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Baptism of Jesus

THIS WEEK AT BRECHIN

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Centering and Land Acknowledgement and Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

(written by Wendy MacLean, Brockville ON, **Gathering** Advent/Christmas/Epiphany 2025/206, pp 31)

One: When the ways of the world wear us down

with constant demands or unrealistic expectations,
we are invited to find refuge in God's grace.

All: **Together, in worship, this is where we find our home.**

One: When the morning sun is reflected off the snow,
and the skies open like a blue gift of joy,
we are invited to notice God's creating presence.

All: **Together, in worship, we are being made new.**

One: Come, find refuge, find hope. Pay attention!
The spirit calls you Beloved.

All: **Together, in worship, let our souls sing praise.**

Affirming statement:

All: **As an Affirming Ministry we boldly declare that we fully welcome and include the full participation of all people in the life and work of Ministry as we journey together, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity, age, marital status, mental or physical ability, beliefs, cultural backgrounds, or economic circumstance. We are dedicated to being good stewards of God's world, working and living towards justice and wholeness for all God's people.**

Hymn:

MV 144 "Like a Healing Stream"

(Words & music: Bruce Harding, 2003

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1. Like a healing stream in a barren desert,
Spirit water bringing life to dusty earth,
God is trickling through our lives
as in a dream unfolding, promising revival and rebirth...
like a healing stream.

2. Like a gentle rain on a thirsty garden,
 Spirit water come to nourish tiny seed,
 God is bubbling through the soil to coax a new creation,
 yearning for an end to want and need...
 like a gentle rain.

3. Like a river strong with a restless current,
 Spirit water rushing on to distant shore,
 God is carving out a channel in a new direction,
 calling for an end to hate and war...
 like a river strong.

4. Like a mighty sea reaching far horizons,
 Spirit water with a love both deep and wide,
 God is working in our hearts to shape a new tomorrow:
 God will always challenge and provide!
 Like a mighty sea, like a river strong,
 like a gentle rain, like a healing stream.

Scripture: Isaiah 42:1-9, Matthew 3:13-17

Response:

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

All: **Thanks be to God**

Hymn: VU 626 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

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- 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 'Come unto me and rest;
 lay down, O weary one, lay down
 your head upon my breast.'
 I came to Jesus as I was,
 weary and worn and sad;
 I found in him a resting place,
 and he has made me glad.

- 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 'Behold, I freely give
 the living water; thirsty one,
 stoop down, and drink, and live.'
 I came to Jesus, and I drank
 of that life-giving stream;
 my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
 and now I live in him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
 and all your day be bright.'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
 in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
 till travelling days are done.

Sermon: Baptism of Jesus

Rev Katherine Brittain

Anthem: "Go Light Your World"

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Sharing the Peace of Christ

Invitation to Offering

Offering Hymn: VU 55 “In the Bleak Midwinter” (verse 4)

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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 him my heart.

Offering Prayer (Unison)

(Written by Karen Boivin, Melville UC, Fergus, ON **Gathering Advent/Christmas/Epiphany 2025/206**, pp 46)

May these gifts open our hearts and those of others.

May these gifts open our hearts and draw us closer to Christ's continued presence in our world.

Make these gifts invitations

Make these gifts invitations
to come and discover your desire. O God

to come and discover your desire, O God,
for the abundant living of all people. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (Unison)

*(From the original Aramaic, Translation by Neil Douglas-Klotz in **Prayers of the Cosmos**)*

O Birther! Father - Mother of the Cosmos
Focus your light within us - make it useful.
Create your reign of unity now
Through our fiery hearts and willing hands
Help us love beyond our ideals
and sprout acts of compassion for all creatures.
Animate the earth within us: we then
feel the Wisdom underneath supporting all.
Untangle the knots within
so that we can mend our hearts' simple ties to each other.
Don't let surface things delude us,
But free us from what holds us back from our true purpose.
Out of you, the astonishing fire,
Returning light and sound to the cosmos.
Amen.

Announcements: Life and Work of the Church

Hymn: **“This Little Light of Mine”**

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This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel, no! I'm going to let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel, no! I'm going to let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel, no! I'm going to let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Won't let anyone blow it out. I'm going to let it shine.
Won't let anyone blow it out. I'm going to let it shine.
Won't let anyone blow it out. I'm going to let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Shine my light around the world. I'm going to let it shine.
Shine my light around the world. I'm going to let it shine.
Shine my light around the world. I'm going to let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Commissioning and Benediction