



Sydenham Street United Church



Baptism of Jesus January 11, 2026 11:00 am

The lands on which we are meeting today are the traditional territories of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Peoples. We acknowledge their enduring presence on this land, as well as the presence of Métis, Inuit and other First Nations from across Turtle Island. We deeply respect the many generations of people who have cared for this land, and whose spiritualities, teachings and ways of knowing are closely tied to it. We seek to build right relations with these Peoples, to learn from them, and to live together on this land with respect and gratitude.

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Welcome

As an Affirming ministry,
Sydenham Street United Church is committed to
**following the way of Jesus,
seeking justice,
and nurturing inclusive community.**

Land Acknowledgement

Introit Agnus Dei – F.R.C. Clarke

Call to Worship

All who thirst, come to the water
and drink deeply of these living streams.
Gather, all who are weary;
gather, all who yearn for forgiveness.
As the waters of the Jordan washed over Jesus,
so the Holy Spirit washed over you and me.
Our gracious God beckons and blesses us.
Let us give praise for new life in Christ.

Hymn Voices United 84 “O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word”

Theme Introduction

Candle Lighting

The prophet Isaiah proclaimed:
**“Arise, shine, for your light has come;
and over you the glory of God has dawned.”**

Jesus the Christ explained:
**“I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will have the light of life.”**

Let us worship and walk in the light. *(candle is lit)*

Sung Response More Voices 82, verse 1

 Bathe me in your light, O God of All, Creator,
 let it shine upon my soul with healing and with grace.
 Be to me a beacon bright through shadows of life’s wounding,

showing me the way to live in faith, in your embrace.

Opening Prayer

Baptized in the Holy Spirit, O Christ,
you are the fountain of life:

refresh us.

You are the cleansing spring:

heal us.

You are the well from which we drink
and never thirst again:

fill us. Amen.

Scripture

Matthew 3:13-17

For wisdom and good news,
thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn Voices United 100 “When Jesus Comes to Be Baptized”

Connecting & Contributing

Prayer of Dedication

Receive our gifts, O God.

May they be used to show forth to the world
the greatness of your love.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Anthem “Lamb of God” by Thomas Morley

*Lamb of God, who takes
Who takes away,
takes away the sin of the world,
who takes,
Who takes away all sin,
Have mercy on us,*

Prayers of the People

Prayer of Jesus (sung)

Our Father, our Mother,
loving God in whom is heaven,

may your name be made holy,
may your reign come.
May your will be done on earth
 as it is in heaven.
Give us today the bread we need
 and forgive us our debts
 as we have forgiven our debtors.
And do not put us to the test
 but free us from evil,
for yours is the dominion
and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Words: United Church of Christ USA, 1995, adapted.

Music: Wendy Edey, 2002

Guest Speaker: Sam MacLeod “Refugee Settlement”

Hymn More Voices 209 “Go, Make a Diff’rence”

Blessing

Passing the Peace

Sydenham Street United Church strives to
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seek justice and
nurture inclusive community.



In need of prayer or support? Contact our Circles of Companionship or Rev. Catherine at 613-546-9616 ext 203 or minister@sydenhamstreet.ca

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Thank You for Talents Shared Today:

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