

# St. Andrew's River Heights United Church

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## Baptism of Jesus Sunday Sunday, January 8, 2012



### Our Mission

To send our people into the world  
restored, refreshed, forgiven, and joyful;  
to live as Christ would have us live,  
with love and justice as our goals.

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

\*Congregation please stand, as you are able, and join congregational responses in **bold print**.

(Listening aids are available in the narthex; large print bulletins with hymns are available from the usher's table.)

*The musical offerings during worship can be very inspirational. Please help us to preserve the sanctity of those offerings to God and God's people by allowing the music to stand alone in silence at its conclusion as it resonates in the sanctuary, in our hearts, and in our souls. If you wish to share your thoughts or appreciation with the musicians, please do so after worship.*  
*Thank you!*

### PRELUDE:

Morning has broken (Bunessan)

arr. M. Burkhardt

### CHRIST CANDLE LIGHTING

### We Gather

### WELCOME

### LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

## We Approach Our God

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

*In the beginning, God created all that is. The heavens and the earth, water and dirt, fire and air.*

**In the beginning, God breathed all that is. Light breaking the darkness, creation filling the emptiness.**

*In the beginning, God spoke all that is and it was.*

**In the beginning, God spoke and God saw that this creation was good.**

### PRAYER OF APPROACH (unison):

**In the dark winter days when we often get discouraged, we turn, O God, to you. Teach us to abide in Christ, that we may know the joy you intend for your people. As branches attached to the vine of your love, may love and goodness grow within us, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: **409**

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (from Psalm 29):

*The Holy Voice is over the waters,*  
**but when the waters are rough, our fears can beat rhythms louder than the pulsing of the Spirit.**

*The Holy Voice is powerful,*  
**but when voices of desire, comfort, success and power call to us seductively and persuasively, and we turn from God.**

*The Holy Voice flashes forth flames of fire,  
to light our path, and warm our hearts, but there are times  
when we prefer the shadows, when we prefer to linger in  
the cold of night. Amen.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE: **84** (verse 2)

O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word

CANONBURY

Our bartered, busy lives burn dim,  
Too tired to care, too numb to feel.  
Come, shine upon our shadowed world;  
Your radiance bathes with power to heal.

\*HYMN: **MV87**

Water Flowing from the Mountains

J. Hannah  
arr. D. Melhorn-Boe

CHILDREN'S TIME: The Rite of Asperges: Remembering Our Baptism

### **We Listen for God's Word**

ANTHEM: 'In the beginning' from 'The Creation' F. J. Haydn  
(Soloists: Derek Morphy and Jan van der Hooft) Text: Genesis 1:1-3

In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth; and the earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters; and God said: "Let there be light", and there was light. And God saw the light that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.

THE HEBREW LESSON: Genesis 1:1-5 O.T. pg.1

read by Ruth McKenzie

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 1:4-11 N.T. pg.34

read by Ruth McKenzie

ANTHEM: Tomorrow shall be my dancing day

Text: traditional/Music: John Gardner

MESSAGE: "If the whole world were plastered over with concrete, somewhere, sometime, a tiny crack would appear, and, through that crack a rose would bloom". (Ignazio Silone)

NEW BEGINNINGS!

### We Make Our Response

\*HYMN: **449**

Crashing Waters at Creation

CRASHING WATERS

OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY:

Poco allegretto in G major (from L'organiste)

C. Franck

\*DOXOLOGY: **93** (verse 4)

When Heaven's Bright with Mystery

SUSSEX CAROL

When heaven's bright with mystery  
and stars still lead an unknown way,  
when love still lights a gentle path  
where courts of power can hold no sway,  
there with the Magi, let us kneel,  
our gifts to share, God's world to heal.

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (VU914)

## We Go Forth

### \*RECESSIONAL HYMN: **101**

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

SALZBERG (HINTZE)

### \*BLESSING

### \*BENEDICTION: **84** (verse 4)

O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word

CANONBURY

O Light of Nations, fill the earth;  
our faith and hope and love renew.  
Come, lead the peoples to your peace,  
as stars once led the way to you.

### POSTLUDE:

Variations on 'Songs of thankfulness and praise'

J. Pachelbel



Please join us for coffee, tea and juice  
after the service in the downstairs  
auditorium.



## Welcome to Worship

We extend a special welcome to all our guests and newcomers. Please sign our guest register and introduce yourself to an usher so that we may help you feel at home. Would you like someone to phone you about St. Andrew's River Heights United Church? Please leave your phone number in the register and a representative of the



Fellowship and Pastoral Care Committee will be happy to contact you.

You are welcome to take this bulletin home with you. If not, please place your bulletin in the paper-recycling bin.

### **The Anthems this Week**

The opening reading today is from the first chapter of Genesis. Haydn, in his oratorio, "The Creation" provides a dramatic musical realization of the events of the first day.

"Tomorrow shall be my dancing day" is a traditional carol that first appeared in 1833 in a book of *Christmas Carols Ancient and Modern*. Jesus's life is depicted as being a dance, and is told by Jesus in the first person. This device was later used by Sidney Carter in his "Lord of the Dance", which in spite of this being used as the title of a show featuring Irish dancers, is not of Celtic origins!!

"My true love" clearly refers to humankind. John Gardner used the first four of eleven verses for this popular carol, ending with a verse dealing with the baptism of Jesus, one of the themes of today's service.

### **Sunday School**

The scriptures in the Sunday School today are: Genesis 1:1-5, Psalm 29, Acts 19:1-7 and Mark 1:4-11. Today is the first Sunday in the Season After Epiphany and the scripture passages illustrate the power of God's Spirit at work – Spirited Beginnings. In this new year of 2012, we encourage everyone to make some "spirited beginnings," some special resolutions or promises that will help spread God's love in your home and community and in the world.

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