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**The Baptism of the Lord - January 11, 2026**

**BAS – 10:00 am**

## **Announcements**

**Processional Hymn: CP # 103 'On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist Cry'**

## **The Gathering of the Community**

**C:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**A:** **And also with you.**

**C:** Almighty God,

**A:** **to you all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the**

**inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and  
worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Glory to God**

Glory to God on high, and peace to all on earth.  
We worship you, we give you thanks, our heavenly King.  
We give you praise, almighty God and Father  
Blessed in glory bright.

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,  
The sacrificial Lamb, who saves the world from sin,  
Have mercy Lord. Beside the Father's hand enthroned,  
Now hear our prayer.

You only are the Lord. You only are most high.  
You only are the holy one, Lord Jesus Christ.  
And now you reign with Father and with Spirit  
One in glorious light.

## **Prayer of Transition**

**C:** Almighty God, giver of all good gifts, look on your church with grace, and  
guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish of St  
George's, that they may receive a faithful servant who will care for your  
people and support them in their ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**A:** **Amen.**

## **The Collect of the Day**

**C:** God of life and new life, you are splendid and strong! Your voice thunders  
above the sound of loud waters. You sit enthroned above the floods of life.  
As Jesus heard you speak to him in his baptism, may we also hear you  
calling us your beloved, through Jesus Christ, your son, our brother.  
**A:** **Amen**

## **The Proclamation of the Word The Readings**

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

<sup>2</sup> He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;

<sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

<sup>4</sup> He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

<sup>5</sup> Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:

<sup>6</sup> I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,

<sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

<sup>8</sup> I am the LORD, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.

<sup>9</sup> See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \*  
**ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; \*  
**worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; \*  
**the Lord is upon the mighty waters.**
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \*  
**the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.**
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \*  
**the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;**
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
**and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; \*  
**the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \*  
**and strips the forests bare.**
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord \*  
**all are crying, "Glory!"**
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
**the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.**
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; \*  
**the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
**As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**ACCLAMATION: CP # 122 'In the Bleak Mid-Winter' Verses (1, 2)**

**The Holy Gospel Matthew 3:13-17**

**Rev Sharla Malliff**

C: The Lord be with you.

**A: And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Matthew 3:13-17**

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. <sup>16</sup> And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a

dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**The Response to the Gospel: CP # 122 'In the Bleak Mid-Winter' Verses (3, 4)**

**Homily**

**Rev Sharla Malliff**

**Apostle's Creed**

**C:** Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say,

**A:** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

**Coralee Little**

**O:** The flowers placed on the altar this morning proclaims and praise God for His many blessings given in this life. It is our sincere wish that we may be granted good health, good cheer and good reunions in 2026. Given in steadfast love and sure faith by Catherine Carlson.

Blessing God, you drowned evil in the waters of the flood and promised a covenant of faithfulness with a rainbow in the sky. In baptism you caused us to die to sin and raised us to new life in Christ. Trusting in your promises for earth and all people, we bring you our prayers for the world.

We pray for your church with its kaleidoscopic views of baptism, that it may meet the needs of all types of people in the world.

We pray for the world, that all people—and all creation—may know they are your beloved.

We pray for those who suffer, especially ..... that they will know your love for them, and we may be bearers of comfort.

We pray for your creation, that it may stay healthy and continue to nourish and nurture us.

We remember those who have gone before us remembering especially .... and pray for those nearing death, that they may be at peace in your love for them.

In one baptism with Christ and blessed by your Holy Spirit, we praise and give you thanks, Holy One, for giving us spirit and breath.

**Amen.**

## **Confession and Absolution**

C: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.  
Most merciful God,

**A: We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

C: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**A: Amen.**

## **The Peace**

C: The peace of the Lord be always with you,

**A: And also with you.**

## **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

### **The Preparation of the Gifts**

#### **Invitation to the Offering**

C: God gives us not only genesis life but the new life born of repentance, forgiveness, and resurrection. Therefore, with generous hearts, let us give back a portion of what has already been given to us in our baptismal covenant with God and each other.

