

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Thunder Bay

January 12, 2020

Baptism of Our Lord

*indicates please stand if you are able

Bolded passages are to be spoken in unison by the congregation

Minister: Rev. Joyce Yanishewski

We Prepare for Worship

Prelude *Quam Dilecta* H. Coleman

Lighting of the Christ Candle – Ruth Wright

Introit *Come, let us Worship the Lord* from Canticle
of the Gift
The Newman Foundation
of Toronto

Words of Welcome

We Worship God

Call to Worship

The heavens open. The Spirit descends.

Jesus emerges from the water.

And a voice echoes through the blue expanse.

**"This is my child, the Beloved,
with whom I am well-pleased."**

Jesus is named. Claimed.

We come to the water.

We remember we are named. Claimed.

Can it be so? What a thing to be named. Claimed.

Let us worship the one who names and claims us still.

written by Caela Wood, Pastor at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Manhattan, Kansas.

***Hymn** *Hail the Lord's Anointed* 115

Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

We are incredibly stubborn, O Lord. We have entered the season in which Your Light has been given to the world, your blessings have been poured out on the world, and yet all we can think about is our own problems, our own needs, our own desires. Help us to desire you, Lord. Help us to yearn for your presence. Pour your baptismal waters over us again, cleansing us from our self-pity and arrogance.

Prayer to Confession

Nourish and heal us so that we may joyfully serve you. Wash away our jealousy, greed, and all negative thoughts and behaviors that stand in the way of our truly being the people you have called us to be.

Again let us receive the blessings offered in creation, in the birth and baptism of Jesus, and in the ministry of the saints of light. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

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Assurance of Pardon

We Listen for God's Word

***Hymn** Sing a new song unto the Lord 422

Children's Time

Sharing a sign of peace

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

Community Life Announcements

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings – Gus Barclay

❖ **Matthew 3:13-17**

❖ **Acts 10:34-43**

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

Message - Baptism as an act of Witness

We Respond to God's Word

***Hymn** Like the murmur of the dove's song **385**

Offering

Organist's Offering of Music *Interlude* T. Dubois

Doxology *What star is this (v4)* **170**

To God the Father, God the Son,
and Holy Spirit. Three in One,
may every tongue and nation praise
an endless song of thankful praise.

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Prayer of Dedication

God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, we bring our gifts to you with grateful hearts. Bless these gifts that they may help to bring the light of your love into the world. And bless our lives, too, so that we may be a blessing to those whom we encounter, through Christ, our Living Lord. Amen.

Choir's gift of music *Lord, Make Us Worthy* Natalie Sleeth

Prayers of the People

Respond to the words "God, in your mercy" with "Hear our prayer."

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

We are Sent out as God's People

***Hymn** *Thou who's almighty word* **291**

Benediction

Postlude *Postlude-Cantique* T. Dubois

