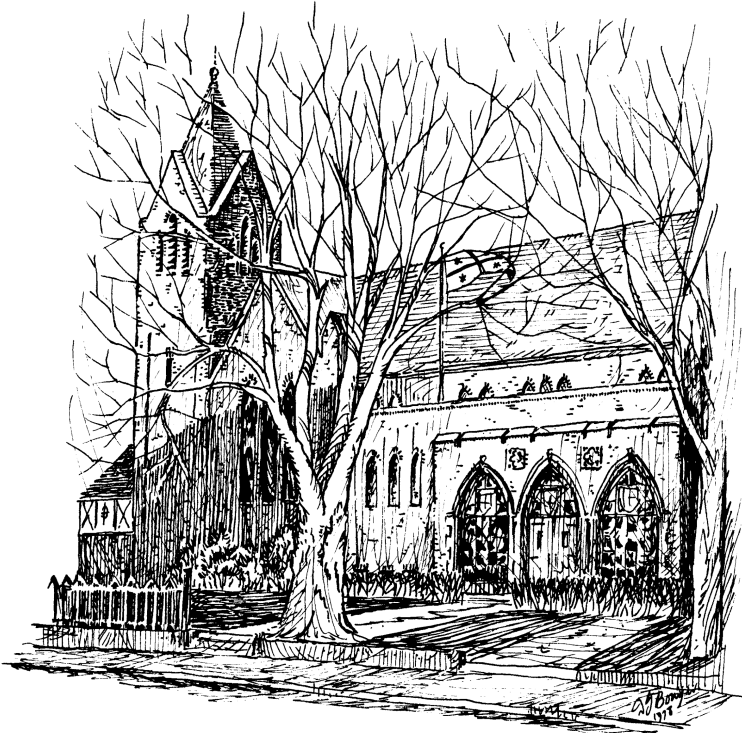


ORDER OF SERVICE
The Baptism of the Lord
January 8, 2023



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.

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The Proclamation of the Word

Isaiah 42:1-9
Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 29
Matthew 3:13-17

First Reading

The lesson is read.

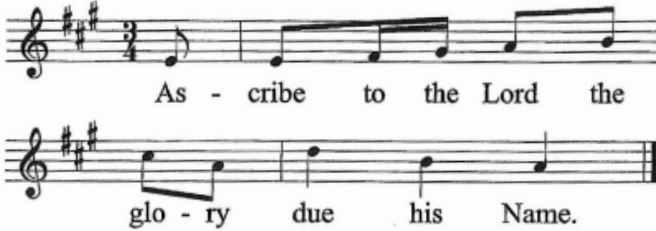
Reader Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29

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Second Reading

The lesson is read.

Reader Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Common Praise 711

The Gospel

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Gospel is read.

Presider The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

A silence for reflection follows.

The Nicene Creed

Presider Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

**the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

The intercessor bids the prayers.

Intercessor God, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Confession and Absolution

The presider bids the confession. Silence is kept.

Presider Most merciful God,
All **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.**

The presider offers absolution.

... all honour and glory are yours,
almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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The Fraction

The presider breaks the bread.

Agnus Dei

William Mathias

The Invitation

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Communion

Communion Hymn

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Spirit, Open My Heart

Communion Anthem

A Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

L.J. White

Prayer After Communion

Presider Let us pray.

The community prays silently.

The presider then says the prayer after communion.

People **Amen.**

Presider Glory to God,

All **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.**

Parish Notices

The Blessing

The presider blesses the people.

Recessional Hymn

Common Praise 36

**Now There Is
No Male or Female**

Dismissal

The presider dismisses the people.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Fugue in G Minor

J.S. Bach

We thank the following people for assisting with worship

Altar Guild

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Organist

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Sharon Woodley

Reader

Andrew Brockett

Intercessor

Margaret Brockett

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Warden on Duty

Debbie Sheach

Parish Notices

We Will Sing the Blessing Song to celebrate January Birthdays and Anniversaries on Sunday January 8th during the coffee hour after the service. If you wish you may send

Karen an email, ksunabacka@gmail.com and state whether it is a birthday or anniversary and any other details of the celebration you wish Karen to share with the congregation.

Bales The donations for the Hispanic migrant workers were delivered to Fr. Enrique Martinez on December 16 and although it was done on rather short notice, between three churches we did very well and handed over many full bags of clothing. Thank you very much to all those who contributed clothing and toiletries. It was very much appreciated. Our next donations will probably be late April or early May and I will keep you posted on this but please remember the migrant workers when you next do out your closets. Rosemary Cliff

The Tuesday Zoom Bible Study The Bible Study Group resumes next Tuesday morning (January 10th) 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. We are starting the New Year with a New Series – studying Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians. Over the next four weeks the Second Reading each Sunday will be from the same Letter – so the weekly Bible Study should give us some background to what we shall be hearing in church on Sunday. New members are always welcome, and this new series would be a good opportunity to try out the Bible Study. All you need is a computer and an email address. For more information contact Andrew Brockett: andrew.brockett05@gmail.com, or 519-577-9386, or speak to him at church on Sunday.

Parking at City Hall The parking garage at Kitchener City Hall is open again and is FREE on Sundays. It’s a great winter alternative since it is heated, and you don’t have to clear snow off your vehicle. Enter off Young Street.

Church Office Hours Normal Parish Administrator hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9am-2pm. On occasion these hours may need to be adjusted, so please do call ahead of time if you need to drop by the Church office.

Announcement Deadlines announcement requests for the Weekly Check-in must be submitted by Wednesday at 10:30A.M. Announcements for the Sunday Bulletin must be submitted by Thursday morning at 10:30A.M. Please continue to email your announcements to church@stjohn316.com. Thank you for your understanding!

Donation Options There are many ways you can continue your contributions to St. John's:

1. Send weekly envelopes in the mail. You can send post-dated cheques to the office at 23 Water St. North Kitchener ON N2H 5A4
2. Drop off cash donations to the office through the mail slot in the office door. Write your name on the envelope!
3. Have an Errand Buddy pick up your donation.
4. Sign up for or make changes to your DEFT by contacting the office at giving@stjohn316.com
5. Donate Online through Canada Helps by credit card. You can set up recurring, or one time donations. Canada Helps takes 3.75% but also provides the tax receipt directly to you and provides a donation report to us! <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/48510>

If you know of someone who is ill or in hospital, please contact The Rector, Reverend Dr Preston Parsons rector@stjohn316.com or leave a message with the office at 519-743-0228. In case of emergencies, you can contact the on-call pastor at 519-743-0228 ext. 6.

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