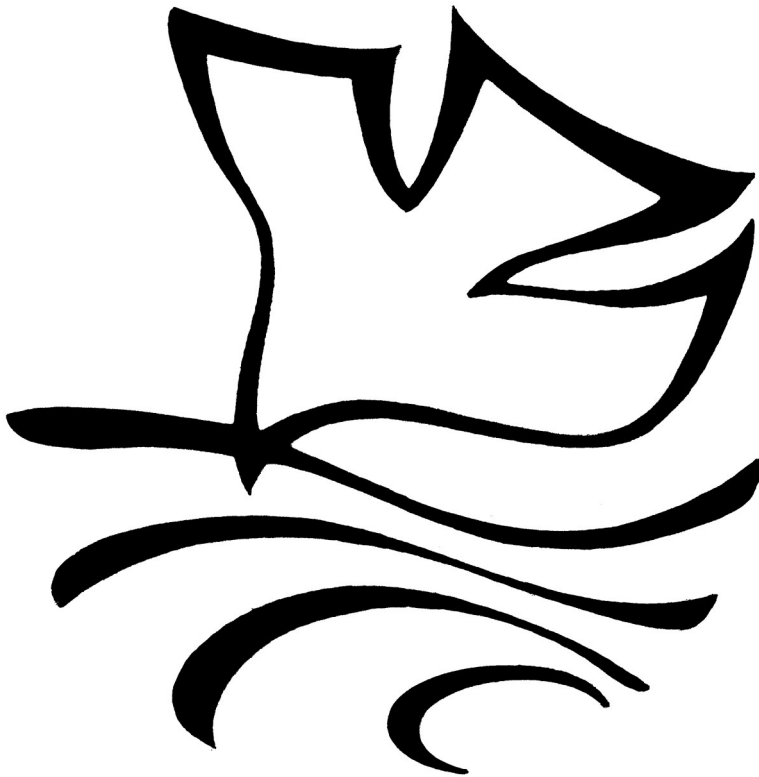


Baptism of Jesus
Sunday, January 13, 2019
10:00 a.m.



Rideau Park United Church



Welcome to Rideau Park United Church. Please note: Audio loops are available from the ushers. Prayer requests for today's services can be noted on the lists at the entrances. Childcare for pre-schoolers is available in room B-12 (lower hallway). Quiet activity boxes are also available for children in the chapel each Sunday. ****Indicates where the congregation is invited to stand as able. After the service you are invited to join us for refreshments and conversation in the Parlour.***

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We Gather Together

Gathering Music:

Lighting of the Chancel Candles: *Psalm 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

*Call to Worship:

ONE: John the Baptist called people to turn their world upside down.

ALL: To make a level playing field, instead of a big pyramid of power.

ONE: John the Baptist called people of faith to look inward.

ALL: To find compassion in their hearts and make it real.

ONE: John the Baptist called to Jesus and asked "What do you think?"

ALL: Jesus said: "Me too!"

ONE: Let us gather to worship God, who baptizes us with new life.

AND: And let us say: "Me too!"

***Processional Hymn: 101 VU Songs of Thankfulness and Praise**

Salzburg

*Prayer of Approach and Jesus' Prayer (p. 921 VU)

Prayer of Confession: (unison - seated)

O God of grace, we meet Christ at the riverside today. We enter the waters of new life with him, and we long to feel the same refreshment. Yet we are cautious: fear, anxiety, anger, and despair weigh us down. Help us to trust you, O God, that we might know ourselves beloved and supported in your ministry of new life, Amen.

(a time of silent reflection and prayer)

Words of Assurance

Hymn: 144 MV

Like a Healing Stream (verses 1-3)

Bruce Harding

Listening for God's Word

A Time for all God's Children

(Following the story, the children are invited to go to their Sunday School classes.)

