

First United Church

Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2020

Worship Leaders Cheryl Perry, Sharon Wilson
Music Alleluia Singers, Frances Chiasson, Jessica Crawford
Greeters Joan Grahl, Grace Gustafsson, Lorainne McLarty
Ushers..... Marian Hamilton, Ken Ottoson, Marleen Spicer
Sound System..... Luke Campbell
Projectionist Carol Drury
Coffee Hour Alyssa Campbell, Judy Valks
Offering Counters Ron Green, Linda Ottoson, Kathleen Smith

Welcome Table in the hall after worship - Information about activities and services we offer at First United. Remember to update your Family Record so we have current contact information and emergency numbers and if you have not filled out a Family Record you are invited to do so!

Prayer Cycle - This Sunday, in the annual rotation, we join with other churches to pray for the congregation of Pitt Meadows United Church.

Peace & Justice Table in the hall after worship - Environmental issues, urgent actions & Fair-Trade items.

Food Share Containers in the hall - for non-perishable food & hygiene items.

Healing Ministry - Please contact Judy at 250-862-0712 for appointment.

Gathering

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell, Welcome, Announcements

Introit "Life's Sacredness" (Christopher New)

**Beauty is around us; Beauty is within us;
Beauty is between us; Beauty is unfolding in us.
Beauty is around us; Beauty is within us;
Beauty is between us;
Spirit is around us; Spirit is within us;
Spirit is between us; Spirit is unfolding in us.
Spirit is around us; Spirit is within us;
Spirit is between us; opening to reveal
Life's sacredness, life's sacredness
Revealed in the wonder, revealed in the earth;
Revealed in our quest for life.**

Matthew 3:13-17 (Islene Vernet)

Hymn "Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized"

(Voices United 99 tune VU 344)

Procession of bowl and jug of water (Islene and Suki Vernet)

Call to Worship (responsive)

When nothing existed but chaos, God swept across the dark waters and brought forth light.

I am God's much loved child. God will use me to change the world.

In the days of Noah God used an ark to bring all creatures through the waters of the flood and placed a rainbow in the sky to remind them of that God would always keep them safe.

I am God's much loved child. God will use me to change the world.

God parted the waters of the Jordan river so that the Hebrews could be freed from slavery in Egypt and find their way to the promised land.

I am God's much loved child. God will use me to change the world.

God sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb.

He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit.

He called his disciples to share in the baptism and to make disciples of all nations.

I am God's much loved child. God will use me to change the world.

We who are claimed as God's own, let us worship!

Hymn "I Am a Child of God" (More Voices 157)

Word for all Ages

Lighting of Baptismal Candles

Prayer of Reconciliation

Words of Hope

Sung response "Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands"

(More Voices 173 vs. 2)

**Put peace into each other's hands
with loving expectation;
be gentle in your words and ways,
in touch with God's creation. (2x)**

Passing of the Peace

Blessing of the Water

Invitation to the Font

Children leave for Sunday school

Anthem "Out of Deep, Unordered Water"-Ron Klusmeier

Reflection

Hymn "I Have Called You by Your Name" (MV 161)

Thanksgiving

Minute for Mission (Outreach)

A Time of Musical Reflection

"Amazing Grace" -arr. John Carter

Offertory "Now Thank We All Our God" (Voices United 236, vs. 1)

**Now thank we all our God,
with heart, and hands, and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom the world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**We are God's beloved. We offer these gifts certain that they
can change the world. Use them to sustain the promises
made at the font. We dedicate our lives in service to one
another as we work for a future of peace and justice. AMEN**

Prayer of Intercession (Suki Vernet)

(adapted from: Walter Brueggemann, Prayers for a Privileged People (Abingdon, 2008), pp.161-162.)

Lord's Prayer

Sending Forth

Hymn "River Running in You and Me" (More Voices 163)

Commissioning and Benediction

Sung Response "Masithi Amen" (Voices United 50, vs. 4)

Leader: Masithi

Amen! Si-a-ku-du-mi-sa!

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Leader: Masithi

Amen, ba-wo! Amen, ba-wo! Amen! Si-a-ku-du-mi-sa.

Leader: Masithi

Amen! We praise your name, O God.

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Amen, ba-wo! Amen, ba-wo! Amen!

We praise your name, O God.

Postlude “Katherine”-S. Chatman

Next Week’s Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; I Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

Staff note: Bob Wallace is on holiday until January 16.

A **big thank you** to all who donated time and food to the New Year’s Day Dinner this year and contributed to another successful and fun event.

Missing from the New Year’s Day Dinner - a metal roasting pan approximately 11 x 15 inches belonging to Frances Park. Her name is marked on the bottom of the pan. Please return to the church office if found. Thanks!

Monthly Prayer Shawl Ministry Join us to knit or crochet prayer shawls for our congregation and the community at 1:00pm in room 14 on Thursday January 16. We’ll help those who are beginner knitters or crocheters.

First UP! Architectural plans reveal Please plan to stay after worship on Sunday, January 19 to see the initial drawings and models of what a new First could look like!

Women's retreat The one-day women's retreat is fast approaching on Saturday, January 25 hosted at First United. Registrations forms will be available on January 13 and the facilitator this year will be Keri Wehlander.

First United Family Directory 2020 Be sure to drop by the Welcome Table after church and book your photo taking appointment for the family directory. The first picture taking sessions will be held the week of January 20-25, 2020 and a second week will be offered April 14-18.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED JANUARY 12 - 19, 2020
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Today	8:30AM Informal Worship: 14
	10:00AM Sunday Worship: Sanctuary
	11:00AM Refreshments: Hall
	11:30AM First Up! Meeting: 14
	3:00PM Alleluia Ringers rehearse: Belfry
Monday	10:00AM Grandparents raising grandchildren: 14
	7:00PM Men's Group meet: 14
Tuesday	10:00AM Coffee and outreach: Hall
	1:00PM Adult study: 14
	2:00PM Isabel Leitch Unit (UCW): 14
	7:00PM Education Core Ministry: Library
Wednesday	7:00PM Adult study: 14
Thursday	8:30AM Healing Ministry: Vestry
	10:00AM Coffee and outreach: Hall
	12:30PM Worship meeting
	1:00PM Prayer Shawl ministry: 14
	3:00PM All churches Outreach meeting: 14
	4:00PM Outreach meeting: 13
	7:00PM Alleluia Singers rehearsal: Sanctuary
Next Sunday	8:30AM Informal Worship: 14
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	11:15AM FirstUP! Presentation
	11:00AM Refreshments: Hall
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