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## **Sunday Worship** **Westminster United Church**

**The United Church of Canada**

*Celebrating over 125 years of ministry in the community*

**Sunday, January 13, 2019**

**The Baptism of Jesus**

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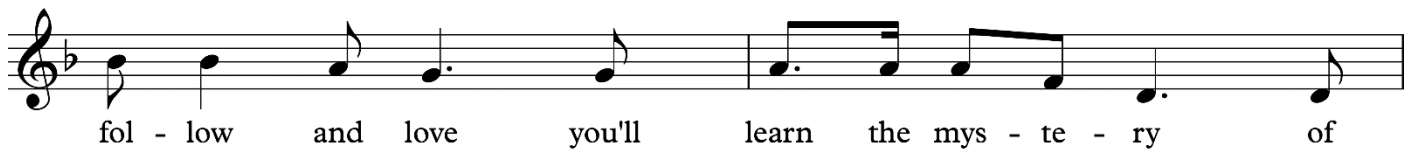
**Organ prelude**

**Christ Candle is lit**

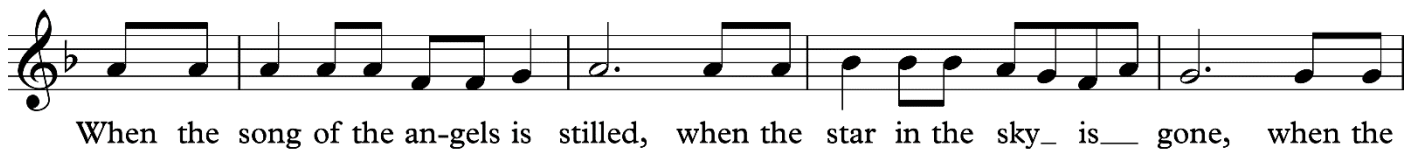
# Welcome and News

## Introit I am the Light of the World

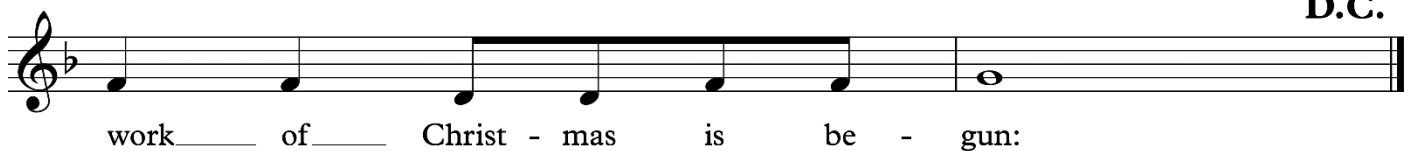
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*Fine*



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## Call to Worship

In this place made sacred by our gathering and God's presence, we come.

Here we can put away the pressures of our world that ask us to perform, to put on brave fronts, and to hide behind masks.

Here we can be a community of seekers, questioners, doubters, inquirers, believers - where we can bring our pain, our uncertainties, our failures, our hopes, dreams and visions.

Here we are reminded that we are held in God's love, a love shown to us so clearly in the life of Jesus....

**We can bring all that we are and all that we yet can be,  
to this safe and sacred space, and to this time of worship. Amen.**

**Hymn VU 100      When Jesus Comes to Be Baptized**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Out of the waters of baptism you call us O God, and you say to us as you said to Jesus “this is my Beloved”. You call us to be in the world, to serve you by serving others, especially the least among us. Too often our words and deeds become experiences that make us feel good about ourselves rather than a call to serve others without expectation or judgment. Forgive us for these times, O God.**

Forgive us when our actions become rooted in serving our own egos... when we believe we know best what others should be doing, rather than simply offering what we have without strings attached.

Forgive us when we are in need ourselves, but close ourselves to those who try to be the face and hands of Christ to us. Forgive us when we believe we need to handle everything on our own.

**Help us hear your reminding call that we are your beloved, that we are worthy, and you call to us always to be your disciples in the lives we lead.....**

*Moment of silence for personal confession.*

Lord have mercy.

**Christ have mercy.**

Lord have mercy.

### **Words of Assurance**

**Children’s Time – Katelyn McIntyre, Children’s Table Coordinator**

**The Passing of the Peace**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also, with you.**

*Following the passing of the peace, the younger crowd is welcome to join Katelyn at the **Children's Table** in the Narthex for a time of activity, story, conversation and sometimes even music.*

**Anthem**            How Blessed, How Beautiful            by Carl Nygard

**Scripture Reading:** Susie Conrad

Isaiah 43: 1-7

Luke 3: 15-17; 21-22

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

**Hymn** MV 155            Unbounded Spirit, Breath of God

**Collection of Offerings and Offertory**

*After the offering is introduced, an offertory will be played by the organist and the collection taken. Thank you for your gift, whether given today or through other means of supporting ministry at Westminster Church.*

## Offering Doxology

### Behold, I Make All Things New



Be - hold, be - hold, I make all things new, be -  
gin - ning with you and start - ing from to - day. Be -  
hold, be - hold, I make all things new, my  
prom - ise is true, for I am Christ, the way.

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## Prayer of Dedication

### Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (spoken)

**Our Father/Mother, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Hymn VU 93      When Heaven's Bright with Mystery**

## Commissioning and Sending Forth

## Choral Close

### GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Steve Angrisano and Tom Tomaszek

Refrain



Go make a dif - f'rence. We can make a dif -  
- f'rence. Go make a dif - f'rence in the world.  
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## Organ Postlude

*If departing before the end of the postlude, please do so quietly for the benefit of those remaining to enjoy the music.*

## Lectionary readings

### January 20 – Second Sunday after Epiphany

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*Worship materials for the Baptism of the Lord Sunday to the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany were contributed by James Ravenscroft and Barry Peters, Richmond Hill P.C., Richmond Hill, Ont.*

**Isaiah 62:1–5 - No longer called Desolate but now named Delight.**

**Psalms 36:5–10 (VU p. 762) - God's steadfast love extends to the heavens.**

**1 Corinthians 12:1–11 - Different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit.**

**John 2:1–11 - The wedding in Cana.**

To Ponder - God gives everything we need and more besides. How have you experienced that?