Hymn: 144 MV

Like a Healing Stream (verse 4)

Bruce Harding

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 43: 1-7

Anthem:

"And He Shall Purify"
Chancel Choir

Handel's Messiah

Scripture Reading: Luke 3: 15-22

Lay Reader: Gretchen Conrad

Sermon:

Not perfect but faithful

Elizabeth Bryce

***Hymn: 644 VU**

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

Waterlife

Our Response

UCW Annual Report and Covenanting with 2019 Executive

Offering

Offertory Music:

This is the Healin' Water

arr. By Hall Johnson

Soloist:

Iain Macpherson

*Offertory Response: 542 VU

**We give you but your own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Concern

The Life and Work of the Church

***Hymn: 154 MV**

Deep in our Hearts

John Oldham

***Commissioning and Benediction**

Postlude

How Important is Christmas Cheer? Do you ever wonder if we really make a difference with this program? Read the following and you'll know for sure:

"I would like to humbly and sincerely thank you and the parishioners of Rideau Park United Church for the absolutely stunning and beautiful Christmas hamper you provided for my wife and I. I was very emotional and brought to tears last week when the gentlemen showed up with all this amazing food.

A bit of the story from our side.... My wife contacted you some time ago as she is on ODSP and I had surgery last year. I wasn't able to return to my job after I recovered and it's been very difficult to find steady, full time work since. Money is extremely tight to non-existent right now and Christmas was looking pretty bleak. And then God and you wonderful people provided a miracle! You gave us such gorgeous, beautiful food.... but you also gave us awareness and hope. Christmas was different this year.... for people we don't even know to give of themselves their food, money and time, to people they don't even know, is just so inspiring and eye opening and heart warming, it's honestly changed my life. You gave me the greatest Christmas of all of the time I've been on this earth. I thank God, and you for giving us a beautiful, amazing blessed Christmas that I will never forget. Now as I get busy making turkey soup, I will thank you and God again. God Bless you all. Merry Christmas and thank you. "

If you would still like to donate to this important cause, please mark your envelope "Christmas Cheer" and help us reach our goal of \$15,000. Your Christmas Cheer Committee appreciates all that you do for this worthy project.

We acknowledge, with respect the history, spirituality, and culture of the indigenous peoples of Canada, and their stewardship of unceded Algonquin land where this church is built.

Rideau Park News

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Upcoming Worship Events

Jan 27	"I Have a Dream" Service	10:00am
Sat Feb 2	Worshiplude Evening service	7:00 pm
Feb 3	Worshiplude Sunday	10:00 am

"I Have A Dream" Service, Sunday, January 27 at 10:00 a.m. Mohammed Adam, an Ottawa Citizen columnist, will speak at this service. Everyone is invited. For more information, call 613-733-3156 ext. 229 (Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.).

Sunday January 27 4:00 pm - A Celebration of Mozart's Birthday, with Andrew Ager, playing the baby Grand piano for this event. It will take place in the Sanctuary, freewill contribution appreciated.

Sundays, at 11:30 a.m. - Drumming has resumed! Meet in the Parlour, or if unavailable, in the Sanctuary. Please join in and grab a drum! We will be learning a stick drumming piece called *Gahu*! Drums are provided, or bring your own - including the hand-made drums from last year! We need singers, percussionists, dancers, and drummers to make this work! Everyone welcome!

Harmony Club for Seniors 60+ will meet on Wednesday, January 30. From 1:00 - 2:00 p.m., enjoy a presentation by Alta Vista author, Sue Taylor-Davidson on her debut novel, "To Pluck A Crow: The Hands Behind Shakespeare's Pen." All seniors are welcome. This Club is run by volunteers. For more information, call 613-733-3156 ext. 229 (Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.).

The flowers at the front of the church are provided by the UCW and delivered to members of the congregation each week. If you know of anyone who has been ill, has a special birthday, a significant anniversary, or is just in need of support please contact the flower conveners so that they can be remembered. Also, if you are not a member of a UCW Unit and would be interested in occasionally delivering flowers, we would love to hear from you! Conveners are Mabel Bannerman, 613-731-5865 or jamban@sympatico.ca and Judy Paré, 613-523-0098 or judy2006@sympatico.ca.