#### **Offertory Hymn: CP # 162 'Sing of God Made Manifest'**

#### **Prayer over the Gifts**

C: Great, saving God, you have gathered us into one baptism, regardless of our backgrounds and conditions. Therefore we praise you with our tithes and offerings. May they join with others to become a mighty river, bringing your peace and healing to the world.

**A: Amen.**

#### **The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer #3**

C: The Lord be with you.

**A: And also with you.**

C: Lift up your hearts.

**A: We lift them to the Lord.**

C: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**A: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
you have revealed your eternal plan of salvation,  
and have shown your Son Jesus Christ  
to be the light of all peoples.  
Therefore with angels and archangels  
we raise our voices in joyful praise  
to proclaim the glory of your name.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo -

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

C: We give thanks to you, Lord our God,  
For the goodness and love  
You have made known to us in creation;  
In calling Israel I to be your people;  
In your Word spoken through the prophets;  
And above all in the Word spoken through the prophets;  
And above all in the Word made flesh,  
Jesus your Son.  
For in these last days you sent him  
To be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
To be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.  
In him, you have brought us  
Out of error into truth,  
Out of sin into righteousness,  
Out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over  
To suffering and death,  
A death he freely accepted,  
Our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;  
And when he had given thanks to you,  
He broke it, and gave it to his disciples,  
And said, "Take, eat:  
This is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;  
And when he had given thanks,  
He gave it to them,  
And said, "Drink this, all of you:  
This is my blood of the covenant,  
Which is shed for you and for many  
For the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

**A:** Therefore, Father, according to his command,  
**we remember his death,**  
**We proclaim his resurrection,**  
**We await his coming;**

**C:** and we offer our sacrifice  
Of praise and thanksgiving  
To you, Lord of all;

Presenting to you, from your creation,  
This bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,  
To send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,  
That they may be the sacrament  
Of the body of Christ  
And his blood of the covenant.  
Unite us to your son in his sacrifice,  
That we, made acceptable in him,  
May be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,  
Reconcile all things in Christ,  
And make them new,  
And bring us to that city of light  
Where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
The firstborn of all creation,  
The head of the Church,  
And the author of our salvation;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
All honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,  
Now and for ever.

**A:** **Amen**

## The Lord's Prayer

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.

## The Breaking of the Bread

**C:** We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.  
**A:** God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

Unison

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the  
world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sins of the world:  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Chords: G, Am7, GM7, Am7, Bm7, CM9, Am7, Dsus4, D, G, C, Dsus4, D, GM7, C/G, G, D7/G, Am7, Em, C, Am7, Dsus4, D, G, Am/G, GM7, Em7, CM7, Am7, Gsus4, G.

## The Communion

**Administrants:** Debra Zanon-Barclay, Catherine Calson

**Communion Music: CP # 57 'Thou, Who at Thy First Eucharist'**

### Prayer after Communion

C Gracious God, lover of all, by this sacrament you make us one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood, one in the communion of his Spirit. Help us to grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ. We ask this in his name.

**A: Amen.**

C: Glory to God,

**A: Whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

### Blessing

C: May the God who called Jesus “beloved” speak blessing to you, beloved sons and daughters, and empower you to bring that good news to others who still need to hear it.

**A: Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn: CP # 461 'Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus'**

### Dismissal

O: God shows no partiality between people according to class, color, or country but accepts people of all backgrounds who love God and do what is right. Go in peace and do likewise.

Go in the peace to love and serve the Lord.

**A: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### Readings for Next Week

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalms 40:1-11

1 Cor 1:1-9

John 1:29-42

### Last Week's Attendance

Sunday : 8:15      30      10:00      44

### Givings

On the plate    \$2,195      Auto Debit: \$2,093

### Sunday Smile

No bungee cords – we encourage leaps of faith.

### Bible Study

A reminder--and an invitation--to join Bible Study at 1:30pm in the Fireside Room. We will resume our regular meetings this coming Thursday January 15th. No preparation needed - only a willingness to joyfully examine scripture and share fellowship. Consider joining us when you can--all are most welcome!

