



Melville United Church

Order of Service
The Baptism of the Lord
January 10, 2010

WE APPROACH GOD IN CELEBRATION

Visiting with Friends

Lighting of the Christ Candle *(Time of quiet reflection)*

Entrance of Choir and Worship Leaders

Prelude: Jesus ist kommen (Jesus is coming) M. Reger



Call to Worship

Leader: In the beginning God created.

All: Blessed be God for ever!

Leader: From the formless void covering the face of the deep, God created.

All: Blessed be God for ever!

Leader: When the wind swept over the face of the waters, God created.

All: Blessed be God for ever!

Leader: God created light and darkness, day and night, heaven and earth.

All: Blessed be God for ever!

Leader: Living creatures, plants of every kind, humankind in God's own image.

All: Blessed be God for ever!

Leader: And God declared it all good.

All: Blessed be God for ever!

Leader: From humanity's beginning in creation to our redemption in Christ Jesus, God has blessed us. From the waters of our origin to the waters of our baptism, God has blessed us.

All: Blessed be God for ever!

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Hymn VU 92 in the Darkness Shines the Splendour

Opening Prayer

God of eternity,
whose spirit hovered over the waters of creation,
whose voice echoes down the rivers of history
And proclaims that we are your beloved children:
we gather here to worship you this day.
May we feel the power of your love
surrounding us and supporting us.
And when we leave this place
may we take your love and help it flow
in all of the arid places crying for
the refreshing presence of your Holy Spirit.
In the name of your beloved child, Jesus, we pray.
Amen.

Prayer of Confession

God of glory and strength
 too many times we act as though
 we have been baptized with a baptism of repentance alone
 never expecting or wanting
 the power that comes with forgiveness and your Spirit
Forgive us for failing to lay claim to the new life Christ offers.
Help us move through repentance to rebirth.
Lay hold of us.
 Let your glory thunder through our lives
 like a voice over mighty waters.
Let the call of your Beloved echo in our souls.

Sung Response: VU 37 Gloria

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Assurance of Pardon

The voice of God is full of majesty and power,
causing oaks to whirl and cedars to break.
Yet, from the waters of creation, the voice of God draws forth goodness.
From the waters of the Jordan, the voice of God calls forth the Beloved.

(Liturgy taken from "Seasons of the Spirit")

Welcome/We Share of Joys and Concerns

Minute for Mission

Song of Praise Shine, Jesus, Shine

The Band

Message for Youth

(Children leave for Kids' Church)

WE LISTEN TO GOD THROUGH WORD AND SONG

Anthem: Break Fourth O Beauteous Heavenly Light - VU 83

J. S. Bach

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Hebrew Lesson: Isaiah 43:1–7

Psalm 29 pg. 756, Voices United

Acts of the Apostles: 8:14–17

The Gospel According to: Luke 3:15–17, 21–22

Reader: Alison Rainford

Sermon: "A FRESH START"

Rev. Shelley Smith

Hymn VU 101 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Offertory Music: Paeludium Pastorale

M. Borsig

Offertory Response: VU 55 verse 4

**What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him - give my heart.**

Offertory Prayer: (in unison)

Enter into our living, O God. Bless all that we offer to you. In the demanding complexity of living, let us have ears to hear your voice, reminding us who we are and in whose image we are created. AMEN.

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer VU 960

Hymn VU 87 I Am the Light of the World!

Commissioning and Benediction:

Choral Response: VU 35, verse 3
Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!
Now ye need not fear the grave: Peace! Peace!
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Postlude: Paeludium Pastorale M. Borsig

We pray for all those in need this day, for those who are either in the hospital or at home: Marguerite Martin, Bill Dickie,
Ella Broderick, Doug Schieck,
Bruce Skeoch, Brenda Falk (Beckham)

Hospitals: If you or someone you know from Melville United is in hospital, please call 1-519-277-3030. Also, if you don't request a minister to visit at the hospital, your name will not appear on the Visiting List at the hospital.

Partners in Prayer: St. John's Anglican Church, Elora
Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference Bethany, Dunnville
Prayer Tree Captain: Alison Rainford

Welcomers: Shirley and Lloyd Ross
Karen Smillie, Isobel Glennie
Ushers/Counters: Gary O'Leary, Jane O'Leary
Art Russell
Nursery: Rhonda Hurst

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings:

Jan 17, 2009 - Second after Epiphany

Minister: Rev. Shelley Smith

Hebrew Lesson: Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalm 36:5-10

Letters to the Early Church: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

The Gospel According to: John 2:1-11

JNAC meeting on Tuesday Jan. 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the parlour.

Youth Group Gathering on Jan. 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room.

Finance Committee meeting Monday, Jan 18th beginning at 7:00 pm.
Regular business items plus final review of 2010 Budget.

The next UCW Unit Joy meeting is Tuesday, January 19, at 7:30 pm, in the parlour. All are welcome to come and hear guest speaker Mary Young, from the Canadian Hearing Society.

Your Observer magazine needs to be renewed. Please submit your \$20 for 2010 subscription to the church office as soon as possible.

On Sunday, January 24 the visitors with the Celebration October program are invited to meet after church for a short debriefing time. Bring your coffee and snack into the chapel. Babysitting will be arranged. Also, please bring a brief written report of any information that needs to be share.

Babies and Toddlers would love to spend an hour with you on a Sunday morning! Please find a Sunday when you could help in the nursery. A sign-up sheet is located in the nursery or speak to Shawna Dunsmore.

If you would like to receive the Sunday bulletin by email please send the office your email address and you will be added to the list. Also, if you would like to be added to the E-Grapevine list which lets you know of funerals and special requests, etc. please let the office know.

Offertory Envelopes for 2010 are available at the back of the church. Please pick them up when you get chance.

Just a reminder that you need to get your committee reports into the office as soon as possible!!

Please wear your button. Name buttons are still available in order for us to learn everyone's name. Order forms are on the bulletin board in the photo copy room across from the office.

Coffee please. Volunteers are needed to set up and serve coffee after the worship service. If you are able to help, please sign the paper on the easel in the parlour.

Welcome to Melville. If you are interested in being a Welcomer on Sunday mornings and have not been asked, please speak to Ralph Rainford.

Sounds fine to me! Helpers are needed to do sound on Sunday mornings. If you think you would like to get involved with this, please speak to one of the men presently working the sound system. Free training is available.

The Centre Wellington Food Bank would like to thank the congregations for their generous donations of carrots for the Christmas Hampers.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon. Jan. 11 to Sun. Jan. 17, 2010

Tues. 12	9:00 am Quilting 7:00 JNAC	Choir Room Parlour
Wed. 13	7:00 Pastoral Care	Parlour
Fri. 15	10:00 Coffee Hour 7:00 Youth Group	Parlour Youth Room
Sun. 17	10:30 Sunday Service After the service - TRY & BUY Luncheon	Sanctuary Fellowship Hall

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