

# NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018    11 am  
Baptism of Jesus Sunday in the Season of Epiphany

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this holy morning! If you are visiting or new to the congregation please introduce yourself to Rev. Burke. We hope you feel at home in our midst. Grace and peace to you all!

### Thought for Meditation:

*You are loved because God loves, period. God loved you, and everyone, not because you believed in certain things, but because you were a mess, and lonely, or even calm and certain. God loved you no matter how crazy you felt on the inside, no matter what a fake you were; always, even in your current condition, even before coffee.*      Anne Lamott

## T H E    G A T H E R I N G

\*Please rise in body or in spirit for sections marked with an asterisk.

### \*WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

\*Introit: Come and Seek The Ways of Wisdom, #10 MV

Come and seek the ways of Wisdom,  
she who danced when earth was new.  
Follow closely what she teaches,  
For her words are right and true.  
Wisdom clears the path to justice,  
showing us what love must do!

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The joy of the Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us worship the Lord together!

## **OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**On this day of sign and sacrament, of water and word; on this day of faith and family, of promise and praise: may we recognize your presence here, O God, with us, and amongst us. And so, in trust and confidence, we pray the words that came through Jesus, our brother and Saviour, saying:**

**Our Father who art in heaven,**

**Hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come,**

**Thy will be done,**

**On earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,**

**And 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,**

**For ever and ever. Amen.**

## **THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

**\*HYMN # 442 VU Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters**

### **Introduction to The Sacrament (From: *A Song of Faith*):**

**In grateful response to God's abundant love,  
we bear in mind our integral connection  
to the earth and one another;**

**we participate in God's work of healing and mending creation.**

**To point to the presence of the holy in the world,**

**the church receives, consecrates, and shares  
visible signs of the grace of God.**

**In company with the churches  
of the Reformed and Methodist traditions,**

we celebrate two sacraments as gifts of Christ:  
Baptism and Holy Communion.  
In these sacraments the ordinary things of life  
—water, bread, wine—  
point beyond themselves to God and God’s love,  
teaching us to be alert to the sacred in the midst of life.

**Before conscious thought or action on our part,  
we are born into the brokenness of this world.  
Before conscious thought or action on our part,  
we are surrounded by God’s redeeming love.**

Baptism by water in the name of the Holy Trinity  
is the means by which we are received, at any age,  
into the covenanted community of the church.  
It is the ritual that signifies our rebirth in faith  
and cleansing by the power of God.

**Baptism signifies the nurturing, sustaining,  
and transforming power of God’s love  
and our grateful response to that grace.**

**The Presentation of the Candidates** – David Ward, Session:

Jesus said: ‘Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to them that the kingdom of God belongs. And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

On behalf of the congregation of New Maryland United Church, I present: **Riley Donald Reicker; Taylor Mae Loftus; and Mya Olivia Harris** for initiation into the body of Christ through Baptism.

**Profession of Faith and Promises**

**Questions to The Parents: Deanna and Matt Reicker, parents of Riley; Sarah and Scott Loftus, parents of Taylor; and Jenn and Matt Harris, parents of Mya:**

Do you believe in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit/  
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer?

**I do, by the grace of God.**

Will you proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, in your words  
and by your actions?

**I will, God being my helper.**

Will you live in the knowledge and love of God, resisting evil,  
living with respect in creation, and loving and serving others?

**I will, God being my helper.**

Will you continue to grow in faith, so that being strengthened  
by the Holy Spirit and nurtured at the Table of the Lord, you may  
go forth to serve God faithfully in the world?

**I will, God being my helper.**

**(Congregation will stand)**

As the congregation of New Maryland United Church, do you commit  
yourself to support and nurture **Riley, Taylor, and Mya and their  
families**, within this community which worships God, loves and serves  
others, seeks justice, and resists evil?

**We do, by the grace of God.**

**Prayer Of Thanksgiving and the Pouring of Water**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you!**

We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of creation made known to us in  
water and word.

Before the world had shape and form, your Spirit moved over the  
waters. Out of the waters of the deep you formed the firmament and brought  
forth the earth to sustain all life.