Please note that there are *still* 2019 Offering envelopes, *waiting to be picked up*, on the Sunday School counter. Thank you.

Gentle Yoga: Fridays, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. from January 11 to March 8 . Yoga enhances any other exercise routine as well as stretching and strengthening. Certified Yoga Instructor, Lynda Spalding, will lead beginner to advanced (male and female) students through a gentle therapeutic flow class. Fees: 4 or more classes - \$6.00/class. Drop-in fee \$8.00. **Chair Yoga is also offered on Fridays, 10:30 -11:30 a.m. from January 11 to March 8.** For more info and fees, contact Lynda: 613-422-3565 or 4livingyoga@gmail.com

Phase 1 Healing Pathway Workshop: An introduction to the basic concepts of healing hands within the Christian tradition, with an emphasis on learning to be a healing presence and instrument of God's healing power. No prerequisite. **A retreat opportunity for your own healing as well as learning to offer healing energy to others. January 18 -20 at Trinity United Church in Ottawa (Friday: 7:00 – 9.30 p.m., Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m., Sunday: 1:00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.).** Registration: \$230.00 (*half price to repeat as refresher*). Subsidies are available.

Funeral Team Volunteers needed: Serving funeral receptions is a Rideau Park ministry that was initiated about 5 years ago. Families who have lost a loved one and who desire a reception at RPUC following the funeral service at RPUC are paired with the lead of the reception team to co-ordinate the arrangements. Typically, the team sets up the room, makes tea and coffee, helps serve (all the food for receptions is now catered) and oversees the clean up. Usually each funeral team serves 3 – 4 times each year. Due to members moving or experiencing health issues, we need to recruit several people to continue this ministry. If you would like more information, please contact Judy Paré at 613-523-0098 or judy2006@sympatico.ca **We would welcome your help!**

Each Sunday morning as the collection plate is passed around, while it may look bare, 198 members/families (over 85% of those making pledges) are actually contributing close to \$8,500 through pre-authorized remittance (PAR). Sunday PAR givings go primarily to the 3 major funds, which the Church uses to manage most of the work that we do. It takes a lot of financial support, approximately \$11,500 per week, to operate a Church our size and run all of the programs that we do. That is why we need strong financial support from all those attending our services. So when that plate goes by take time to reflect on what it takes to run our church and how your generosity can help make a difference.

Peace of mind, lower blood pressure, greater calm in crisis, heightened mindfulness, greater intimacy with God... these are some benefits of meditation. Come join us for meditation from 9:10 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. Why not give meditation a try? If you would like to know more about meditation in the Christian tradition please visit: rideauparkspirituality.blogspot.ca or speak to Steve to learn more.

RPUC Website: Go to rideaupark.ca for all the latest church news and information on upcoming events, and join us on Sunday mornings for our live streaming service. This site is maintained by the office staff and volunteers.

HearSay Dinner: If you are new to Rideau Park or to our **Thursday music programs**, please feel free to start your evenings off each week with a fabulous dinner called “**HearSay**”. Different families or groups of families take turns coming in to prepare meals for anyone interested, and the meal takes place at **5:45 - 6:15 p.m.** each week. It’s a great way to meet other families and individuals and have a meal before the evening music practices begin. There is a donation basket on the table each week – the money is used by the family making dinner to cover their costs. You don’t have to sign up to cook before you’ve had a few weeks to come and see how things work – just come and share a meal with us and get to know the group. Then, when you are comfortable, sign up for a week like our returning families. We look forward to seeing you there!

Friday, February 1, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. – Acknowledge, Confront, Transform – Right Relations and Black Lives Matter at Trinity United Church, 1099 Maitland Avenue. Our moderator, Richard Bott, will be with us for a day-long reflection on right relations in the United Church of Canada. The event is “pay what you can” (suggested donation \$35.00), register at <http://bit.ly/RightRelationsUC>.

