

*St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church*

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Jan 12,2025 1st Sunday after Epiphany -Baptism of our Lord

Interim Moderator: Rev. Robert Lyle

Clerk of Session: Jan Alchorn

Music Director: Linda Giddens

Today’s Speaker Rev. Dr. Brad Little

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude and Greeting

Responsive 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!

Worship in Music: SoG 157– Spirit of the Living God (X2)

Prayers of Approach and Confession: Loving 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 in Three and Three in 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 honour, through Jesus Christ, who is one with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and always. 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 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. In his name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Do not be afraid, for Christ has redeemed you. Baptized in the deep waters of death, he has washed away your sins. Risen from death, he invites you to be washed in the cleansing tide of God’s mercy. Your sins are forgiven through faith; be at peace with God, with yourself, and with each other.

Worship in Music: BoP 425  - How Firm a Foundation

GOD’S WORD FOR HIS PEOPLE

First Reading: Acts 8: 14-17 Pg.777

Responsive Reading:  Psalm 29

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

2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendour of His holiness.

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

4 The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic.

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

6 He makes Lebanon leap like a calf, Sirion like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the Lord strikes with flashes of lightning.

8 The voice of the Lord shakes the desert; the Lord shakes the Desert of Kadesh.

9 The voice of the Lord twists the oaks and strips the forests bare. And in his temple all cry, “Glory!”

10 The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord is enthroned as King forever.

11 The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace.

Third Reading: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 Pg.726

Sermon:  “The Model of Christ - in Baptism and  Beyond”

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Worship in Music:    BoP 242  - This is My Father’s World

Offering and Offertory

The Doxology and Offertory Prayer

Prayers of God’s People and The Lord’s Prayer

Confession of Faith: BP 616 - The Apostles Creed

Worship in Music: BoP 509 - Lead on, O King Eternal

Benediction and Choral Amen

**MISSION MOMENT: Sunday, January 12**

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.

**Upcoming Services**

Jan 19 – Maryann Skinner

Jan 26 – Bob Lyle (Fellowship Sunday)

Feb 2 - Brad Little

Feb 9 - Maryann Skinner