

CLOSING HYMN: VU 378 "Spirit of God, Descend upon my heart"

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

L: Jesus was baptized in the Jordan

P: Today we remember his baptism

L: As Christians we are called to be a baptized and baptizing people

P: It is in our baptism that we find our calling to live the way Christ has showed us and the lead people to experience their own baptism

L: Go forth as God's people, committing to live as Christ lived, knowing that the refreshing grace of God supports us and the Holy Spirit guides us. Amen.

CHORAL BLESSING: Go Now In Peace... ccli#262153

Resources adapted from Gathering, Advent/Christmas/Epiphany 2017-2018



OFFERING ENVELOPES 2018

Please take a moment to pick up your 2018 Offering Envelopes at the back of the church.



2018 CALENDARS

We will be collecting 2018 calendars for Hiatus House. If you have an extra one at home that you will not be using, please leave it at the back of the church.



If you are interested in becoming a member of Emmanuel United Church please fill out a little blue card in the pews and place it in the offering plate.

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EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

**January 7, 2018
10:30 am**



BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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Rev. Sadekie Lyttle-Forbes

MUSIC DIRECTOR
Nicholas Morvay

MINISTER EMERITUS
Rev. Dr. John Palmer

We are a Christian community gathered together to worship and celebrate God and to serve Him through Jesus Christ. Our church is accessible and welcoming to all persons for fellowship, learning, sharing and teaching. We strive to show our love through service to all humanity.

ORDER OF SERVICE

January 7, 2018

“Baptism of Our Lord”

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

P: The sun shall be no more our light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to us by night. For the Lord will be our everlasting light and our God will be glory.

OPENING HYMN VU 409 Morning
Has Broken

OPENING PRAYER

L: God of power and might, grace and love, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

P: You chose to become one of us in Jesus Christ, sharing our joy and sorrow, manifesting your greatness in the child in the manger.

L: And so we praise you for your love that is great enough to embrace the universe, yet close enough to enter our hearts.

P: During our worship, surprise us with your grace that we, with the rest of the church and the whole creation, may praise and adore you, O God, our Creator and Redeemer.

L: In recalling all that God is and does we become aware of who we are and what we

have done. Let us confess together our sins:

ALL: God of mercy and loving-kindness, you sent Christ among us to be the light of the world and to reveal your love to all people. We confess that our sins and pride hide the brightness of your light; we waste our gifts, we ignore cries for justice, and we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us, make us new, so that your light can shine through us. Amen.

CHILDREN’S HYMN: This Little Light of Mine

1. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine x3
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
2. Hide it under a bushel, no! I'm gonna let it shine; x3. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

CELEBRATING LIFE EVENTS

(Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries)

Birthday Song - Happy birthday to you, to Jesus be true. May God’s richest blessings descend upon you.

Anniversary Song – Bind Us Together - Bind them together Lord, bind them together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind them together Lord, bind them together Lord, bind them together with love.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

3. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine; x3 Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

(as the children leave for Sunday School

INVITATION TO GIVE

L: In baptism, we have received the gift of the Spirit; in return, let us offer these gifts of gratitude that they may become a source of light to those whose life feels like darkness.

THE OFFERTORY: VU541 Praise God from whom all blessings flow

OFFERTORY DEDICATION

L: Though we do not bear gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh

ALL: We offer ourselves and what we have. We remember our baptismal vows to worship and serve the living Christ and become your hands of love in the world. AMEN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: VU 400

Lord Listen To Your Children Praying

L: Light of the minds that know you, strength of those who serve you, wisdom of those who seek after you; shine into the dark places of this world and cast your light into the shadows of our lives.

P: Awaken us to the needs of those who carry heavy burdens; those who do not know where to turn; those with broken hearts and fearful secrets. Give them peace. Save us from denial, or pretending not to see. Give us the grace to share one another’s burdens.

L: We pray for people who are celebrating today; those who are welcoming good news or new possibilities. Give us the grace to share one another’s joy.

P: Awaken us to the needs of those who do not have enough to eat; those who have enough to spare, but lack companions with

whom to share it. Give us the grace to share what we have with one another.

L: Awaken us to the anguish of those whose lives have been forever altered by loss; those who are ill or dying; those who are bereaved.

P: Give them peace. And give us the grace to share one another’s grief and sit with each other as we endure sorrow.

L: Hear us as we lift up words of thanks and concern for those we hold dear. My prayer is..

L: Awaken us to your wisdom and to your desire for the world. Give leaders in our churches and communities the wisdom and courage to follow your ways and embody the renewal and redemption we know in Christ.
ALL: Give us all the grace to speak and act with honesty, wisdom, and love. These things we pray in the name of Jesus, AMEN

WORD

Preparing to Listen to the Word VU 356
Seek Ye First the Kingdom

SCRIPTURES:

NT: Mark 1:4-11

Last reader: These are words from the scriptures we love

CONG: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "Ring the Bells in Jubilee!"
by James Wright

THE MESSAGE: Why has Jesus Come? To show us how to live

Moment of Quiet Reflection



**Happy Birthday during the
Month
of JANUARY:**

Mary Dagenais
Sylvia Fraser
Ben Harrop
Reid Harrop
Delaney Krieger
Bill McGregor
Sheila McIntyre
Marjorie Pillsworth
Lynda Thibert
Parker Totten
Vicki Totten



FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, January 11th @ 7pm



**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
COMMITTEE MEETING**
Wed. January 10th @ 7:30pm



“BABY IT’S COLD OUTSIDE!”

Join us for a soup lunch after the
service on

Sunday, January 28th.

If you are able to contribute a pot of
soup, please talk to Cathy Shanahan.
We’d like to have some for our lunch
and to freeze for the Downtown
Mission soup meals.



**Capital Planning and Visioning
Discussion**

*Do you have ideas about things that we
should be planning to save for or to
use our current capital or financial
resources for?*

We are meeting to plan and develop
our vision for capital planning at
Emmanuel. We want to plan for funds
needed to maintain our church facility
and to also to think creatively about
things that would help us to provide a
more vibrant church program,
grow our congregation or modernize
our approach.

*Come out and be a part of the
discussion.*

Sat. January 20th 9:00am-11:00am