



**ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**Baptism of the Lord**

**First Sunday after Epiphany Sunday, January 12, 2025**

**Service colour: White**

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP 10:30 a.m. (also on YouTube)

Prelude (a time for prayer and reflection)

Placing of the Bible (*stand if able*)

Lighting of the Christ Candle; Doxology (Book of Praise 830)

**Call to Worship:** (*standing if able*)

The voice of God resounds upon the water.

**The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.**

The Son of God is named, "Beloved."

**And all who worship shout out, "Glory!"**

Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.

**Let us worship God in holy splendour.**

Opening Prayer

Hymn: 425 "We praise you, O God"

Call to confession

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**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 harbour grudges, and we are reluctant to welcome a stranger or to forgive one another. Nostalgia for the past prevents us from exploring new possibilities. In your loving kindness, forgive us. Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve, reconcile us one to another, and bless us with your peace. Amen.**

**Song: 561 "Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy upon us."**

Declaration of forgiveness

A sharing of the Peace of Christ followed by *Hallelujah* (Hymn 294)

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: 476 (all seated) "Amigos de Cristo"

Learning for all ages: {children gather at Chancel stairs}

Prayer for Illumination

Lessons: Isaiah 43:1-7 (p.631); Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17(p.110);

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (p.52)

Reader: The Word of the Lord. Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

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

Sermon: based on Isaiah 43: 1-7

Hymn: 183 "Christ, when for us you were baptized"

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE**

Announcing The Offering of our gifts; gifts will be brought forward

following The Offertory

Prayer of Dedication (*stand if able*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and for others; The Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)

Hymn: 685 "How firm a foundation"

Benediction & Choral Amen

Song: "Go now in peace" (*all seated*) (hymn book – inside back cover)

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Postlude

**Welcoming Worshippers:** Gerry & Nancy Archibald

**Conducting the Service:** Rev. Bert Vanderbeek

**Elevator:** Heather Barkhouse

**Organist:** Dr. Ken Cameron

**Placing the Bible:** Jamie Leck

**Reader:** Gerry Archibald

**Audio:** Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

**This week at St. Andrew's:**

**Thurs:** 1:00 p.m. Ladies' Guild

**Sunday, January 19:** Worship, Church School & Nursery 10:30 a.m.

The Youth Group is selling the 2025 Presbyterian Church Calendar for \$7 in the lobby.

**Mission Moment**

With support from Presbyterians Sharing, Hummingbird Ministries promotes healing for Indigenous generations, addressing the trauma of a colonial past while nurturing hopes for a brighter future. Led by the Rev. Mary Fontaine, the first Indigenous moderator of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, the ministry fosters healing and reconciliation through cultural arts, including dance and drama performances. Additionally, Hummingbird Ministries connects with congregations across the PCC to provide healing through workshops and events like National Indigenous Peoples Day, the Christmas Circle, and the Peace through the Arts Festival.

**A Land Acknowledgement:** We acknowledge that we are in the Mik'kma'ki-the unceded territory and the ancestral homeland of the Mi'kmaq Nation.

### **Hymn 425**

1. We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.
2. We worship you; God ever faithful, we bless you;  
through life's storm and tempest our guide you have been.  
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,  
and with your help, O Lord, life's battles we win.
3. With voices united our praises we offer,  
and gladly our songs of true worship we raise.  
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing;  
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.

### **Hymn 476**

#### **Refrain:**

- Amigos de Cristo; we're friends of the Lord;  
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For we've been forgiven, and we've been restored,  
Amigos de Cristo; we're friends of the Lord.
1. Friends of the covenant renewed each morn;  
baptized and loving it, we've been reborn.  
Gift of the dove is ours for evermore.  
Amigos de Cristo; we're friends of the Lord. [Refrain]
  2. Born of a family, the young and old,  
we'll be on hand to see new life unfold.  
We understand the need to be made whole.  
Amigos de Cristo; we're friends of the Lord. [Refrain]

### **Hymn 183**

1. Christ, when for us you were baptized,  
God's Spirit on you came, as peaceful as a dove, and yet  
as urgent as a flame.
2. God called you the beloved Son, called you the servant true:  
sent you the kingdom to proclaim, God's holy will to do.
3. Straightway and steadfast until death you then obeyed the call,  
freely as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.
4. Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord; your cross on us be signed,  
that likewise in God's service we may perfect freedom find.  
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### **Hymn 685**

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!  
What more can God say than to you hath been said,  
to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?
2. 'Fear not, I am with thee; oh be not dismayed!  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee and cause thee to stand  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
3. 'When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow,  
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.
4. 'When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply:  
the flames shall not hurt thee; I only design  
thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.
5. 'The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!'