

Forest Hill United Church  
'open doors, open hearts, open minds'



Baptism of the Lord January 10, 2021 10 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

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**Please share the following phone number with your vulnerable friends. If you have any need for any reason call 1-844-462-8387**

At Forest Hill United Church, we acknowledge that our church is built on ancestral, traditional and unceded Wolastoquey land.

Forest Hill United Church is a safe place for people to gather, regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background, family status, sexual orientation and gender identity.

## Gathering

Prelude: Nocturne Opus 9 no. 1 in b flat minor, Fryderyk Chopin

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit:

VU 99

**Christ, when for us you were baptized,  
God's Spirit on you came, as peaceful as a dove and yet  
as urgent as a flame.**

**Baptize us with your Spirit now, your cross on us be signed,  
that likewise in God's service we may perfect freedom find.**

Welcome

Announcements

Centering Prayer:

Call to Worship:

God said, "Let there be light."

**And there was light.**

God said, "Let there be a dome to separate the waters!"

**And there was sky.**

God said, "Let there be land and earth and vegetation!"

**And there were all manner of trees and fruits.**

Come and worship the God who speaks the words of creation.

**We come—**

**to receive those creative words**

**and to be made new!**

Kate Crawford, Huron Shores U.C., Grand Bend, Ont.  
The Gathering Advent/Christmas Easter 2020 pg43

Gathering Prayer: (All)

Water of Life, present at the creation of the universe.

**Water of Life, present at our birth.**

Water of Life, present at the baptism of Jesus.

**Water of Life, present at our own baptisms.**

We remember that at these times, not only was there water, but also the voice of God was experienced and felt speaking to us.

**God, Water of Life, we come this morning to be filled with your living water and to listen for your voice. Amen.**

Fern Gibbard, for Naramata Community Church, Naramata B.C.  
The Gathering Advent/Christmas Easter 2020 pg43

Opening Hymn: Let There Be Light VU 679

A New Creed VU 918

**We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

**to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

Story Time:

Prayer that Jesus Taught

**O Breathing Life, your Name shines everywhere!**

**Release a space to plant your Presence here.**

**Imagine your possibilities now.**

**Embody your desire in every light and form.**

**Grow through us this moment's bread and wisdom.**

**Untie the knots of failure binding us,  
as we release the strands we hold of others' faults.**

**Help us not forget our Source,**

**Yet free us from not being in the Present.**

**From you arises every Vision, Power and Song  
from gathering to gathering.**

**May our future actions grow from here!**

**Amen.**

Mark Berry – Emerging Church Movement

Song of Praise: Tell Me the Stories of Jesus VU 357

*Participants will leave for Sunday School.*

Prayer of Confession:

Promise of Assurance:

## Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Genesis 1:1-15

Psalms 29 VU 756

Mark 1:4-11

One: In this is the word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God**

Reflection:

Special Music: Spirit God, Be Our Breath MV 150

## Responding

Presentation of our Gifts

Prayers of Our Community:

One: In Your mercy

All: Lord, hear our prayer

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying,

send us love, send us power, send us grace!

VU 400

Closing Hymn: My Soul Is Thirsting for You MV 109

Sharing the Light

Commissioning and Benediction:

Choral Amen: MV 220

**Hope shines as the solitary star,**

**faith is the inner light.**

**You and I together mirror the Light of Lights,**

**and illumine the pathway home.**

Postlude: Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness VU 375