

KNOX WORSHIP
**NEW MEMBERS WELCOMING
AND RENEWAL OF BAPTISM**

January 8, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Prelude: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”, Paul Manz

Welcoming & Candle Lighting

Responsive Call to Worship

We are called to serve in the name of Jesus, God’s beloved Son,

God calls us by name because we are beloved.

God calls us to be a light to the nations.

We wait for God’s teaching and to learn justice.

We are witnesses to God’s goodness and grace who claims and loves us.

God’s name be praised!

Hymn: “O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word” VU 84

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession *(together)*

Merciful God, in baptism you promise us forgiveness and new life.

We confess that we often prefer our old ways.

We resist the new opportunities you set before us.

We cling to harmful habits and nurse grudges, failing to forgive one another.

Have mercy upon us, O God, and guide us to live with more grace and generosity through Christ our Lord.

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn: “Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized” VU 99

Scripture: Matthew 3:1-17, Jesus’ Baptism

Anthem: “Like a Dove” Adapted from John 1:29-34; Luke 3:4;

by John Purifoy

Sermon: Baptism – New Beginning

Offering Hymn: “Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New” MV 115
**Behold, behold, I make all things new,
beginning with you and starting from today.
Behold, behold, I make all things new,
my promise is true, for I am Christ the way. (repeat)**

Offering Prayer

Welcoming New Members

- **Statement of Purpose**

- **Presentation**

On behalf of Knox congregation, I present the following persons whom we welcome into the membership of this community of faith:

Sharon Copeman (Renewal of Membership)

Mike Flynn(Transfer of Membership)

Mary-Ellen Flynn (Transfer of Membership)

Anne Cheong (New Membership)

Mardi Elizabeth Read (New Membership)

- **Commitment of New Members**

Sharon Copeman, Mike Flynn, Mary-Ellen Flynn, Anne Cheong, and Mardi Read, will you join us together as we celebrate God’s presence, live with respect in creation, love and serve others, seek justice and resist evil?

I will, with God’s help.

- **Congregational Commitment**

Dear friends in Christ, let us pledge to the New Members our support and care.

As your brothers and sisters in Christ, we rejoice in the gifts you bring to us.

We pledge to you our love and our support. With God’s help, we will together live out the mission and ministry of Christ’s church.

- **Corporate Profession of Faith (The United Church of Canada New Creed 1968)**

We are not alone,

we live in God’s world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

To celebrate God's presence,
To live with respect in Creation,
To love and serve others,
To seek justice and resist evil,
To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
Our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

- Welcome & Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer (VU p.914)

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Devotional Music: "Let Us Break Bread Together", Charles Callahan

The Act of Renewal of Baptismal Faith

"Remember your baptism and be thankful!"

Hymn: "May God's Sheltering Wings" MV 214

May God's sheltering wings,

her gathering wings protect you.

May God's nurturing arms,

her cradling arms sustain you,

and hold you in her love,

and hold you in her love. *(repeat)*

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude: "Fugue sur la Trompette", Francois Couperin

Worship Leaders:

Presider & Preacher: Rev. Richard Chung

Scripture Reader: Sandra Trueman

Music Director and Pianist: Colleen Coulter

Organist: Madelene Klassen

Ministry of Music: Knox Church Choir

Usher and Greeter: David Cass

Communion Elders: Sharon Copeman, Mike Flynn, Mary-Ellen Flynn,

Anne Cheong, Mardi Elizabeth Read

Livestreaming Recording: Kevin Wong

Power Point Preparation: Anne MacKenna

Webminder: Debra Danny

January 8, 2023 First Sunday after Epiphany

(Communion, New Members Welcoming and Renewal of Baptism)

Text: Matthew 3:1-17, Jesus' Baptism

Title: Baptism - New Birth

Synopsis: John baptizes Jesus to fulfill all righteousness. We have been baptized in Jesus Christ to fulfill God's righteousness.

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KNOX UNITED CHURCH

Mission: "We exist to love God and love our neighbours"
(Matthew 22: 36-40)

Vision: "We aspire to engage our neighbours through the arts, building a community without loneliness"

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Land Acknowledgment:

We acknowledge we worship on the unceded territories of the x_wm_əθk_wəy'əm_(Musqueam), S_kw_x_wú7mesh (Squamish), and Sel'il_witlh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations. We thank them for having cared for this land and look forward to relating with them as covenant people of God as we continue to care for this land together.

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LIVE STREAMING INSTRUCTIONS FOR KNOX UNITED CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICES



Before the service begins at 10:30 a.m.

- Go to the KnoxVan.com website. The live-stream feed of the weekly services is at the top center of the page.
- Click on the Red Arrow to start viewing the live feed.
- If the live feed is not yet available a small box will appear informing the viewer how much time remains until it begins. Live Streaming will start around 10:30 a.m.
- All the standard YouTube type controls work to pause, expand to full screen, and increase/reduce the audio.

NOTE: Below the live video is a blue 'Button' that links to the Sunday Worship Bulletin for viewers that want to follow the service.

How to watch a recording of the Sunday Services:

- When the service ends the live stream for the following Sunday's service pops up, indicating that it will be available in seven days.
- After the service, the Audio-Visual team process the video, and it is then uploaded to the KnoxVan.com website and can be viewed on the [KnoxVan.com/Knox-Sermons](https://knoxvan.com/Knox-Sermons) webpage.
- Videos are usually uploaded by 3:00 p.m. each Sunday. Viewers can then watch the missed service at their convenience.
- There is no button for the bulletin as the contents are already listed below the video.

NOTE: When navigating the main [KnoxVan.com](https://knoxvan.com) website, clicking on [Worship](#) (at the top of the screen) will also bring up the Knox-Sermons webpage.

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