known**

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Eucharistic Prayer 3 p. 198

Sanctus/Benedictus Hymnbook 735

Lord's Prayer (music on page 918) top of p. 211

Breaking of the Bread 2 p. 212

Agnus Dei Hymnbook 747

A Chalice has been prepared for those who wish to share in the Sacrament of the Holy Communion by means of intinction. It is located beside the font.

You are invited to receive Prayers for Healing: After you have shared the Sacrament of the Eucharist or received a blessing and would like to receive prayers for healing with the laying on of hands, members of the healing prayer team will pray with you, in confidence, in the meditation space at the back of the church.

Communion Hymn 40 **O Spirit of the Living God**

Choir Anthem: Grant to your servants, O God R. Lloyd

Post Communion Prayers p. 349, p.214

Transitional Prayer: Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new. In this time of transition, fill us with your Spirit, that it might quell our fears, and rekindle our passion to proclaim that Christ is in our midst. Grant us assurance of your healing love, that we may, with wisdom and understanding, continue the best of our past and present ministries. Bless us with vision and hope, that we might discern your will for us in the days to come. And give us the courage to leave behind all that hinders us from becoming the community you call us to be. Amen.

The Blessing

Parish Notices

Recessional Hymn 527 **How Firm a Foundation**

Dismissal: Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude: Christ our Lord came to Jordan J.S.Bach

The Postlude is the concluding offering of worship; Those who wish to leave during the Postlude are asked to do so quietly.

Interim Transitional Priest
The Venerable Perry Chuipka
Assistant Clergy
The Venerable Ken Cardwell
The Reverend Paul Kett
Theological Students
Matt Kieswetter
John Paul Markides
Churchwardens
Al Coughlin Charles Stuart Dawn Carr
Director of Music
Marlin Nagtegaal, BMus., MMus., U.M.
Choral Scholar
Rebecca McKay BMus.
Parish Nurse
Elsie Millerd, RN, BN, DipCS, MTS
Chalice Bearers for January 10 2016
Ken Hull, Kathleen Kett, Maggie Hendley
Prayer Ministry Intercessors for January 10 2016
Elsie Millerd, Ann Kelland

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK – January 11 – January 17

Tuesday January 12

1:00 p.m. Meditative Prayer – St. Aidan's Chapel

Wednesday January 13

7:30 a.m. Early Eucharist with breakfast

7:00 p.m. Centering Prayer

Thursday January 14

7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Saturday January 16

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild Meeting

7:30 p.m. Steel City Rovers

Sunday January 17 – Pulpit Exchange Rev. Canon Rob Towler

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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The Prayers of the People – January 10, 2016

IN THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

PRAY for the Anglican Church of Australia, the Most Reverend Philip Leslie Freier, Archbishop of Melbourne and Primate of Australia; and for the clergy and people of this part of our world-wide communion, and their mutual mission and ministry.

PRAY for Robert, our Diocesan Bishop; for Colin, Archbishop of Ontario; Fred, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada; Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Susan, National Bishop, and Michael, Bishop of the Eastern Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. In our Anglican Church of Canada we pray this week for Director Andrea Mann and the staff for Global Relations, and Director Henriette Thompson and the staff for Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada we pray this week for the assistants to the bishop and the staff of the Eastern Synod.

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

PRAY for the people, parishes and clergy of London Deanery, and especially this week for St. Luke the Evangelist, St Mark's, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, and St. Michael and All Angels, all in London PRAY also for our Diocese of Huron as we prepare to elect a Coadjutor Bishop.

Almighty God, giver of all good gifts, look on your Church with grace, and guide the minds of those who shall choose a Coadjutor Bishop for this Diocese of Huron, that we may receive a faithful servant who will care for your people and support us in our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BAS p. 676)

FOR OUR COMPANION DIOCESE

PRAY for the Diocese of Amazonia, companion Diocese of the Diocese of Huron. Pray for the Bishop, clergy, and people of that Diocese, for the Cathedral Church of St. Mary. Pray for all who are troubled and fearful, due to violence and theft in Belem. Help us, as a Diocese, to find ways to support and learn from our companions in this Diocese.

FOR MEMBERS OF THE PARISH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, KITCHENER

WE PRAY this week for Linda Jarrett & David Whitfield, Laurie & Eric Jones, Gretchen Jones, Robert Jones and their families.

PRAY for Perry, our Interim Transitional Priest,; Matt and John Paul, our theological students; for Ken and Paul, our assisting clergy, and the wardens and lay leaders of our Parish during this time of transition. Pray for all who prepare for our annual Vestry meeting,

that we may plan for our future with unity of spirit, purpose, and ministry.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED, AND THOSE FOR WHOM FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ian & Marguerite Ormston - a gift from the family.

FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHO ARE ILL

WE PRAY this week for Joan; Sandi; Linda; Larry; Isabel; Kyle & family; Devon; Colleen; Pat.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

For members of the Transition Team of our parish, as they lead us in reflection and action that will give us new insight and vitality.

For our parish and our Deanery as we offer support to Syrian newcomers. Pray for the Deanery Refugee steering committee, as they continue to enable the process of refugee resettlement here in the Region of Waterloo. Give thanks for the many who are supporting, both financially and with their time and talents, this resettlement process.

Pray for all long for the darkness of this season to be overcome by the brightness of Epiphany. Grant safe return to all who travel in this holiday season.

