

EPIPHANY

CHRIST OUR LIGHT

St. Matthews Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

January 14, 2024

Epiphany 2

Sunday, January 14, 2024

(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude	<i>"Toccata in G "</i>	D. Buxtehude
Words of Welcome & Service Announcements		
*Thanksgiving for Baptism		
*Hymn 810		<i>"O Jesus I Have Promised"</i>
*Greeting		
*Prayer of the Day		
Anthem	<i>"I Will Praise the Lord"</i>	G.P. Telemann
Children's Message		

Word

First Reading		1 Samuel 3:1-20
Psalms 139: 1-6, 13-18 (see page 4)		(sung responsively)
Second Reading		1 Corinthians 6:12-20
*Gospel Acclamation	<i>"Alleluia"</i>	p. 102
*Gospel Reading		John 1: 43-51
Sermon		
*Hymn of the Day 574		<i>"Here I Am, Lord"</i>
*Prayers of Intercession		A: you receive our prayer!
*Peace		

Meal

*Offering Hymn 676	<i>"Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak"</i>
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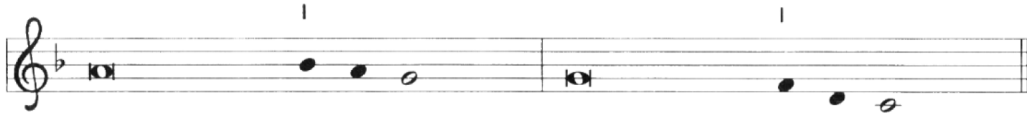
*Offering Prayer	
*Great Thanksgiving	p. 107
*Holy, Holy, Holy	p. 108
*Thanksgiving at the Table VI	p. 66
*Lord's Prayer (<i>Our Father, who art in heaven...</i>)	p. 112
Lamb of God	p. 112
Communion Hymn 674	<i>"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"</i>
Sending	
General Announcements	
*Blessing	
*Hymn 549	<i>"Send Me, Jesus"</i>
*Dismissal	A: Thanks be to God.

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All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just pastors and deacons but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to Jacob, who had a vision in a place he called "the house of God, and . . . the gate of heaven" (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.

Psalm 139

Tone 2



¹LORD, you have | searched me out;
O LORD, | you have known me.

²You know my sitting down and my | rising up;
you discern my thoughts | from afar.

³You trace my journeys and my | resting-places
and are acquainted with | all my ways.

⁴Indeed, there is not a word | on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it | altogether.

⁵You encompass me, behind | and before,
and lay your | hand upon me.

⁶Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me;
it is so high that I cannot at- | tain to it.

¹³For you yourself created my | inmost parts;
you knit me together in my | mother's womb.

¹⁴I will thank you because I am mar- | velously made;
your works are wonderful, and I | know it well.

¹⁵My body was not hid- | den from you,
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths | of the earth.

¹⁶Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written | in
your book;
my days were fashioned before they | came to be.

¹⁷How deep I find your | thoughts, O God!
How great is the | sum of them!

¹⁸If I were to count them, they would be more in number | than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to | be like yours..

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Assisting Minister: Linda McLellan

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Communion Server: Rev. Dr. Allen Jorgenson

Choral Scholars: Nicole Hamilton, Hannah Swiderski, Dylan Siebert, John Waterfield

Broadcast: Jason Smolak

Building Monitor: Don Robins (519-502-2099)

Worship Notes

In our prayers Jeanette, Meaghan, Henry, Marie, Grace, Maureen and John.

General Announcements

The 2024 Offering Envelope Boxes are available for pickup at the church office.

Church Fire Plan For everyone's awareness, a copy of the Church Fire Plan for safe exit from the Sanctuary appears in the back of the worship books. Please take a moment to

Important Information for today's worship

- **Offering:** Please place your offering in one of the offering plates in the Narthex (entranceway) upon entering. The offering plates will be presented at the High Altar during the service.
- **The Peace:** We support people's choices for passing of the peace.
- **Exiting:** At the end of the service, please remain in place until the end of the postlude.
- **Please join us for Fellowship Time** after worship in the Lower Level Hall. Use any of the staircases (Narthex, west stair tower, parking lot tower) to go down.
- **Lower Level Sanctuary Washrooms** can be accessed via any of the staircases. There is one wheelchair accessible washroom, and the rest are all-gender washrooms. A further all-gender washroom is also available via the west stair tower door (front left of the Sanctuary) on the same level. Turn right at the hallway.

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St. Peter's Breakfast Group: St. Peter's Lutheran Church has started up their Breakfast meetings at Kypreos again. It used to be called the "Men's Breakfast", but has now been extended to everyone, and also included St. Matthews to join as well. I went to the December meeting with the guest speaker being the president of Indwell, who is their housing project developer. Please read their invitation and follow the link if you would like to join January's breakfast meeting.

Kim Schaner

St. Peter's Breakfast Group—Tuesday, January 16, 2024: Everyone is invited to participate in this group on Tuesday, January 16 at 9:00 a.m. at Kypreos Restaurant, 305 Lancaster St. W. Kitchener. Attendees will order from the menu and pay for their own meals.

Our January speakers will be Louise and Graham Gardiner. Graham celebrated his 6th 'Lungaversary' on December 21. After a ten year battle with Scleroderma, Graham's lungs finally gave out in November 2017. The only choice for survival was a double lung transplant. He was added to the Toronto General Hospital transplant list on December 1st and received his lungs on December 21st. His life was only made possible through the generous gift of lungs from a donor. Come and listen to his transplant journey and hear about his physical and spiritual recovery.

Please RSVP to this event by clicking the button below or contacting Gary Schlueter, Willi Bauer or Sue Parker:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-peters-breakfast-club-tickets-781377460017>



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