

Minister: The Rev. Elisabeth Bachem-Jennings

Organist: Deirdre Morrell-Ormerod

Scripture Reader: Lee Jamieson

Gathering the Community

[* indicates to rise in body or spirit]

Organ Prelude

The Organ Prelude will commence at 11:00 AM.

*Please *rise when the choir and minister enter, and together we mark the switch from individual greeting chatter to communal worship. Passages marked in **bold** are said or sung by all.*

Welcome & Introduction to the Service

Lighting of the Christ Candle

A moment of Silence

*Call to Worship:

The word comes for us from God:
who promises to shelter us under the wings of hope and grace.

The word comes to us from Jesus:
who encourages us to remember the good news we have received.

The word flows to us from the Spirit:
who reminds us to place our hope and trust in God.

Let us open ears and hearts to the word in worship.

*** Hymn: “O splendor of God’s glory bright”**
[Voices United #413]

Opening reflection & Prayer of confession

Pause for silent reflection

Assurance of Grace

Choir Anthem: “Down to the river to pray”

Hearing the Story

Time with the young and young at heart

Psalm 91 *On eagle’s wings* [Voices United # 807]

This is the witness of Israel

Thanks be to God for the Word.

Mark 1:1-20 *John the Baptist, Jesus announces the kingdom, calls the disciples.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

Thanks be to God.

Reflection: Why baptism in the 21st century?

Responding to the Word

*** Hymn: “Songs of thankfulness and praise”**
[Voices United # 101]

Re-affirmation of our Baptism:

If you choose, you may come forward to recall the promises of your baptism—made either by you or on your behalf by your parents/guardians.

If you have never been baptized, consider whether this is the day you would like to start the journey toward your formal commitment.

Please come forward to the font and as you touch your forehead with the water, say,

“I am God’s beloved!”

Prayer of Re-commitment:

All: By your Spirit, Almighty God, Grant us
Love for others,
Joy in serving you,
Peace in disagreement,
Patience in suffering,
Kindness toward all people,
Goodness in evil times,
Faithfulness in temptation,
Gentleness in the face of
opposition,
Self-control in all things.

Then strengthen us for ministry in your name. Amen.

Offering our Gifts

*** The Doxology:**
“What can I do?” [More Voices # 191]

Offertory Prayer

Preparing for Service during the week

Prayers of the People
Lord's Prayer (spoken) [Voices United #914]

Announcements & Notices

*** Parting Hymn:”Three things I promise”**
[More Voices # 176]

* Commissioning and **Sung Blessing:**
“May the Love of the Lord”
[More Voices # 218]

Organ Postlude

Coffee & Conversation

will be hosted today by Lee Jamieson and Valerie Davies immediately after worship downstairs in the Jim MacIntosh hall. All welcome!!



CHURCH CONTACTS

The minister is available at your convenience by phone call or email. Always happy to set up a time to meet over coffee, in the office or wherever.

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This week's events:

Tuesday 14 January

“Bible and Brew “will be at the home of Brian and Jane Power-Grimm, 9:15-10:30 am. We will study the readings for next Sunday and everyone is welcome.

Wednesday, 15 January

Session meeting 10 am at Jennifer’s home

UCW meeting 1:30 at Rosanne Peach’s home.

CoFEE Regional Gathering of United Church

people at Digby United, 1:30 pm. If you would like a ride please contact Rev. Elisabeth-Everyone invited!

Thursday 16 January

Board of Stewards meets 1pm at the church

Congregational Directory 2020

After 7 years another directory has been put together. This will help us know one another by name and build community. Production & Publishing cost is \$10.00 per copy or \$950.00 total. We want everyone of the 91 households in it to have a copy and ask for a donation that is as close to this price as you can afford. Many Thanks to Jackie Holborn for countless volunteer hours of work on this!

Please mark in your calendars:

Thursday 23 January

7:00 pm Official Board meets. **Every chair of a group, please have your annual report ready in writing to present for that night.**

Sunday 1 March :Annual Congregational Meeting after worship and potluck lunch!



Community Concerts and Events:

Do you love to sing?

