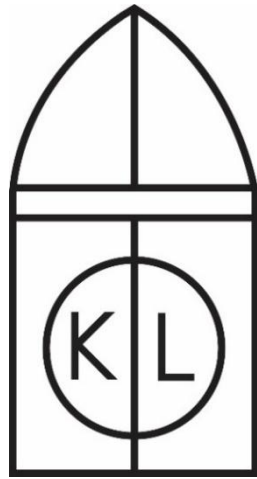


Sunday, March 23, 2025 – Lent 3
Baptism Sunday

KINGSWAY-LAMBTON

UNITED CHURCH



Coordinating Minister

Rev. Don Gibson

Music

Music Director: Nathan Gritter

Organist: Paul Wisniewski

Choir Section Leaders

Camille Labonte | Kate Tapp Mock | Rianna Robinson

William Salinas-Crosby | Matthew Tissi

Evan Hammell | Simon Vandenberg



*Whoever you are, wherever you're at,
you are welcome. Join us on the journey!*



Childcare for infants up to three years old is available in our nursery.
Sunday School for JK to Grade 5 is available after our Children's Moment.

Kingsway-Lambton United Church

10 am † March 23, 2025



The congregation is asked to stand at the “☼” symbol.

We Gather

Prelude: *“Song over the Waters”*

Marty Haugen

Words of Welcome

☼ **Call to Worship:** Psalms for Young Children (*Psalm 1*)

Ella Cooke

One: When I listen to you, God,
When I do what you ask me to,
I am like a tree planted by a river,
A tree full of fruit with leaves that are always green.

☼ **Opening Hymn:** VU 117 *“Jesus Christ Is Waiting”*

Noël Nouvelet

Introit: *“Miserere Mei”*

Henry Purcell

Prayer of Approach and Confession:

All: Holy God,
We confess that sometimes we have grown complacent in our response to you.
Forgive us when we fall short of your claim upon our lives.
Disturb our complacency and quicken our desire for a more fruitful life.
Be patient, we pray, as we amend who we are, in hope of becoming who you intend us to be.
We ask this in the name of our Saviour, your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance

One: May the peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Sharing the Peace of Jesus Christ

(Following the sharing of the Peace, please make your way back to your seats, as the children come forward.)

Children’s Choir: *“Change Our Hearts”*

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism

Introduction

Rev. Don Gibson

✿ **Baptismal Hymn:** VU 450 *“Here at this Font”* (verses 1&2)

Winscott

Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: God be with you

All: **and also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts

All: **we lift them to God**

One: Let us give our thanks to God

All: **It is good to give God thanks.**

Family Promises

One: Do you believe in God, who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh to reconcile and make new, and who works in us and others by the Spirit?

Answer: I do, by the grace of God.

One: Will you follow the way of Jesus Christ?

Answer: I will, God being my helper.

One: Will you join as part of a community of faith to celebrate God’s presence, live with respect in creation, and love and serve others?

Answer: I will, God being my helper.

Congregational Promises

One: As the congregation of Kingsway-Lambton United Church, do you commit yourselves to support and nurture this child within a community which worships God, loves and serves others, seeks justice and resists evil?

All: **We do, by the grace of God.**

✿ **Presentation of Candidates**

Margaret Pace

Friends, Eleanor Bell Baylon, has been brought by her parents this day seeking baptism.

Blessing of the Water

The Act of Baptism and Laying on of Hands

Welcoming Our Newest Members

All: We welcome you as a member of God's family.
We welcome you with love that you may learn to love.
We welcome you with joy that you may learn Christ's joy.
We welcome you by your name that you may know who you are.
We welcome you in Christ's name that you may know whose you are.
You are a part of our family and will always find a welcome place here.

🌸 **Baptismal Hymn:** VU 450 *"Here at this Font"* (verses 3&4) Winscott

Good News & Work of the Church

Offering

Anthem: *"Be Thou My Vision"* Bob Chilcott

Presentation of the Offering, Doxology, & Prayer of Dedication

🌸 **Doxology:** Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise God, all creatures here below!
Give thanks to God in love made known,
Praise Father, Son, and Spirit, one.

The Service of the Word

Scripture: Luke 15: 11-32 Stephanie Excoffon

Sermon: *"God's Party"* Rev. Don Gibson

We Begin to Respond to God's Word

🌸 **Hymn:** VU 640 *"Lead, Kindly Light"* Lux Benigna

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

We are Sent into the World

☼ **Hymn:** VU 418 *“Go Forth for God”*

Old 124th

☼ **Commissioning and Blessing**

☼ **Choral Benediction:** *“May the Christ who walks on Wounded Feet”*
(Words on screen)

Words: Trad. Celtic Prayer
Music: Ruth Watson Henderson

Postlude: *“Deep River”*

Spiritual

Gather Together

Please join us in the Auditorium following the service for Coffee & Conversation.



Memorial Flowers



The flowers in the Sanctuary today are placed in loving memory of a precious son and brother, Robert John McMinn-Surian, by his mom and family.

Baptized Today

Today we welcome into the assurance of God’s eternal love and our Church family’s love and into a new commitment of the family and service of Jesus Christ:

Eleanor Bell Baylon

Daughter of Rebecca Fallowfield and Patrick Baylon



HOLY WEEK

Schedule

April 13
10 am

PALM SUNDAY

Communion

Children's Choir

Sermon - We Know How This Ends!

April 17
11 am

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Join together in the Chapel

Readings from the last night in Jesus' life.

April 18
11 am

GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday Hymns & Music

Reflection - What's So Good About Good Friday?

April 20
10 am

EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Music

Children's Choir & Chancel Choir

Sermon - I Believe

Hallelujah Chorus

OUR VALUES



BELONGING

Be your authentic self and come as you are!

SPIRITUALITY

Together we nurture and inspire our faith.



COMPASSIONATE SERVICE

With joy and passion,
we care for people who are in need.

RELEVANCE

Relevance gives us purpose and
meaning in an ever-changing world.



WE ARE ALL ONE



Sunday School News!

We are pleased to announce that Haylee Neal is joining Victoria Efting and our Sunday School staff to further develop our Sunday School program.

Initially, Haylee will be gathering registration information and promoting communications to parents and the Congregation about Sunday School activities. Victoria continues to inspire our **JK to Grade 5 Sunday School** with engaging stories and lessons. Haylee and Victoria will be sharing their abundant talents to enrich Kingsway-Lambton's program for children.

Our **Nursery Room**, staffed by caring caregivers, is available for **infants to age three**, providing a nurturing space while parents enjoy the service.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Check out the e-blast or KL website for further details.

Kingsway-Lambton Speaker Series

Thursday, March 27 ~ 7:00 pm

Learn how a great garden came about! Join us for the definitive history of James Gardens, researched and presented by Frank Kershaw.

See e-blast for more details.



Talk Back
Sunday

Talk Back Sunday

Sunday, March 30, 2025

Join Rev. Gibson in the West Reception Room after coffee for a half hour discussion about the sermon and the text. This is an opportunity 'to go deeper' and discover even more about the text.

Charity Art Show & Sale

Saturday, April 5 ~ 10 am to 4 pm

If you can volunteer to help that day and/or supply baked cookies, please call Ona Humphreys at (416) 232-0484.

Tickets are now on sale, both online and at Coffee Hour.



Easter Memorial Flowers

Remember a loved one this Easter by purchasing a Calla Lily to be displayed in the Sanctuary. It's a beautiful way to celebrate their life and to keep them close during this special season.

Cost: \$25 each. Beginning March 23, you can order online or during coffee hour.



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