

Beaverlodge-Wembley-Hythe Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
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Sunday, January 12 – Baptism of Jesus

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Hymns: VU =Voices United & MV = More Voices
Text in **bold** =All the people reading it out loud

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LIGHTING OF CHRIST'S & PEACE
CANDLE**



CALL TO WORSHIP WORSHIP {Adapted from Psalm 29 & Isaiah 14:1-7}

Ascribe to God all who gathered here this morning. Come and soak yourself in the deep waters running down the streams.

We gather to worship in the beauty of God's creation and holiness.

Let us listen to God's voice, not as literal thunder but as a powerful and majestic force that commands our attention, not to scare us but to awaken us from our slumber.

We worship our creator who formed us, knowing we are God's people.

Come, do not be afraid; God's comforting presence is with you.

We gather boldly to worship the Lord who intimately knows each of us by name. Thanks be to God!

OPENING PRAYER

****OPENING HYMN:** MV # 161 "I have Called you by my Name."

A NEW CREED: VU # 918 [in unison]

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION (in Unison)

God, who speaks on the mountains, in the great waters of the wilderness, and in all places, God who knows us by name, we often forget that there is nothing we can hide from you, that you are always with us, even in our trials, difficulties, and loneliness. Forgive us, Lord, and guide us to always turn to you, our ultimate source of strength and comfort.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CHILDREN'S TIME

****CHILDREN'S HYMN:** MV # 157 "I am a Child of God."

SCRIPTURE READING: LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22

The word of God to us, God's people.



REFLECTION: “JOINING THE COMMUNITY.”

****HYMN:** VU # 375 “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness.”

MISSION & SERVICE STORIES: “Faith in Action: Empowering Global Peace”

INVITATION FOR OFFERING

****OFFERING HYMN:** VU # 229 “God of Sparrow.”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

God of epiphany, as we gather our gifts and offer them, we remember the power of the descended Holy Spirit symbolized by the dove during Jesus’ baptism. May the same transformative power come to our giving, spreading our generosity to those who need us most and empowering us to transform your world into a better place for all. Bless us and our giving. Amen!

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER { see VU p.921}

****CLOSING HYMN:** MV # 214 “May God’s Sheltering Wings.”

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Beloved, as you go out from this place of worship, remember you are known, called by name, and loved.

I now understand God's love and knowledge of me. I go forth filled with hope and the Spirit of waters of Baptism. Thanks be to God.