**Almonte United Church**

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**Sunday, January 12, 2025 10:30 am**

**“The Baptism of Jesus”**

*We gather today on the traditional and unceded territory*

*of the Algonquin Anishnaabe Nation.*

*May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.*

**Musical Prelude**

**Welcome and The Announcements**

**Call to Worship:**

One: Let us worship our God whose love is revealed in water.

**All: Like the gentle rain, God’s love awakens the sleeping seed within our souls, coaxing us to bloom into renewed service.**

One: Like a refreshing shower at the end of a hot summer day, God’s love cleanses us spiritually and reawakens our souls.

**All:** **Like little drops of water, God’s love flows from holy font to human forehead.**

**So let us worship our great God of life and love!**

**Hymn:** 101 (vu) “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

**The Gathering Prayer:**

Great Creator God, Living Water, River of Mercy, Source of Life, in whom we live and move and have our being:

Who quenches both our physical and spiritual thirst; Who refreshes our weariness; bathes, washes, and cleanses our wounds, we pray for your Holy Presence among us now. Amen.

**The Children’s Time with Gloria and Gus**

**Mission and Service Story**

**The Choir Anthem**:” The Memory of Christmas”

**The Gospel Reading**: Luke 3:15-17; 21-22. (Page 834) “Jesus is baptized by John in the Jordan River.”

**Meditation**

**Renewal of Our Baptismal Vows:**

Let us pledge to God and this Almonte United Church congregation:

“We will continue to support each other, walk with each other, and grow with each other.

With God’s help, we will continue to live out our Baptism as a living community in Jesus Christ:

Nurturing each other in faith;

Upholding each other in prayer; and

Encouraging each other in God’s work.

May God keep us faithful in our promises. Amen.

**“Asperges”:** The ceremonial sprinkling of water with an evergreen branch, with the words: “Let us remember our Baptism and be thankful.” (From the UCC ‘Celebrate God’s Presence’, page 365)

**Hymn:** 449 (vu) “Crashing Waters at Creation”

**The offering is collected-**

**\*Sung Response: MV#191**

*“What can I do? What can I bring?*

*What can I say? What can I sing?*

*I’ll sing with joy. I’ll say a prayer.*

*I’ll bring my love. I’ll do my share” x2*

 **Dedication of Offerings**

**The Pastoral Prayers and The Lord’s Prayer**

**The Closing Hymn**: 641. (VU) “Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song”

**The Musical Postlude**



Congregational News

**Movie Nights at AUC**

Almonte United Church is inviting any and all movie buffs to attend four showings in our Social Hall, located at [106 Elgin Street, Almonte](https://www.google.com/maps/search/106%2BElgin%2BStreet%2C%2BAlmonte?entry=gmail&source=g) over the coming months. Show times at 7:00pm and admission is by donation. Please refer to poster on our bulletin board and in the Social Hall for titles and dates. This is a community wide event so please feel free to invite a neighbour or friend. The movies have been chosen to appeal to a broad range of people however there are adult themes from time to time. Finally, as hosts we will do our best the re-create an authentic, movie worthy, hot dog and popcorn menu. The price for these will only be $1 Hope to see you there.

 The next presentation will be **“Sapphires”** on January 24th at 7:00. This musical /comedy/ drama is set in 1968, when four young Australian Aboriginal girls learn about love, friendship and war as their all-girl singing group travels to Vietnam to entertain the U.S. Troops.

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**Decorators Needed!**

Ron and Mary MacMeekin are giving up their decorating creativity after many years of diligent work. When you see the church building transformed during the various seasons, you know that Mary and Ron have been working their magic! Many, many thanks to Mary and Ron for their dedication to AUC!

So…. we need new volunteer decorators…one person or a team, who would like to continue the MacMeekin’s legacy. They are willing to help you find the storeroom, decorations, etc. Our church building would look very sparse without the seasonal decor. If you or a team are interested, please speak to Rev. Heather or Peter Mansfield.

It may be snowy and cold, however, the AUC Kitchen had lots of warm smells and a lot of activity on Monday as the January Marvelous Monday Meals were made.  Thank you all for your orders. This month we were able to donate $275 to AUC. Looking forward to cooking for you in February.

*The Marvelous Monday Meals Team*

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**Financial Donations by E-transfer:**

During the pandemic we began to receive donations by e-transfer. For many people it is a quick and easy way to make a weekly financial donation. The email address is office@almonteunited.com and please include your name and contact information in the message line.

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AUC Sunday School

Check out our website at

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What’s On at AUC This Week

Office hours:

**Monday from 10 to 2**

**Tuesday from 10 to 2**

**Thursday from 10 to 2**

Monday, January 13

5:30 Taekwon Do

Tuesday, January 14

10:00 Mom & Baby Physio Workout

6:30 Almonte Embers

Wednesday, January 15

1:00 Carebridge Pilates

5:30 Taekwon Do

7:00 Choir Practice

Thursday, January 16

10:00 Mom & Baby Physio Workout

6:00 Mississippi Valley Field Naturalists

Friday January 17

9:30 Lisa Kmiel Yoga

Saturday, January 18

Sunday, January 19

10:30 Sunday Worship

 Sunday School

Youth Group

7:00 Lindsey Lambden Yoga

