

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Baptism of Jesus – January 13th. 2019 – 10:30 am

*Invites you to stand, as you are able

**You are invited to say or sing the bold print
PREPARATION & PRAYER**

MUSICAL PRELUDE: Venetian Boat Song & Andante Sostenuto
Fairest Lord Jesus & Amazing Grace

COLLEEN DEARHAM

WELCOME, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

How are you today? **We are blessed and highly favoured.**

ACKNOWLEDGING THE LAND & LIGHTING OF CHRIST'S

CANDLE (Sung response – "I Am the Light of the World")

'I am the light of the world!

You people come and follow me!

**If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

As God's baptized and chosen ones, the Peace of Christ be with
you. **And also with you!**

WORDS OF CELEBRATION:

Sign of wonder.

God's love graced to humanity in Jesus.

Sign of celebration.

**The joy of Jesus, alive in persons who have nothing of
their own.**

Sign of community.

**Christians together, baptizing, sharing communion,
learning and worshipping, giving and serving, Jesus**

who is the way, truth and the light.

(Prayers to Share – David Sparks – Year C)

***HYMN:** VU#100 “When Jesus Comes to be Baptized” WINCHESTER NEW

- 1 When Jesus comes to be baptized,
he leaves the hidden years behind,
the years of safety and of peace,
to bear the sins of humankind.**

- 2 The Spirit of the Lord comes down,
anoints the Christ to suffering,
to preach the word, to free the bound,
and to the mourner, comfort bring.**

- 3 He will not quench the dying flame,
and what is bruised he will not break,
but heal the wound injustice dealt,
and out of death his triumph make.**

- 4 O Spirit help us be like Christ:
to live in love and charity,
to walk in truth and justice now,
and grow in Christian dignity.**

- 5 We praise you, God, source of all life,
we praise you, Christ, eternal Word,
we praise you, Spirit, gracious gift;
your triune presence fills our world.**

OPENING PRAYER

Hewitt Holmes

THE PRAYER OF JESUS (The Lord’s Prayer – Traditional):

Our Father (Creator), 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. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.

PROCLAMATION

RESPONSE: #958 "Halle, Halle, Halle"

CARIBBEAN

**Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

HYMN: "God is Always Near Me"

Collier's Kids are invited to gather as the hymn is sung for a talk and prayer.

**God is always near me,
Hearing what I say;
Knowing all my thoughts and deeds,
All my work and play.**

**God is always near me,
In the darkest night,
He can see me just the same
As by midday light.**

**God is always near me,
Though so young and small;
Not a look, or word, or thought,
But God knows it all.**

BIBLE READINGS: Isaiah 43:1-7; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Christy Manuel

But now, this is what the Lord says—he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.³ For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush^[a] and Seba in your stead.⁴ Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵ Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. ⁶ I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’ and to the south, ‘Do not hold them back. ‘Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth ⁷ everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered them all, “I baptize you with^[a] water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with^[b] the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” ²¹When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

*This is the Word of God, for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.***

MUSIC MINISTRY: “Come To My Heart”

THE CHOIR

MESSAGE: "What a Presence?"

Hewitt Holmes

WE RESPOND

A NEW CREED

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

**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.

***HYMN:** MV#13 "O Let the Power Fall on Me"

(During the singing of the hymn, persons will come to the front through the centre aisles and dip in one of the baptismal fonts,

making the sign of a cross on their forehead or hand saying, "I remember my baptism").

**1. O let the power fall on me, my Lord,
let the power fall on me;
O let the power from heaven fall on me,
let the power fall on me.**

**2. For we want justice and truth and love, my Lord,
we want justice and truth and love;
for we want justice and truth and love, my Lord,
we want justice and truth and love.**

WE GIVE AND CARE

Offering Music: "All is Done for the Glory"

R. KLUSMEIER

*Offering Response: VU#540 "Grant Us, God, the Grace" STUTTGART

*Offering Prayer

Hewitt Holmes

***HYMN:** VU#375 "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"(v.1)
OF GENTLENESS

SPIRIT

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.**

**1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the
valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings. R**

A PRAYER OF CHOICE

Hewitt Holmes

As Jesus is clearly identified as God's chosen, the beloved One. We too are chosen by God to do God's work in our time and situation. Like Jesus, we will discover our calling.

God has called us to be still in prayer and silent meditation, to listen carefully for God's voice.

(time of silent reflection)

God has called us to end conflicts and grudges within our family circle?

God has called us to work with others in this faith community, to help the needy of this neighbourhood.

(time of silent reflection)

God has called us to discover the effect of climate change on our part of this troubled planet.

God has called us to help those who have a low opinion of their own skills and abilities.

(time of silent reflection)

God has called us to be with those who are sick, mourn, homeless, and hurting.

God has called us to support students, teachers, administrators who are starting a new semester/term this month.

(time of silent reflection)

As Jesus responded to the call to be a blessing, may we be bearers of help and hope, each day. **Amen.** *(Responsive Prayers – David Sparks – Year C)*

PEOPLE ON A JOURNEY

***HYMN:** VU#710 "Shall We Gather at the River"

HANSON PLACE

**1 Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod;
with its crystal tide for ever
flowing by the throne of God?**

**Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;**

**gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.**

**2 Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown. R**

**3 Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease,
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace. R**

COMMISSIONING:

We are the chosen people of God!

We are chosen by our baptism.