### ST. ANDREW'S CUPBOARD

As our year quickly comes to an end, I want to take this opportunity, on behalf of St. Andrews and your St. Georges Outreach Committee, to THANK-YOU for your amazing generosity to the Cupboard! It is truly heartwarming to see how many less fortunate families we have been able to help with your donations 💖 They are so grateful for our ongoing support all year long! Anything you are able to give is most appreciated, but a few things mentioned for the next few weeks are cleaning products, toilet paper and cereal 😊 THANK-YOU

Heather Murphy - On behalf of your Outreach Committee

### Attention Scheduled Lesson Readers

Thank you all for your continuing support for this ministry and especially a big hug to all who volunteered to read at one or more of our special Christmas services. The January to March schedule has now been put in mail folders – questions or concerns can be addressed by reaching out to Jim or Cheryl at 519-579-0684.

## **Book Club**

Please join us for Book Club on Tuesday, January 20 at 1:00 pm. Our selection is *Broken Country* by Clare Leslie Hall. All are welcome!

## **Lector Ministry**

A Lector is a parish member who reads a lesson at one of our regular Sunday or special seasonal services. This is another opportunity to participate in and enjoy the wide array of ministries available here at St. Georges. Scheduled readers do so about once every 5-6 weeks. If you are interested in joining our team, please see or call Jim or Cheryl Fox at 519-579-0684.

## **Update on our Deanery Refugee Committee**

I have some pretty exciting news. As of roughly a week ago, the government has approved a new refugee family for our deanery who may arrive as early as Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. The family consists of a 33-year-old Mom – first name Mapenzi – plus three boys: Tumain (aged 3), Utinyele (aged almost 4), and Bukuru (aged almost 9). Mapenzi was born in the Democratic Republic of Congo; the boys were born in Tanzania. If all has gone according to our hopes, we will be shortly securing a two-bedroom apartment in the apartment complex that our last refugee family is still living in, near Pioneer Park in Kitchener.

Financially, we expect to start out with approximately \$28,000 - \$22,000 contributed by our local churches and \$6,000 from our Diocese. We will likely need roughly an additional \$10,000 to get us through the first year. (As I have indicated before, rent is likely to be in the order of \$2000 a month.) I am delighted to indicate that since last October, our St. George's parish has come forward with \$11,078 for this deanery outreach, which is tremendous!

As of Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, we have begun scouting for needed furniture and household goods. Right now we have a couple of beds, a dresser, a bedside table, and some kitchen wares in storage. I will do my best to make our parish know what else is needed after the committee meets on Jan 13<sup>th</sup>.

John Ryrie

## **2026 • New Year • New Routine**

Join **Rev. Sharla** in reading the **entire Bible in one year!** Just **20 minutes a day** to read the whole Bible in 2026. Interested? Connect with **Rev. Sharla** for the reading outline or a link to the **Bible in a Year Podcast** from *Ascension Presents*.

## **Post-Holiday Blues? Join Us!**

Join us for a **10-week Bible study** exploring Scripture through stories, conversation, and casual fellowship. **Sundays after 10:00 a.m. worship in the Fireside Room, starting January 18.** Just show up! Bring a Bible if you'd like.

Resource: *Pairings*: by Matthew R. Anderson

(*The Bible and Booze*)

### **Weekly Schedule**

**Week 1:** The Second Creation Story

**Week 2:** Joshua

**Week 3:** Psalm 139

**Week 4:** The Psalms of Contrition

**Week 5:** Ruth

**Week 6:** Isaiah 55 & 60

**Week 7:** Esther

**Week 8:** Philemon

**Week 9:** Matthew

**Week 10:** Revelation

### **Soup Luncheon**

Join us for a Soup Luncheon on February 1st! Cost is \$10, and takeout is available.

### **Photographs**

Pictures taken at worship services and special events may be used for the Parish Website, Facebook page, or the Dragon Flyer. Please speak to the photographer if you do not wish to be included in a picture. The Communications Committ