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** an invitation to stand in body or spirit in the service

~ BOLD PRINT- Congregational Participation

Baptism of the Lord – January 18, 2026

Communion Sunday

10:00 am at Little Current United Church

WELCOME: a special welcome to guests worshiping with us today. Please sign the guest book as you enter the sanctuary.

Gathering & Prelude

Announcements - The Life & Work of the Church

We Approach God

Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory

We gather this morning on land in Little Current. Before we spoke English on this land, we spoke French and called here Le Petit Courant. Before we spoke French here, we spoke Ojibwe, also known as Anishinaabemowin, and called here Waebijewung. Many names. Many peoples. Many generations. One place. In honour of all who have come before us, may we never forget history didn't begin with English here. There are more sacred stories.

In hope of all the people after us, may we weave our lives
with the peoples who call this place home.

We are all sacred people – beloved children of the Holy One.

Lighting The Christ Candle:

These short days of January, we yearn for light. We must wake up before dawn breaks, and night descends upon us early in the evening. Oh, how we crave light. Into this reality has come Jesus the Christ, the One we call the Light of the World. It is with that assurance that we light the Christ candle. (+1)

(Light the Candle)

Call to Worship:

One: God calls us to this place

All: To sing and pray

One: To listen and receive the Word

All: To remember and to share. Thanks be to God! (+2)

2.

Invocation:

Holy God, Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer in One, we come at your beckoning. We gather in Jesus' name. We lift our spirits to your Spirit. We create a time of community much as you create reality. Let us encounter you and honour you. Amen.

****Opening Hymn:** “Come In, Come In and Sit Down” (VU 395)

LearningTime for All Ages:

Communion 101



Listening

HYMN OF ILLUMINATION (MV 172, vs.1)

*God says, “Be still so you may hear
the words I whisper in your ear.
If you will listen, you will know
I’m with you everywhere you go.”*

HOLY SCRIPTURES

John 1:29-42 (Simon and Andrew become disciples)

1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (I thank God for you)

May God’s spirit shape our understanding of these words.

And may they awaken in our hearts

SERMON:

Hello!

Communion Hymn: “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” VU 481

HOLY COMMUNION:



M4M – Your Generosity Matters

Mountains of Service

3.

Responding to the Word

Invitation to Commitment:

Let us in gratitude offer to God back a portion of all that has been given to us - in speech and knowledge, in items and influence, in wealth and land, in prayer and time.

(The offerings will now be brought forward)

****Offertory Hymn:** (VU 540)

*Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living,
we may offer faithfully.*

Prayer of Commitment (unison)

Generous God, we give back to you a portion of what you have blessed us with. Bless these gifts and commitments, and use them and us for blessing this church, this island, this country, this world, this universe. Amen.

Going Forth Into The World

**** Hymn for the New Week:** (MV 161)

"I Have Called You by Your Name"

Benediction & Carrying out the Light:

You dear ones are called. Called to live and love. Called to die and rise. Called to be the people of God. Called to be disciples of Christ. Called to be kindness. You have a calling. Let us now go out and fulfill this calling of God.

Light is extinguished, we carry the light in our hearts

Choral Benediction: MV 218 May the Love of the Lord

May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.

May God's love dwell in you, throughout every day.

May God's countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May God's Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.

Go now in the peace of Christ!

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(+1) Laura Turnbull – *Gathering – ACE – 2026 – pg. 42*

(+2) adapted – George Allen, *Gathering – ACE – 2026 – pg. 43.*

**Welcome to Worship
With
Little Current United Church**



**Communion Sunday
&
Second after Epiphany**

January 18, 2026

Hymns for Jan 18, 2026 – LCUCPC

#1. VU 395 *Come In, Come In and Sit Down*

*Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.*

1. You know the reason why you came,
yet no reason can explain;
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,
for we are a part of the family. **R.**
2. God is with us in this place,
like a mother's warm embrace.
We're all forgiven by God's grace,
for we are a part of the family. **R.**
3. There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;
we are the branches, Christ is the vine.
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine,
but we are a part of the family. **R.**
4. There's rest for the weary and health for us all;
there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.
So come in and worship and answer the call,
for we are a part of the family. **R**

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#2 481 VU *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

1. Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, God's love shall untie us
to work for the kingdom and answer its call.

2. With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honour to Christ and the name that we bear.

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#3 MV 161 *"I Have Called You by Your Name"*

1. I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called, and chosen;
you are mine.
2. I will help you learn my name as you go;
read it written in my people, help them grow.
Pour the water in my name,
speak the word your soul can claim,
offer Jesus' body given long ago.
3. I know you will need my touch as you go;
feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.
Like the woman reaching out,
choosing faith in spite of doubt,
hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.
4. I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul,
make my wounded children whole;
go and tell my precious people they are mine.