**We are chosen to listen carefully, risk courageously,
work together, ignore doubters and support the weak.**

In the name of God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit - **Amen.**

(Responsive Prayers – David Sparks – Year C)

SENDING SONG: "Go Now in Peace"

N. Price/D. Besig

**Go now in peace, never be afraid, God will go with you each
hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know he will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show
you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God
will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith,
and in love. Amen, amen, amen.**

POSTLUDE: "Breath of God, Breath of Peace"

F.K. GRAHAM

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WORSHIP SUPPORT TEAM & INFORMATION

USHERS: *Team 2 – Marg Valad, Terry Tizzard, Ruby Cox, Mary Kay Marshall, Rob Murdock, Maureen Attwell-Murdock, Donna Martin, Robin Milani, Mary Hekkenberg.*

HEARING ASSISTS *are available from an Usher.*

SCRIPTURE READERS *needed for worship? Contact Hewitt or Joyce Moore.*

PARKING *is available in the underground building next to the Lawyers office, on the streets and in the Church parking lot. WE kindly ask you NOT TO PARK your vehicle in the marked pathway between designated accessibility parking spots. Thank you!*

STAY CONNECTED...TODAY

HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2019 - WELCOME to worship at Collier. We are happy to have you with us. We ask our visitors to sign the book at the front main entrance. Feel free to worship the Holy One in Spirit and Truth. Please join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments in the Hall after the service. If you would like to help with purchasing supplies and serving Tea/Coffee, please speak with Joyce Moore.

INTERIM – Organist is Chris Ness & Choir Director Sharon Saint.

BIRTHDAY(S) – ANNIVERSARIES - MILESTONES

Birthdays – Brynn Murphy, Judy Roger Swales(Jan 13), Bonnie Jerney, George Laver(Jan 14), Abby Marshall, Jaxon Hartwick, Aiden Strandberg,

Terry Tizzard(Jan 15), Jeff Cooke(Jan 16), Ryan Dolmage(Jan 18), Alissa Fairbarn & Nicky Hodgson(Jan 19).

...AS WE WORSHIP GOD

January: "What?"

Jan 20th John 2:1-11 *Christ Quenches Our Soul!* Hewitt Holmes
Jan 27th Mark 10:46-52 *Healing Service* Hewitt Holmes

...AS WE LEARN & GROW IN FAITH

DAILY READING - *Physical Exercise is good but of limited value, Godliness is very dear, a pledge of life, both there and here. (1 Timothy 4:8).* So we spend some time with God and the Scriptures each day this week:

Mon., Jan. 14 – Mt. 10:1-20 Tues., Jan. 15 – Mt. 10:21-42

Wed. Jan. 16 – Mt. 11 Thurs., Jan. 17 – Mt. 12:1-23

Fri., Jan. 18 – Mt. 12:24-50 Sat., Jan. 19 – Mt. 13:1-30

COLLIER'S EMAIL NEWSLETTER - We are now sending occasional newsletter emails to congregants (weekly or bi-weekly) with Collier news, events and updates. We encourage you to sign up to receive these emails. You can either call the office to give them your email address, or go to the website - you can sign up right on the homepage under "Subscribe to our newsletter".

COLLIER'S KIDS & 10+ HANG OUTS continue— January 26, February 09 & 23 and March 09 & 23 – 5:30 – 7 pm at Collier.

2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – The congregation AGM will be February 24th. Please forward your reports to the office by Thursday, January 31st. 2019 officeadmin@collierunited.ca. Thank you.

SESSION AND OFFICIAL BOARD POSITIONS AVAILABLE –

Would you like to serve on our team of supporting leaders starting May 2019? If you do, talk with Sharon Crossley about the 8-10 people needed for the Session and Lianne Patterson about the 4-5 people needed on the Official Board.

BURTON AVENUE UNITED CHURCH - Service of Becoming an Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada. Sunday, January 27, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m. Feel free to attend!

...AS WE FORM COMMUNITY TOGETHER

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON – January 16th @12pm. Our guest speakers will be Bill & Monika Sargeant. They come to share on the charity, "Sleeping Children Around the World". Tickets are \$13.00 available this Sunday.

2019 LENTEN LUNCHESES - Mark your calendars for the **2019** Lenten Services; **Tuesday March 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9, and 16!** Services are from **12:00 noon to 12:30 pm**. Please join us for lunch immediately following the service. The cost of lunch is \$9.00 and watch for some *new* items on our menu...yum! Our Volunteer Sign-Up Sheets will be posted early in the New Year. Coordinators for the 2019 lunch are Joyce Moore, Lianne Patterson and Linda Wallis Dean. We look forward to your support as we work together to make the Lenten series meaningful for Collier and the community!

CHAPEL - located on the 2nd floor, is open for daily prayer and meditation. Communion in the Chapel on January 20, after morning's worship.

PRAYER REQUESTS - *write on a care card and place in the offering plate.* Please hold in your prayers the following (at their request):

Melanie Moffat, Rid & Agnes Groves, Jim Lamont, Louise Hamilton, Carol Duckworth, Albert & Joyce Naylor, Ruby Johnston & Shirley Dunstan.

FACILITY RENTALS - We have the following facilities available for rent to support the needs of the community:-Church Hall, -Sanctuary, Meeting Rooms, Office Space. Available hourly, daily, weekly or monthly. Contact Vickie as indicated above.

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY – Collier is invited to share in the Service for Christian Unity with other United Churches in Barrie on **January 20 at 4 pm** at Grace United. Our choir will be a part of the worship service. There will also be a youth service on **January 24 at 6 pm**.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL LANDS (pg. 1):

L: This morning, like many mornings, we gather in this place, built by the work of our ancestors on the traditional lands of the Haudensaunee (Iroquois), Ojibway/Chippewa & Anishnabek First Nations.

P: **We give thanks for all people, especially the First Nations of this land, for their grace and willingness to share, and pray that we will continue to work to build and deepen right relationship of mutual respect and love, today and always.**

BIRTHDAY SONG:

Happy birthday to you, to Jesus be true.
May God's richest blessing descend upon you!