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January 13, 2013 Baptism Communion

(Portions of the service that are in **BOLD** are to be said by all.

All points marked * those who are able are invited to stand.)

Approach

Presentation of the Elements of Our Faith

* Hymn VU #96 – *“Will You Come and See the Light”*

Declaration of Our Faith

One: Friends on this day we celebrate our faith, remembering the powerful symbols that help us focus on God’s creative work in the world and the blessings we derive from being a part of this historic, world-wide fellowship of believers.

All: We gather at this font to celebrate God’s grace, Christ’s goodness and the Spirit that is always with us – refreshing, renewing and inspiring.

One: Do you wish to recommit your life to God and God’s church?

All: I do.

One: Do you believe in God?

All: I believe in God, the creator of all things.

One: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

All: I believe in Jesus who reveals God to us.

One: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit who is present and active in our world.

One: Will you be faithful in the life of faith, celebrating at the font and table, teaching and learning, serving and comforting?

All: I will, with God’s help.

The Creed

**We are not alone,
 we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
 who has created and is creating,**

Blessing of the Water

Celebration of Baptism

* Hymn VU #92 – *“In the Darkness Shines the Splendour”*

Celebration of Communion

Fracture

Post Communion Prayer

God, we rejoice in your grace, given and received. We thank you that you claim us, wash us, strengthen us, guide us, and that you empower us to live a life worthy of our calling. Make us as water in a dry and thirsty world. Make us places of refreshment. Root us and establish us in love so that we may serve you and your whole Creation with justice. AMEN

* Hymn MV #117 – *“By the Well, a Thirsty Woman”*

(children leave for Bible Adventures)

The Word



Scripture Readings – Isaiah 43: 1-3, 5a
 Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Anthem – “Come Down, Lord”

Meditation – “Marked by God’s love”

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

The Response

Announcements

* Offering

**O Spirit help us be like Christ:
 To live in love and charity,
 To walk in truth and justice now,
 And grow in Christian dignity.**

* Hymn MV #161 – *“I Have Called You by Your Name”*

* Benediction (tune VU #84)

**O Light of Nations, fill the earth;
 Our faith and hope and love renew,
 Come, lead the peoples to your peace,
 As stars once led the way to you.**

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

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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.**

The Promises for Our Children

Will you do all you can to create a home of Christian love and trust for _____?

I WILL, WITH GOD'S HELP.

Will you make your own life an example for _____ of how we live out our faith in the world and will you pray that they will learn the way of Christ?

I WILL, WITH GOD'S HELP.

Will you encourage them to find a spiritual home and family within the fellowship of the church, so that their faith can be nurtured by the love and kindness of others?

I WILL, WITH GOD'S HELP.

Godparent's Promise

The Church's Promise

As members of Windsor Park United Church our call is to provide places of worship and service for Bentley and all the children and adults among us so that they may grow in the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the knowledge and love of God.

With God's help, we will live out our baptism as a loving community in Christ: nurturing one another in faith, upholding one another in prayer, and encouraging one another in service.