



Tecumseh United Church

~ An Affirming Congregation ~

Sunday, January 12th, 2025 - 10:00 a.m. Baptism of the Lord

We are a fragrance-free environment.

We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Attawandaron, Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee peoples.

We Gather in God's Love

Lighting the Christ Candle

**We light this flame as a symbol of the creativity of our faith:
the creativity to explore new avenues of religious insight;
the creativity to develop a caring community;
the creativity to envision a world of peace and freedom.**

Call to Gather: (from <https://pilgrimwr.uniting church.org.au>)

Creator God, we gather together from many places, pasts and communities to celebrate and worship together, as your people.

We come to worship God.

Jesus, life-giver, we celebrate all that brings us together.

We are on a journey, learning and celebrating.

We come to worship Jesus.

Spirit of love, we are a living community, and we give thanks for the movement of the Spirit - ever inspiring, strengthening, moving and challenging us.

We come to worship the Spirit. Amen!

***Hymn MV # 142 "Oh a Song Must Rise"**

Opening Prayer (from <https://pilgrimwr.uniting church.org.au>)

**God of justice, peace and righteousness
come into our midst this morning.**

**Breathe your breath, your Spirit of prophecy, your energy,
your enlivening, your imagination on us.**

Wake us up, open our eyes, unplug our ears

That we might hear, that we might see

That we might grieve, that we might dream

That we might follow the ways of your extraordinary kingdom.

Amen.

***Hymn # 99 "Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized"**

Faith Friends Time / Lord's Prayer

Hymn MV # 175 "May We but Wait" Sing Twice

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 43:1-7, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

***Hymn MV # 161 "I Have Called You by Your Name"**

Meditation: "Journey of a Lifetime"

We Respond to God's Word

Choir Anthem

Offering Prayer

Holy God, accept what we offer today:

**our cheques and cash, our faltering steps, our brokenness,
our leftovers, our hope, our risking, our lives.**

**Bless and transform all that we offer and all that we hold back,
that new life may be ours, to celebrate and share in Jesus' name.**

Amen.

Offering Hymn # 544 "In Gratitude and Humble Trust"

Prayer Book is read/Community Prayer

We Go to Love and Serve God

***Hymn # 378 "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"**

*Commissioning (in unison)

**Let us embrace the work and wonder of this day
with fresh commitment.**

**May we go forward together in the power
of the love of God in the company of Jesus Christ
and by the leading of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Benediction

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Thanks to Ian Phillips for leading the service, Barb Mitchell-Scott for reading and to The Faith Friends for hosting Coffee Hour.

Happy Birthday this week to Helen Burke and Kevin Bunt

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