Parish Notices – January 10, 2016

Bales: Please place any donations for bales in the box under the table in the Narthex and label your package "Bales". All clothing, household linens and craft items such as yarn are appreciated but some of the items that are especially needed this year are warm jackets (all sizes), maternity clothes (especially pants), long underwear and socks. All items must be washable, clean and gently used. Boxes will be taken to the Home Hardware warehouse on January 27th so Sunday, January 24th will be the last day for donation collection. There will also be a box available in the church office for mid week collection. Thank you to all for your support in carrying out this project. If you have any questions, please speak to Nancy Chittick or Sandra Roy.

In Church School Today we are exploring the story of Jesus' baptism. We are told that when Jesus was baptized a voice from heaven said, "You are my son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness." Each one of us is also a child of God!

Celebration of Al Coughlin and Dawn Carr's Ministry as

Wardens: Today during our coffee and tea time in the upper hall we will be taking a special time to thank Al Coughlin and Dawn Carr for all their work as Wardens for our church family. We want to thank them for their faithfulness and dedication. We hope you will be able to stay and join us in this celebration of their ministry as Wardens.

Blood Pressure Screening: The parish nurse is available after the 8 am and 10 am services today to do blood pressure screening and to make appointments for consultations on health concerns.

Fundscrip: The Next Fundscrip Order will take place TODAY, Sunday January 10, 2016. Questions may be directed to fundscrip@stjohn316.com or by calling the Parish Office.

Alzheimer Society Education Events: Family Learning Series: For family and friends of people with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. A three week series which will cover: learning about dementia and changes to the brain, understanding communication and behaviour, and connecting with your family member and supports. Wednesdays, January 13th, 20th, 27th (10 am to 12 pm), Court of Laurelwood, 605 Laurelwood Drive, Waterloo. and Long Term Care Series: For family and friends of people with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. A 3- week series which will cover: a review of residential options and how to apply, understanding the placement process for long-term care, and coping with the transition to a new residence. Tuesdays, January 19th, 26th and February 2nd (6pm to 7:30 pm) at Alzheimer Society Waterloo Wellington, 831 Frederick St., Kitchener. Pre-register for these events by calling the Alzheimer Society at 519-742-1422.

On Saturday, January 16, come and enjoy an evening of great music, food and drink featuring live music with the Steel City Rovers. The evening, hosted by the choir will also feature a late light buffet and a cash bar that includes a special selection of malt whiskies. Tickets are available at Coffee Hour, or you can e-mail to reserve your tickets. Doors open at 7:30pm
General Admission \$30.00

To reserve your tickets: eventsatstjohns@gmail.com

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Opening Prayer Service Sunday January 17, 2pm Calvin Presbyterian Church, 248 Westmount Road East, Kitchener. Closing Prayer Service Sunday January 24 7:30pm Blessed Sacrament Church 305 Laurentian Dr, Kitchener, A Prayer Service with Taize Songs.

**SAVE THE DATE & MARK YOUR CALENDARS.
ALL ARE INVITED!**

Parish Council discussed ways to make our annual Vestry meeting efficient, productive and celebratory. We want to include all members of our parish family, making attendance more possible for both those who worship at 8 and those who worship at 10. We want a time commitment that is manageable, recognizing the needs of families with children to feed and care for, and for those with afternoon time commitments.

Therefore, we will have a single, shortened Morning Prayer service at 9 am. Children will begin in church with Children's Focus, go to Sunday School, and rejoin us upstairs in Vestry where they will be able to work on the banners we will use at the baptisms later this month. We will finish Vestry by noon, then share a midday meal together, beginning with a celebration of Eucharist in which we can all participate actively.

We are having two Vestry meetings this year: one to look at our ministry here at St John's and to elect wardens, parish council, etc., and a second one to examine the finances and budget. Because of the timing of the Episcopal election, and needing to elect our lay delegates to synod for this, we are having the first meeting (ministry) on January 24, and the second (financial) on February 7 when all the numbers have been received and entered.

The January 24 Vestry meeting will focus on our shared ministry, celebrating the accomplishments of 2015, recognizing where we are right now, and looking forward expectantly to what we plan for 2016.

Each one of us is an important member of this parish family. See you all there!

Outline of the Day

- 9 am. Joint Morning Prayer (our whole parish family)
- 9:40 am. Vestry in Upper Parish Hall
- 12 noon: Eucharist & Lunch in Upper Parish Hall
- 1 pm. Departure

Pulpit Exchanges A few weeks ago our wardens and I attended a meeting with Bishop Terry Dance with wardens and clergy from the three other churches in Kitchener (Holy Trinity, St. Andrew's Memorial, St. George's of Forest Hill and our church St. John the Evangelist). Bishop Terry & the Director for Mission and Ministry, The Ven. Bill Harrison challenged us to work more closely with our brothers and sister Anglican churches in Kitchener. Last week the Priests from the 3 other churches & I met to follow up on the idea from that of having a pulpit exchange with the three other churches. Having the support from our wardens and the wardens from all three churches we have planned the following pulpit exchanges:

On January 17, 2016, The Reverend Canon Rob Towler will lead our 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. services while I am at St. Andrew's Memorial Anglican church leading the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services.

On April 10, 2016, The Reverend Ross Gill will lead our 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. services while I am at Holy Trinity leading the 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. services.

On May 29, 2016, Fr. Don Davidson will lead our 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. services while I am at St. George's of Forest Hill leading the 8:15 a.m. and 10 a.m. services.

This is the start of our churches working together & getting to know the clergy. My hope is that we will have other events where the Parishioners can get to know each other from the other Anglican Churches in Kitchener.

-- Pastor Perry