
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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~ God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith ~



January 11, 2015 – The Baptism of Jesus
Worship Leader: Rev. Heather Davies

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are available: Please ask an usher**

GOD CALLS TO US – WE COME

*(Please Rise in Body or in Spirit when you see this symbol *)*

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREET YOUR NEIGHBOUR

Learning New Offertory Music:

We Bring Our Gifts To Share

(A.Baer)

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: The Light of Jesus brings warmth.

All: Bless this light!

One: The light of Jesus brings new life.

All: Bless this light!

One: The light of Jesus shows us the way

All: Bless this light!

(the Christ Candle is lit)

* OPENING HYMN **Morning Has Broken**

VU 409

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: All who thirst, come to the water
and drink deeply of these living streams.
Come, all who are weary;
come, all who yearn for forgiveness.
As the waters of the Jordan washed over Jesus,
so the Holy Spirit washed over you and me.
Our gracious God beckons and blesses us.
Let us give praise for new life in Christ.

OPENING PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

**All: God our Mother,
Living Water,
River of Mercy,
Source of Life,
in whom we live and move
and have our being,
who quenches our thirst,
refreshes our weariness,
bathes and washes
and cleanses our wounds,
be for us always
a fountain of life,
and for all the world
a river of hope
springing up in the midst
of the deserts of despair.
Honour and blessing,
glory and praise to you forever.**

**Our Father, 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,
the power and the glory.
For ever and ever. AMEN.**

SCRIPTURE: Mark 1:4-11

One: This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

All: Praise to Christ the Word.

*** HYMN God, Whose Almighty Word VU 313**
(Children come forward during the singing of last verse)

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER WITH THE CHILDREN

(Children may leave for their own program)

OUR GIFTS

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING:

OFFERTORY MUSIC: **Prelude in E** (J. Wm. Greene)

* OFFERING RESPONSE:

We Bring Our Gifts to Share - x 2

**We bring our gifts to share,
and lift our grateful prayer**

**That with our faithful care,
our world will grow.**

Through work of minds

and hands in gestures small or grand,

Let willing hearts expand the love You sow.

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* OFFERING DEDICATION PRAYER (*unison*)

All: Receive our gifts, O God.

**May they be used to show forth to the world
the greatness of your love.**

**We ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ,
your perfect gift and our Saviour.**

ANTHEM **Touch the Earth Lightly**

VU 307

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: **Genesis 1:1-5**

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE: ***"In The Beginning"***
(Rev. Heather Davies)

SILENCE

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN **For the Fruit of All Creation** VU 227

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE GOD

* CLOSING HYMN
This is God's Wondrous World VU 296

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

One: May the blessing of God, fountain of living water,
flow within us as a river of life.
May we drink deeply of her wisdom.
May we never thirst again.
May we go through life refreshing many,
as a sign of healing for all;
through the One who is Life eternal. Amen.

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

Go now in peace, never be afraid
God will go with you each hour of every day
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe
Reach out to others so all the world can see
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

("Go Now in Peace" Written by Besig & Price ©1988)

POSTLUDE **Allegro from 'Concerto for Organ in B Minor**
(Johann Gottfried Walther)

Prayer Cycle for the United Churches in Hamilton Conference:
First United Church, Port Credit, Halton Presbytery

♪ MUSIC NOTES ♪

Our new offertory response music was written by Allan Baer, son of Grace Baer from our congregation. Allan wrote this song for use in his home church in Kingston. He plays clarinet regularly at their services and has written a number of songs and instrumental arrangements for their use. Allen is an associate professor at Queen's University where he teaches medical students.



IN OUR CHURCH:

GOD'S MISSION - OUR GIFTS

January is PAR month!

Pre-Authorized Remittance (P.A.R.)

If you have automatic withdrawals from your bank account to pay your bills, taxes or mortgage, then you already understand the PAR principle. Besides being convenient, using PAR for your offering ensures regular monthly givings to help our church's ministry even when you are away. You will be providing our congregation with a dependable flow of contributions which increases our overall financial stability. Why not participate in PAR? PAR Authorization Forms are available on the Narthex table.



Save your used stamps for the Leprosy Mission!

Please leave them in the "Caring Bin" in the cabinet in coatroom behind the Narthex.

What's God Up To? a Video Bible Study (VBS) beginning ***Wed. Jan. 14, 2015*** in the Parlour 7 p.m - 9 p.m. Explore Bible stories with Amy-Jill Levine, who writes about Judaism & the origins of Christianity, and who will help us understand attitudes toward Jews in the New Testament. It should be a very enlightening study! Join us for a story a week - come to one, come to them all! Sign the sheet on the Narthex table or email biblestudy@sjruc.ca



Book Nook: A Spirituality of Caregiving, by *Henri J.M. Nouwen*. Relections on the anguish and joys of providing care for one another. On display – Borrow for 3 weeks.

SJR Reads: Meet at noon in the parlour:
January 25th - 'Love Anthony' - Lisa Genova (KPL)

Our Volunteers This Week:

AV Crew	Jim C & Crew
BookNook	Norma M
Counters	Gail C, Herb & Lynda B
Greeters	Bob & Gail C, Marion & Fran C
Ushers	Bill & Millie W, Roy K, Doug R
Gather n' Gab	Ed and Ellen E
Nursery	Evelyn S
Sunday School	Kelly S
Layreader	Steve W



IN OUR COMMUNITY

Israeli Peace Activist Jeff Halper will give a public lecture on “Imagining a Future for Israel and Palestine: Beyond Fear and Violence” on **Monday, January 19 at 5 p.m. at the Keffer Chapel, Waterloo Lutheran Seminary**, on the WLU campus at the corner of Albert St. and Bricker. Jeff is director of the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions. An academic, anthropologist and Nobel Peace Prize nominee, he is on a cross-Canada tour sponsored by the United Network for Justice and Peace in Palestine and Israel (UNJPPI) and Independent Jewish Voices.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- Jan. 14 **VBS Video Bible Study** 7:00 p.m. in the Parlour
- Jan. 25 **SJR Reads** 12:00 noon in the Parlour



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