In the time of Moses your people Israel passed through the Red Sea  
waters from slavery to freedom, and crossed the flowing Jordan to enter **4.**

the Promised Land.

You have come to us through water in the stories of Jesus, who was nurtured in the water of Mary's womb, baptized by John in the Jordan, and became Living Water to a woman at the Samaritan well. Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, and sent them forth to baptize with water and the Spirit.

By your Holy Spirit O God, bless this water we pray. May it be a sign of new life in Christ. Amen.

### **The Act of Baptism:**

**Baptism in the name of the Triune God**

**Marking with the sign of the cross**

**Invocation of the Holy Spirit**

**The Aaronic Blessing**

**Declaration and Presenting to the Congregation**

**Presentation of Certificates and Candles**

**A Song For Riley, Taylor and Mya: *God Claims You***

## **T H E   W O R D   O F   G O D**

**THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 1:4-11**

**ANTHEM: *Come to the Water*   P. Chopin**

**SERMON: *The Baptism of Jesus, Riley, Taylor and Mya***

**\*HYMN # 410 VU This Day God Gives Me**

## **T H E   R E S P O N S E**

### **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERING & OFFERTORY: All That We Have**

**All that we have, and all that we offer,**

**Comes from a heart both frightened and free.**

**Take what we bring now, and give what we need,**

**All done in his name.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*HYMN #333 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BLESSING: May The God Of Hope Go With Us (#424 VU)**

**May the God of Hope go with us every day,  
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of Justice speed us on our way,  
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.  
Praying, let us work for peace,  
Singing, share our joy with all,  
Working for a world that's new,  
Faithful, when we hear Christ's call!**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**E-Mail: [nmuc@nb.aibn.com](mailto:nmuc@nb.aibn.com)**

**Website: [www.newmarylandunited.ca](http://www.newmarylandunited.ca)**

*If you know of someone in hospital please notify the Church. Please forward items of prayer and celebration to the Minister. For emergencies, you may call Rev. Kelly Burke at 470-9634.*

**Greeters This Week: Tina Glenn**

**Trustees On Duty (Jan): Doug Price and David Ward**

### **LOOKING AHEAD:**

**Mon., Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 am - NMUC goes to Christ Church Cathedral**

**Tue., Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm - Outreach Meeting**

**Sun., Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> - 11:00 am - Worship Service + Coffeetime**

**Wed., Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> - 2017 Annual Reports are due**

**Sunday School classes resume today! Welcome back!**

**Following the service today is the Official Board Budget meeting.**

## **ANNUAL REPORTS – To Chairpersons of all Committees:**

It's that time of year again. Annual reports are due soon. Kindly submit them to the Church secretary by **Wednesday, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. You can submit your report as a hard copy or by e-mail: [nmuc@nb.aibn.com](mailto:nmuc@nb.aibn.com)

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** requests that all Chairpersons check with their committee members to determine if they are remaining on the committees they are serving on. Please advise Dave Ward if members are remaining or if replacements are required.

**2018 Church envelopes are available for pick up at the main entrance. This includes anyone on PAR. If anyone wishes envelopes or has any questions or concerns, contact Lloyd Penney at 450-4342 or e-mail [lloyd.penney02@bellaliant.net](mailto:lloyd.penney02@bellaliant.net)**

**GREEN TIP:** Remember that the first 2 rules of recycling are REDUCE & REUSE. This is especially important for PLASTIC. China is no longer taking our recycled plastic. This means that in some areas the plastic recyclables are now going directly to the land fill. The city of Montreal has banned the use of light weight grocery bags as of Jan. 1, 2018. Do your part; remember to take your reusable cloth bags when you go shopping.

**GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE** - For the month of **January**, we will focus on **canned beans**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.

## **STORM NOTICE**

In the event that Church service is cancelled due to inclement weather, you will be informed in the various manners, but **not before 8:30 am**.

1. E-mail notification: If you have e-mail, this is the most direct method.
2. Radio Stations: CBC, JOY-FM, CAPITAL
3. Website: <http://www.newmarylandunited.ca/> It will be on the Home Page.

The answering machine on the church telephone (459-3313).