A Royal Consort is a **community choir** in Annapolis Royal directed by Deirdre Morrell-Ormerod. We are recruiting members, both male and female voices, for our Spring season starting on January 19th. No auditions are required but some knowledge of music is an asset. Weekly practices, 2-4 pm on Sundays, and optional small group rehearsals, take place leading to a concert on May 10th. For further information please contact Jocelyn Calvert at 902-532-0654 or Marilyn Oliver at 902-638-3017. We would love to hear from you!

Welcome!

St. George & St. Andrew
United Church Annapolis Royal

Our Vision:

Open Doors Open Minds Open Hearts

Sunday Worship January 12,2020 11:00 am



Today's Worship Theme:

Baptism

Its place in the 21st century church

To make concrete-

Adult confirmation and membership class:

Perhaps you were baptized a really long time ago and have questions about being a Christian in this day and age...

Perhaps you were never baptized. Perhaps you were never confirmed or- so long ago that you dont remember it. Perhaps you have never joined the United Church of Canada and wonder what it takes to be a member? Any of these reasons and many others are good ones to participate in our first adult confirmation class. If you are 13 or older this is for you. The format will be a simple supper on a Friday evening and a course of stud

Children's time from sermons4kids

The Baptism of the Lord

Object:

Photo Album

Scripture:

And behold, a voice out of the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17 (NIV)

I'm sure you recognize what I have in my hand. It's a photo album. Most parents have several photo albums that are full of pictures taken of their children as they were growing up. We have always been very pleased with our children.

We took pictures of our children in school, at church, playing, at Christmas time, on their birthdays, and many other occasions. We were pleased with them as they grew up and we are pleased with them today.

Do you think God was pleased with His son, Jesus?

I know He was, because the Bible tells us that He was. When Jesus was baptized, the Bible tells us that there was a voice from heaven that said, "This is my Son and I love Him. I am very pleased with Him."

Why do you think God was pleased with His son?

Let's read that verse again to see what God said first: "This is my Son and I love him. I am very pleased with him."

What did God say first?

That's right! God said, "This is my Son!" God said, "This is my Son and I love him."

What's the second thing God said? (Allow time for kids to answer.)

That's right! God said, "I love him." God loves His son!

(Show kids the photo album again) These pictures show a lot of things that our children did. But more than anything, these pictures show that these are OUR kids. They belong to us. And we love them!

When we trust in Jesus we become the children of God. Our baptism is like an official adoption ceremony. God loves us from the very beginning when we become His children because that is what He wants us to be.

God says to us, "You are my son. You are my daughter. And I love you!" God loves you! That's pretty awesome, isn't it?

God is pleased with you when you become His child. It's wonderful to hear God say, "You are my child. I love you. And I am pleased with you."

Dear God, thank You that You adopt us as Your children. Thank You for loving us so much. In Jesus' name, amen.

From Worship Ways, UCC

**Gracious God, we confess that too often we live
as though we are fearful, not faithful.
When we encounter the waters of chaos and
confusion,
we don't easily pass through them,
but we obsess about the height of the water
instead of the sight of the other side.
You promised to walk through the rivers with us.
Help us believe.**

And help our unbelief.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: Thus says the God who created you and formed us in
God's image:
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine."
This is the good news!

All: I belong to God.

When we give our tithes and offerings,
we are witnesses to the transforming love of God in
Christ.
I invite you to give as generously as you have received.

BLESSING OF THE GIFTS

Accept these gifts, we humbly pray O God.
Let them give you honor and glory as we serve the
needs of your people.
And let the called and redeemed of God say, Amen

BENEDICTION

Remember this week whose you are. And remember,
"When you pass through the waters, I will be with
you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you."
Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God!

REMEMBRANCE OF OUR BAPTISMS

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Pastor: Do you promise, by the grace of God,
to be a disciple, to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
to resist oppression,
to show love and justice,
and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ,
as best you are able?

(Let people answer silently to themselves; pause)

Pastor: And do you promise, according to the grace given to
you,
to grow in your faith and to be a faithful member of
the church,
celebrating Christ's presence and furthering God's
mission in all the world?

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PRAYER OF RECOMMITMENT

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Peace in disagreement,
Patience in suffering,
Kindness toward all people,
Goodness in evil times,
Faithfulness in temptation,
Gentleness in the face of opposition,
Self-control in all things.
Then strengthen us for ministry in your name.
Amen.**