

Stouffville United Church
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Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Music Prelude

Welcome

Acknowledgement of the Land

We are gathered on the treaty territory of the Huron Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe people and their ancestors. May we honour their history, spirituality, culture and teachings and uphold our responsibilities as treaty partners.

Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle:

Like a star in the midst of the beautiful dark sky,
like a bright window on the rainiest of days,
like a beacon...

like a grand "AHA!"
Christ's light shines.

Now.

Always! Amen!

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Call to Worship:

A new year is here; Christmas is over:

**The angels have disappeared back into the heavens,
the magi have departed by another road,
and the star is gone.**

Where is the babe who was lying in the manger?

He has grown to manhood, he has been baptized,
he has commenced his ministry, and he is here,
calling us today to come and follow him.

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Hymn: "I Am the Light of the World"

[VU 87]

Prayer of Confession:

In the wilderness, someone cries out, O God,
that we should change our ways.

Should we go? We're comfortable here.

Let's go, the others say as they hurry off.

God is doing something wonderful.

Do we trust them, Holy One? Do we trust you?

Even Jesus is there, asking for baptism
and repenting of sin.

Soften us, O God. Be patient.

Forgive our coldness, our hesitation, our pride.

Keep calling to us. Open our eyes.

Words of Assurance:

The Spirit that descended on the Christ is present
to bless and to be gracious to you.

Sin and loneliness are not forever.

Only God is forever.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

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Candle Lighting

A time of silence

Music Ministry

A time of silence

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Prayer before the Scriptures:

In the reading of scripture,

in the singing of hymns,

in our prayers, and in the message this morning,

we pray that we may hear your voice

calling us by name, telling us we belong to you

and that we are your beloved. Amen.

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Psalm 29

[VU 756]

Mark 1:4-11

Sermon: "Losing Our Way"

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" [VU 101, Vs 1 and 2]

Blessing

Music Postlude

*Thank you for worshipping with us, whether in person or on line.
We look forward to joining with you again next week!*