Kitchissippi United is holding their annual curling and chili dinner at the Granite Curling Club the afternoon of **Saturday, February 16**. If you’re interested or would like more information, please contact Gordon Dewis (gordon@dewis.ca or 613-482-1075).

Ontario Youth Parliament (OYP) is a youth-run, for youth, Ontario wide Organization and a registered charity. The primary activity of OYP is our annual four-day model parliament for youth aged 14 to 21. **This February 15-19 2019**, OYP will be hosted here at Rideau Park United church and they are looking for billets from the Ottawa community to host at least 2 delegates over the 3 nights. To learn more, or to get involved with OYP, further information can be found at oyp.on.ca/billeting or through email at billets@oyp.on.ca.

Join friends at Rideau Park on a **two week Mediterranean Cruise aboard the Emerald Princess** in May 2019. For details pick up a brochure at the church or check the Rostad Tours website.

Please note: In Debby’s office there is a **basket for small Lost and Found items**. Currently, there are 2 sets of car keys with the expensive remotes and even house/mailbox (?) keys attached. Other sets with a labelled locker # key and house key, a lone house (?) key; several single Earrings; a golden knot broach; a Canon lithium battery; a digital watch; etc. Also, there is a set of white ear buds, and a white cell phone charger. Also a Simplii card- signature unreadable. These have been in the basket for some time. If you are missing any items like these, please come to the office and check. Thank you.

Rideau Park United Church seeks to be a welcoming faith community, inclusive of all, including those of different economic, ethnic, racial and religious backgrounds, sexual orientations and gender identities. We have recently begun a study process with the goal of becoming an Affirming Ministry, as defined by the United Church of Canada.

<p>Activities Calendar: December 23-Jan 5</p> <p><u>Sunday:</u> Meditation 9:10am B-9 Service : UCW Install. 10:00am Sanctuary Coffee Time 11:00am Beecroft Drumming 11:30am B-13</p> <p><u>Monday:</u> Knitting 12:30pm Parlour Ringing Praise 6:30pm Sanctuary Touch of Brass 7:15pm Sanctuary</p> <p><u>Tuesday:</u> 50+ Fitness 9:00am Beecroft La Bell Ensemble 7:15pm Sanctuary</p> <p><u>Wednesday:</u> Council 7:30pm Parlour</p> <p><u>Thursday:</u> 50+ Fitness 9:00pm Beecroft Quilting 9:30am Parlour Euchre 1:00pm Beecroft Healing Pathway 1:00pm B-9 HearSay 5:45pm Beecroft Joyful Noise 2 6:15pm B-12 Note-Able Sound Chimes 6:15pm Sanctuary Cherubs 6:15pm B-13 Joyful Noise 1 6:45pm B-12 Grace Notes 6:45pm Sanctuary Chancel Choir 7:30pm Sanctuary</p> <p><u>Friday</u> Morning Yoga 9:00 am Parlour Chair Yoga 10:30am Parlour</p> <p><u>Saturday:</u></p>	<p>Coffee Hour Volunteers</p> <p>Jan 13 Doug & Elaine Robertson Shailjah Verma</p> <p>Jan 20 Christy Harris Mary & Keith Harris Janet Buske-Wichser</p> <p>Jan 27 Lois Jensen Glenys Pike Gerri & Greig Scott</p> <p>Sunday Duty Officers</p> <p>Jan 13 Diane Keevil Harrold</p> <p>Jan 20 Janet Buske-Wichser</p> <p>Jan 27 Beth Campbell-Keays</p> <p>Counting Volunteers</p> <p>Jan 14 Norm Edwards</p> <p>Jan 21 Bob Roden</p> <p>Jan 28 John Scollick</p> <p>Regular Office hours: Monday to Friday, 9am-4pm</p> <p>Ministers’ pager number: 613-786-4340</p> <p>Visit our website: rideaupark.ca</p> <p>Prayer Chain: ext. 227 or prayerchain@rideaupark.ca</p>
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