

# **St. Andrew's River Heights United Church**

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**Baptism Sunday**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
**March 5, 2017**



## Our Vision

To live as Christ would have us live, in love,  
with compassion and seeking justice, by sharing God's grace,  
learning from scripture, growing through the Spirit  
and being transformed by faith.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

\*Congregation please stand, as you are able,  
and join congregational responses in **bold print**.

(Listening aids are available in the narthex; large print bulletins with  
hymns are available from the usher's table.)

### We Gather Together

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING – God be with you. **And also with you.**

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Prelude: Were You There (Betty Lorimer, viola)

SPOKEN PRELUDE – Procession of Lent 1 symbol

\*OPENING HYMN: VU**346**

There in God's Garden

*SHADES MOUNTAIN*

### We Offer Ourselves to God

CENTERING PRAYER

WORDS OF GRACE

God is the gardener of life.

God will help us in this time of Lent to appreciate the  
goodness of life,

and the enduring beauty of creation and one another.

***We will continue to grow in God's grace.***

***Thanks be to God.***

\* HYMN: VU**453** (vs. 1, 2)

Out of Deep Unordered Water

*BALGEMANN*

CHILDREN'S TIME

\* HYMN: VU**453** (vs. 3)

Out of Deep Unordered Water

*BALGEMANN*

### **The Sacrament of Baptism**

**Blake William Regier**

Born September 4, 2015

Son of Laura and Cameron Regier

Brother of Abigail Regier

INTRODUCTION (see purple insert)

POURING OF WATER - THE ACTION OF BAPTISM

BAPTISM CANDLE ANOINTING – LAYING ON OF HANDS

WORDS OF WELCOME

**We welcome you as a member of God's family.**

**We welcome you with love that you may learn to love.**

**We welcome you in Christ's name that you may know  
whose you are.**

**You are a part of our family and will always find  
a welcome place here.**

PRAYER OF WELCOME

**...Will always know, in life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

PRESENT BAPTISMAL BLANKET

BLESSING – VU965 (sung)

**The Lord bless thee, and keep thee:  
the Lord make his face shine upon thee,  
and be gracious unto thee:  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee,  
and give thee peace. Amen**

**We Hear God's Word**

SCRIPTURE READING

read by Eleanor MacDougall

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 – The tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

SOLO/ANTHEM: “Laudate Dominum” from Vesperae

Sollennes de Confessore

*by W.A. Mozart*

*Soloist: Heather Kozak*

Text (Psalm 117):

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes

Praise the Lord all nations

laudate cum omnes populi

praise Him all ye people

Quondam confirmatus est supernos miseridordia ejus,

For his merciful kindness is great toward us,

et veritas Domini manet in aeternum.

and the truth of the Lord shall endureth forever.

Amen

Amen

SCRIPTURE READING

read by Eleanor MacDougall

Matthew 4:1–11 - The temptation of Jesus.

In this is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

## MESSAGE

### \*HYMN: MV**65**

When We Are Tested

*WHEN WE ARE TESTED*

### **We Offer Our Gifts to God**

## OFFERING

### THE OFFERTORY

Fantasia in D Minor

*J. Pachelbel*

### \*DOXOLOGY: VU**540**

**Grant Us, God, the Grace**

*STUTT GART*

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

### **We Go Forth in Faith**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

### \*CLOSING HYMN: VU**112**

O God, How We Have Wandered

*LANCASHIRE*

### \*BLESSING

### \*BENEDICTION: MV**172** (vs 4)

*GOD SAYS*

**God Says**

God says, "Reach out!

The world's in need and wants a word, a song, a deed.

I send you forth to speak, to sing,

to act for Christ in everything."

## POSTLUDE

Toccatina and Fugue in B Flat Major

*J. Pachelbel*

### Welcome to Worship



We extend a special welcome to all our guests and newcomers. Please sign our guest register and introduce yourself to an usher so that we may help you feel at home. Would you like someone to phone you about St. Andrew's River Heights United Church? Please leave your phone number in the register and a representative of the Fellowship and Pastoral Care Committee will be happy to contact you. You are welcome to take this bulletin home with you. If not, please place your bulletin in the paper-recycling bin.

### The Anthem This Week

We welcome back former soprano soloist, Heather Kozak, who is here today to celebrate the baptism of her nephew. Psalm 117 is the shortest psalm, and has been set to music notably by Bach (one of his Six Motets), and Mozart, whose version we will hear today. It is the fifth, and best known, movement of his "Solemn Vespers", composed during his time in Salzburg. This solo, with some choral accompaniment, is actually the second version composed by Mozart, in 1780, at the age of 24. Unlike Bach's composition "Lobet den Herr'n", which is bright and vigorous and goes at a fast tempo, Mozart's setting is more leisurely and melodically smooth. The soloist sings the melody through, and then the choir enters repeating the melody. Finally, the soloist returns on the final "Amen" with a dramatic melismatic flourish, before a final gentle "Amen".

## Worship in the Coming Weeks:

March 12 – Lent 2 – Intergenerational – Lower Hall

March 19 – Lent 3

March 26 – Lent 4

April 2 – Lent 5 - Communion



## Next Dates for Baptism

May 14/17 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

## Bible Study

Every Friday morning from  
9:15-10:45am in the Lounge with a  
group of about 12!



**Love. Grow. Serve.**

Scriptures for the coming weeks in Bible Study, or for your own study prior to worship....

## **Lent 2:**

Genesis 12:1-4a – God calls Abram to be a blessing

John 3:1-17

Nicodemus learns that “God so loved the world.”

## **Lent 3:**

Exodus 17:1-7 – Water from the rock

John 4:5-42 - Jesus and the Samaritan woman



Our stewardship reflects our relationship with God;  
our relationship with God transfigures our  
stewardship.

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