

Nashwaaksis United Church

Sunday, January 19th, 2025 - Second Sunday After Epiphany

Liturgical Colour: Green

Prelude Chorale (*Brahms*)

GATHERING TOGETHER

Acknowledgement of Place

Lighting the Christ Candle

Introit: *Take, O Take me As I Am* *MV 85 (X2)*

Take, O take me as I am.

Summon out what I shall be

Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Celebrations & Announcements

Invitation to Worship

Centering Prayer

Hymn: *Lord Speak To Me* *VU 589*

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Prayer for Renewal (Unison):

God of Mercy and of Love, we come before you today with humble hearts, knowing that we are often distracted, weighed down, and far from the path you call us to walk. We confess that we have not always followed Christ with the commitment we should, nor have we fully embraced the new beginning he offers. Forgive us, we pray. Renew our hearts and minds, restoring our desire to live as your faithful disciples. Help us leave behind all that holds us back and step forward into the freedom of your love. Guide us in living out Christ's mission of hope, justice, and peace, that we might more faithfully follow him in every part of our lives. AMEN.

Assurance of God's Love

Proclaiming our Faith: *A New Creed* *VU 918*

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.

Ministry of Music: *Psalm 113 Praise To The Lord* (*Klusmeier*)

Time for the Young and the Young at Heart

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 146
Luke 4:14-30

This is the Good News.

Thanks be to God!

Hymn: *O Radiant Christ* VU 84

Message: *Beginning Again With Christ*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: *Christ Be Our Light*

Moment for Community: *Special Events Committee*

How Can I give?

- 1) If you have internet banking, you can E-transfer funds to Nashwaaksis United Church by sending the funds to donations@nashwaaksisunited.ca.
- 2) You can go to www.CanadaHelps.org and search for Nashwaaksis United Church. We are the first one on the list when searching for Nashwaaksis United Church. You can confirm it is us by checking the address.
- 3) You can reach out to Matthew and sign up for a pre-authorized remittance (PAR) donation which comes out of your bank account or credit card once a month. You can make changes to this at any time, just reach out to Matthew. His email is in today's announcements sheet.
- 4) Lastly you can give here in person by dropping your donation into the offering plate at the doors when you come in or when you leave following the worship

Dedication Verse: *Grant Us God* VU 540

**Grant us God the grace of giving
with a spirit large and free
That ourselves and all our living,
we may offer faithfully.**

Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

Generous God, We dedicate these gifts - our time, our talents, and our treasure - to you, trusting that they will be used for your purposes. As we have been renewed by your grace, we now offer ourselves to be agents of transformation in the world, following Christ's example of love, healing, and justice. May our lives reflect the new beginning you offer, and may we be faithful in sharing your good news with those around us. Empower us through your Spirit to live out this mission in all that we do, so that your name may be glorified, and your kingdom made known. AMEN.

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Hymn: *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee* VU 560

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Benediction

Choral Closing: *Sent Out In Jesus' Name* MV 212

**Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now
To make the world the place in which the kingdom comes.**

**The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain
Into a world of love, of justice and of peace.
The task is ours to do, to set it really free.
O, help us to obey, and carry out your will.**

**Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now
To make the world the place in which the kingdom comes.**

Closing Music *Praise!* (Wilson)