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2 EPIPHANY - January 15, 2023

Gathering

**Welcome and Land Acknowledgement:
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thanksgiving for Baptism:

We give you thanks, O God,

**for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which
you took delight. Through the waters of the flood, you delivered Noah
and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from
slavery into freedom. At the river, your Son was baptized by John and
anointed with the Holy Spirit. By Water and your word, you claim us
as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants
of all.**

Gathering Hymn: *ELW 665 Rise, Shine, You People!*

Prayer of the Day:

**Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us
forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully
serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our
Saviour. Amen.**

Word

First Reading: *Isaiah 49:1-7*

Response to Reading: Word of God, Word of life, **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: 40 (*Read Responsively*)

I waited patiently for the LORD;

he inclined to me and heard my cry.

He drew me up from the desolate pit,^[a]

out of the miry bog,

and set my feet upon a rock,

making my steps secure.

He put a new song in my mouth,

a song of praise to our God.

Happy are those who make

the LORD their trust,

You have multiplied, O LORD my God,

your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;

none can compare with you.

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,

but you have given me an open ear.^[b]

I have told the glad news of deliverance

in the great congregation;

I have not hidden your saving help within my heart;

I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;

I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness

from the great congregation.

Do not, O LORD, withhold your mercy from me;

let your steadfast love and your faithfulness

keep me safe forever.

Gospel Acclamation: *ELW 512 Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil*

Gospel: *John 1:32-42*

Response: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Response to Reading: The Gospel of the Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon:

Hymn of the Day: *ELW 309 The Only Son from Heaven*

Apostle's Creed: *P.127*

Prayers of Intercession:

Response to "Merciful God:" **Receive Our Prayer.**

Lord's Prayer: *p. 134*

Offertory Hymn: *526 Verses 1 & 4*

Sharing of the Peace:

Thanksgiving for the Word

... For your Word that sustains the earth, we thank you, O God.

We thank you, O God.

... For your Word in our Lord Christ, we praise you, O God.

We praise you, O God.

... For your Word in our lives, we entreat you, O God.

We entreat you, O God.

Sending

Benediction Blessing:

Sending Hymn: *ELW 715 Christ Be Our Light*

Dismissal: Go in Peace, Follow in the Way of Jesus
Response: Thanks be to God, Alleluia!

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Annual Congregational Meeting: Sunday February 12 following the Service. Mindful of confidentiality, the meeting is in-person only.

AED(Automated External Defibrillator): We are in the process of purchasing the AED. Gertrude Shearim will be providing updates.

Do You Miss Our Coffee Hours?: Sign-up sheet to host on February 5, March 5, April 2 is now posted. Ask a friend to co-host in order to ease the work.

Scent-Free:

When attending in-person events at church, please be mindful of our members who have allergies to scents.

Refugee Family: We are keeping in touch with the CLWR settlement manager. The process is very slow and documentation needs to be completed by the family. We will keep the congregation informed.

New Grandparents: Pastor Stephen and Jan Scheidt are delighted to announce the birth of Lilly Marie Scheidt (7 lbs, 14 ozs and 20.5 inches in length) at 2:01 am on January 5, 2023 at the Brantford General Hospital to proud parents Kyle and Neal.