



GRACE UNITED CHURCH

January 15, 2017 – Baptism of Jesus Sunday

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Please be aware that our services are filmed and broadcast on Eastlink TV, Wightman TV, posted to YouTube and Archived on DVD. If you do not want to be on TV please let an Usher know.

GATHERING of GOD'S PEOPLE

At the front of the sanctuary on the table is a place where you are invited to light a candle and say a prayer before or during worship.

PRELUDE

Yuki Stocovaz

INTROIT

"And on This Path"

More Voices #8

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

"Praise the Lord"

Voices United #245

CALL TO WORSHIP/ OPENING PRAYER

We are the Body of Christ!

The hand clapping, toe tapping, heart pumping,
mouth tasting, arm embracing,

**justice seeking, hymn singing, love making,
bread-breaking, risk taking**

Body of Christ.

Baptized by one Spirit, we are members of one body.

**Many and varied in gender, colour, sexuality,
age, class, and ability,**

we are members of Christ' beautiful body.

None of us can say to another: "I have no need of you."

For only together can we find wholeness.

None of us can say to another, "I will not care for you."

For we are connected like muscle and bone,

if one suffers; we all suffer. If one rejoices, we all rejoice!

Thanks be to God who in Christ has made us one.

Let us Worship God!

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LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

GIFT OF MUSIC "People of the Light"

Oldham/Klusmeier

GOOD NEWS in GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH THE YOUNG & THE YOUNG AT HEART
THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN "When Christ Comes to Be Baptized" Voices United #100

MINUTE FOR MISSION

"Truth & Reconciliation from Canada to El Salvador"

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 3: 13-17 Herein lies Good News. **Thanks be to Christ.**

Psalms 29 Voices United # 756

MESSAGE

Rev. Micol Cottrell

GIVING OUR RESPONSE

HYMN "I Am a Child of God" More Voices #157

OFFERTORY MUSIC

OFFERING & SONG RESPONSE

Voices United #538

OFFERTORY PRAYER

We bring our gifts to you, God.

Here is the work of our hands,
and here is the love of our hearts.

Accept them and use them,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

from Celebrate God's Presence.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Holy Spirit, **be with us as we pray.**

GOING INTO GOD'S WORLD

HYMN "I Feel the Winds of God Today" Voices United #625

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BLESSING "Shine the Light of Your Love" *Mark Patterson*

POSTLUDE *Yuki Stocovaz*

GRACE-AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, January 16

VON SMART Program, 9 am
Guides, 6:30 pm
Scout Group Meeting, 7 pm
AI-Anon, 8 pm

Tuesday, January 17

Crafts Plus, 10 am
TOPS, 10 am
Light on Main Street Prep, 1 pm
Bridge Plus, 1:30 pm
Brownies, 6:30 pm
AA Meeting, 8 pm

Wednesday, January 18

VON SMART Program, 9 am
Light on Main Street, 11:30 am
Cubs, 6:30 pm

Thursday, January 19

Shuffleboard, 1 pm
Knitting Circle, 1:30 pm
Beavers, 6:30 pm
Poundwatchers, 6:30 pm
Scouts, 7:30 pm

Sunday, January 22

Youth Chat 'n' Pray, 9:30 am
Ukulele Band Practice
Soup & Pie Lunch

Please recycle your bulletin when you are finished with it.

GRACE WORKS

Please refrain from wearing perfumes, colognes & strongly scented products when attending worship or meetings at Grace United. Please let us know of anyone suffering from a recent loss or illness, or celebrating a special occasion, by contacting Doris Kobe, 364-1818, Grace Community Outreach
To become part of our e-mail community to receive notices of coming events including funerals, please e-mail the church office.

HANOVER FOODBANK SUGGESTIONS

Help us fill the shopping cart every week. Suggestions include: cookies, margarine, salad dressing, chili ...or whatever you have. For more donation ideas, the remaining yellow pieces of paper from the reverse offering are in a glass bowl at the entrance to the church.

HAMILTON CONFERENCE PRAYER CYCLE

Jerseyville United Church; Hamilton Presbytery

USHER & READER SCHEDULE

Head Usher – January: Doug Bentley (519-364-4592) Please find a substitute & notify the head usher if you are unable to usher,

Readers

Jan. 15 Kathryn Dankel
Jan. 22 Wendy Burrell
Jan. 29 Marilyn Bentley
Feb. 5
Feb. 12 Marion Badger

Ushers

Jerry Asling
Emma Stevenson & Marjorie Talbot
Doug & Marilyn Bentley

Readers needed for February, please sign up at the church entrance for a Sunday that suits your schedule.

NEW BANNERS We are thankful for the artistry and generosity of Johanna Hardy who created the two new wall hangings in our church.

NAME TAGS Please wear your name tags every Sunday morning to help Rev. Micol get to know us. New participants please register your information with the church office and we will happily provide you with a name tag.



TAXI SERVICE to Valleyview/Sprucewood has begun. It will be \$4 per person, round trip. Meet at Valleyview entrance at 10 a.m. Please contact church office or Sally Kormann for more details.

PRINTED SERMONS are available at the church entrance if you would like to read-along or take a copy to someone you are visiting.



SINCEREST SYMPATHY We hold in our love & prayers the family and friends of **Al Wersch** who died Thursday at 91. A funeral service was held at Grace United on Saturday with Rev. Micol officiating.

LONG GREY TABLE MISSING Anyone who knows its whereabouts, please return it to the stack in the C.E. hall and let Laurel know.

PRAYER CONCERNS Our church's prayer group has restarted and we'd like to hold you and your joys and concerns in our prayers. Prayer requests can be placed in the prayer box on the table at the entrance of the Sanctuary. The prayers will be shared with the group but held in confidence.

SOUP & PIE LUNCH Be sure to join us after worship on **January 22** for the Crafts Plus ladies' annual soup & pie lunch.



CAREGIVER CIRCLE "Guilt and Other Normal Feelings of Caregiving." Wednesday, **January 25**, 1 pm. Learn about: managing stressful situations; community resources to help you; importance of self-care. Formal & informal caregivers welcome. There is no charge to attend. Contact sally or VON Grey Bruce 519-371-5331 x222

WALK & TALK - Thursday, **January 26**; Thursday, **February 16**. Meet at the church at 9:30. Newcomers Welcome!

WON'T YOU BE MY VALENTINE Watch future bulletins for your chance to participate!



MAGNIFICENT MUSIC FROM THE MOVIES presented and performed by pianist Brad Halls - **February 10**, 7:30 p.m. at Grace United Church. Tickets \$15; available from choir members or at the Grace Church office. Refreshments following the concert in the fellowship hall.

OBSERVER SUBSCRIPTIONS for 2017 are \$25. Any existing or new subscribers, please have your fees to the church office by **February 12**.