



ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday (9 to noon)

January 11th 2026 – Baptism of the Lord Sunday
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18th to 25th
10:30am St. James United Church Family in Worship
Worship Theme: “**The Meaning of Jesus’ Baptism!**”
“**Spiritual Growth, Compassionate Living**”

SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF JESUS - WE JOURNEY TOGETHER

Prelude Music:

GOOD MORNING! Words of Welcome, Greetings and Announcements. Persons wishing to remain seated during the service are encouraged to do so with our blessing. Your presence and spirit of waiting will bless our journey of faith with companionship! We invite you to worship with a sense of praise, music and the sacrament of belonging with this community of faith. You are invited to join together for a time of visiting and refreshments in The Muriel Bridge Room following the benediction and postlude music.

Call to Worship: - (Responsive)

ALL: **As Jesus came out of the water, a voice from the skies said,**

Leader: “This is my son, my beloved, with whom I am very pleased. Listen to him!

ALL: **As Jesus sat at the table, he said to those gathered around,**

Leader: “You are my friends, for I have told you everything God has told me.

ALL: **At the font and at the table, we meet Christ. In the church and in the world, we meet Christ, In our tears and in our laughter.**

Leader: In the sacraments, in the love, in the meeting, in this community, We worship God
(*By former Moderator: Richard Bott, Vancouver*)

Hymn of Praise: **VU #82 “A Light Is Gleaming”**

Prayer of Approach (**unison**)

O God in Christ, You have given us This new year 2026, and a new window, through which we can view the world, the people and ourselves. We understand that God's unconditional love is the framework that surrounds Jesus. Help us now, as we worship to reframe all that we are and everything we do to serve God's purpose wherever our life's journey may take us. Amen.

Words of Assurance: (**unison**)

Together we continue on this journey as faithful people, knowing that the Risen Jesus walks with us. Thanks be to God as we pray together saying: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

DESIRING CHRISTIAN GROWTH - WE LISTEN

Family Focus – with Rev. Barrie

Family Hymn: **VU# 585 “Jesus Bids Us Shine”**

Scripture Lesson:

Isaiah 42:1-9 “God's servant brings justice”

Matthew 3:13-17 “Jesus is baptized by John

Lay Reader: January House

Choir Anthem: “Like a Healing Stream” Bruce Harding

Message: "Surprised by Signs from God!
Reverend Barrie Bain Preaching

Hymn: VU# 100 "When Jesus Comes to Be Baptized"

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS - WE RESPOND

Presentation and Dedication of the Offering

Offertory Response: VU #541 "Praise God from Whom All
Blessings Flow"

Offertory Prayer (unison)

Great God, You have given us new life and hope! In joyous
thanksgiving, we offer to You our gifts of time, talent and
money. We pray that this Astounding News of hope and new life
may be shared with others throughout the world. This we do in
Jesus' name. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Invitation:

Hymn: VU#468 "Let us Talents and Tongues Employ" (Verses 1&2)

Gathering Prayer

(Leader) We praise you loving God for creating - -

Remembering Jesus at the Table

"Serving of the Bread: The body of Christ broken for you
Thanks be to God for the Bread of Life

"Serving of the Wine" Jesus Christ the true vine
Thanks be to God for this Cup of Blessin

Post Communion Prayer: Rev. Barrie

Hymn: **VU # 468 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” (vs.3)**

Benediction and Postlude:

THE VOLUNTEERS FROM THE JANUARY HOUSE INVITE YOU to
The Muriel Bridge Room for refreshments and fellowship following
the service.

ENVELOPES FOR 2026 For those needing envelopes for 2026
they can be picked up at the office. You will need to put your name
and envelope number on each envelope in the box so that you will
receive credit for your donation.

ATTENTION COUNCIL CHAIRS - As another year comes to a close
please send in your YEAR END reports to the church office.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE is working on the committee list
for 2026. If you have a desire to work on a committee, please
contact the following member of the Nominating committee - Ed
Doerksen or leave name at the church office.

AMICITIA UNIT will meet on Tuesday, January 13 at 7:00 pm.

COUNCIL will meet on Tuesday, January 27 at 1 pm

Bible Reading - January 11, 2026
Reader: January House

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,

to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the Lord, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

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Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'