

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Thunder Bay**

**January 13, 2019**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany:  
Greater Gifts – You are Beloved**

\*indicates please stand if you are able

**Bolded** passages are to be spoken in unison by the congregation

Minister: Rev. Joyce Yanishewski

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**We Prepare for Worship**

**Prelude**                      *Aria on "Jewels"*                      Dale Wood

**Introit**                      *Come, Host of Heaven's  
High Dwelling Place (vv.1&2)*                      John Bell

**Words of Welcome**

**We Worship God**

**Call to Worship**

Brothers and sisters, our lives have purpose.

**We are called to be like Christ and serve God.**

God chooses us and loves us

**God calls us by name and we belong to God.**

God will bring to completion the good work of grace  
started in us,

**And we will find joy, peace, and restoration in God's  
loving plan. Let us worship this God, who claims us  
and loves us!**

**\*Hymn**                      *Breathe on me breath of God*                      **389**

**Opening Prayer**

**Call to Confession**

God loves us and calls us each by name.

Knowing we are eternally forgiven and infinitely loved,  
let us boldly confess our sins before God.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness  
and new life, but we confess that we prefer our old  
lives; we let nostalgia prevent us from trusting you  
enough to accept newness, we cling to destructive  
habits, we nurture grudges, and we are reluctant to  
welcome or forgive one another. In your loving  
kindness, have mercy upon us and move among us  
so that we might live together with grace.**

**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  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. 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 forever and ever. Amen**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Hymn**                      *She comes sailing on the wind*                      **403**

**Children's Time**

**Sharing a sign of peace**

Peace be with you.                      **And also with you.**

**Community Life Announcements**

**Scripture Readings**

❖ **Luke 3:15-22**

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all  
were questioning in their hearts concerning John,  
whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered  
all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but  
one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not  
worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will  
baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

<sup>17</sup>His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' <sup>18</sup>So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, <sup>20</sup>added to them all by shutting up John in prison.

### The Baptism of Jesus

<sup>21</sup> Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

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

**Message** *The First Gift: Grace for Us*

**\*Hymn** *At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow* **340**

**Offering**

**Organist's offering of music** *Air* John Travers

**Doxology** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow* **79**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

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### Prayer of Dedication

**Loving God, we're grateful for the ways you continue to name and claim each one of us. Renew in each of us the delight of our baptism, and the joy of knowing we're following Jesus.**

**Thank you for this opportunity to share some of the resources you've given us. Now put this offering to work – stretching it to make possible the ministries to which you've called each one of us and this community of faith.**

**We give you our thanks. Amen.**

<https://centerforfaithandgiving.org/2019/01/january-13-2019>

**Choir's gift of music** *Psalms 98* Jeremiah Clarke

### Prayers of the People

#### We are Sent out as God's People

**\*Hymn** *At the dawning of creation* **512**

**Benediction**

**Response**

Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

**Postlude** *Andante Maestoso* Charles Stanford

