

# *Welcome to* *First-St Andrew's* **UNITED CHURCH**

Where liberal theology meets the best of tradition



**January 7, 2018**  
**Baptism of our Lord**  
**(Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows)**  
**10:30 am**



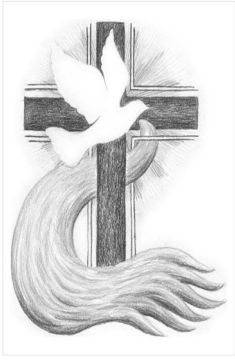
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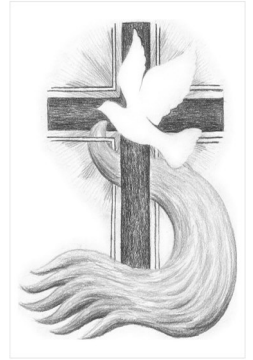
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# Welcome



Together we all make up the family of First-St. Andrew's. If you are new to the family, please know that you are always welcome here. It would be our blessing to meet you after worship for Coffee and Conversation, and to share with you some of the many exciting things that are happening here at FSA. Rev. Michelle Down wants to hear from you! Please contact her at [revmichelledown@fsaunited.com](mailto:revmichelledown@fsaunited.com) or on her cell at 519-709-9554 anytime.

**Bold type** indicates congregational response. \* indicates to stand, if able.

## **Acknowledging the Traditional Territory:**

We acknowledge that we are meeting on aboriginal land that has been inhabited by Indigenous peoples from the beginning. As settlers, we're grateful for the opportunity to meet here and we thank all the generations of people who have taken care of this land - for thousands of years. Long before today there have been aboriginal peoples who have been the stewards of this place.

In particular, we acknowledge the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Attawandaron (Neutral) and Wendat peoples.

We recognize and deeply appreciate their historic connection to this place. We also recognize the contributions of Métis, Inuit, and other Indigenous peoples have made, both in shaping and strengthening this community in particular, and our province and country as a whole.

As settlers, this recognition of the contributions and historic importance of Indigenous peoples must also be clearly and overtly connected to our collective commitment to make the promise and the challenge of Truth and Reconciliation real in our communities, and in particular to bring justice for murdered and missing indigenous women and girls across our country.

## **Music to Enter into God's Presence:**

Variations on "Be Thou My Vision"

John Eggert

## **Welcome & Announcements:**

Kerry Stover

## **Mission & Outreach Message:**

Barb Dalrymple

## **Lighting the Christ Candle and Memorial Candle:**

**Music:** Christ, our Lord, came to the Jordan BWV 685

J.S. Bach

## **Call to Worship:**

*Lectern side: Hear the voice of God, like thunder above the sound of crashing waves.*

*Pulpit side: Hear the voice of God, like the clear, sharp crack of cedars breaking in the wind.*

*Lectern side: Hear the voice of God, whispering like a gentle breeze.*

*Pulpit side: Hear the voice of God, like a storm that quenches a raging fire.*

**All: Let us come to worship the God who is our strength and peace.**

*Carol E. Bayma, Royster Memorial Presbyterian Church, Norfolk, Virginia from **Gathering**. Used with permission.*

## **Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**\*Hymn:** VU #217 All Creatures of Our God and King

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## **Children's Message and Reaffirmation of our Baptismal Vows**

### **INVITATION**

Sisters and brothers in Christ:

Through the Sacrament of Baptism we were initiated into Christ's holy Church. We have been incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit.

All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

Through confirmation, and through the reaffirmation of our faith, we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

**We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround this community with love and forgiveness, that we may grow in the trust of God, and be found faithful in the service to others. We will pray for this church, that we may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Hebrew Bible and our New Testament.

Do you believe in God the Father (Creator)?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**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.**





## **PRAYER OF THANKS**

Eternal Creator:

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

In the days of Noah, you saved those on the ark through water.

After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow.

When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt,  
you led them to freedom through the sea.

Their children you brought through the Jordan  
to the land which you promised.

Tell of God's mercy each day.

In the fullness of time you 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 of his death and resurrection  
and to make disciples of all nations.

**Declare Christ's works to the nations,  
his glory among all the people.**

## **BLESSING OF WATER**

Pour out your Holy Spirit,  
to bless this gift of water and those who receive it,  
to wash away their sin  
and clothe them in righteousness  
throughout their lives,  
that, dying and being raised with Christ,  
they may share in his final victory.

**All praise to you, Eternal Creator  
through your Son Jesus Christ,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit  
lives and reigns for ever. Amen.**

## REAFFIRMATION STATEMENT (as Baptism Waters are distributed)

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

**Amen.**



The God of all grace,  
who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,  
establish and strengthen us  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
that we may live in grace and peace.

*Signs of peace may be exchanged*

**Anthem:** Creator of the Water

Carolyn Gillette

**Scripture:** Acts 19: 1-7 Paul baptizes with the Spirit  
Mark 1: 4-11 The Baptism of Jesus

Jim Silcox

**Message:** New Beginnings

**\*Hymn:** VU #376 Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

## **Prayers of the People**

## **Offering**

**Offertory Music:** VU#451 This is the Spirit's Entry Now

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**\*Offertory Response:** VU # 315 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty - choir NICÆA

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;  
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

## **\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn:** VU #575 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE

## **\*Blessing and Benediction**

**\*Sung Benediction Response:** VU #575 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'm gonna live so (live so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
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## **Music to Commission Us Into Service and Witness:**

Trinitas (3<sup>rd</sup> movement)

Eleanor Daley

Based on Acts 2:17 "And I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh."



**The Leadership in Today's Service Includes:**

Welcoming Ushers: Bill & Glenna Hall, David & Eileen Grainger

Narthex Co-ordinator: Catherine Charlton

Coffee & Conversation: Ardath & Kerry Hill, Mason Robichaud

We thank God for all those who share their gifts and talents.

**First-St. Andrew's United Church Staff**

**Rev. Michelle Down** Minister of Worship and Congregational Life

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