

**Order of Service**  
**October 15, 2023**

**Welcome & announcements**

- \* Land Acknowledgment
- \* Celebrations & Concerns
- \* Birthdays & Anniversaries
- \* Lighting the Christ Candle

**Call to worship**

*Minister* O taste and see that the Lord is good;  
Happy are those who take refuge in the Lord. *Psalm 34:8*

**All: Your Word is everlasting, Lord;**  
**It is firmly fixed in heaven.**  
**Your faithfulness endures**  
**for all generations** *Psalm 119: 89-90*

*Minister* Family of God, from whom does our help come?

**People Our help comes from the Lord,**  
**the maker of heaven and earth.** *Psalm 124:8*

*Minister* Let us Worship God.

**Hymn: I was there to hear your borning cry**  
VU 644

1

I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,  
to see your life unfold.

2

I was there when you were but a child,  
with a faith to suit you well;  
in a blaze of light you wandered off  
to find where demons dwell.

3

When you heard the wonder of the word,  
I was there to cheer you on;  
you were raised to praise the living Lord,  
to whom you now belong.

4

If you find someone to share your time  
and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme  
from dusk till rising sun.

5

In the middle ages of your life,  
not too old, no longer young.  
I'll be there to guide you through the night,  
complete what I've begun.

6

When the evening gently closes in  
and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been  
with just one more surprise.

7

I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,  
to see your life unfold.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

**Westyn Raymond Barkley**

Son of Sabryna Chevalier & Curtis Barkley  
God-Son of Adam Barkley, Samantha Durand & Gabriel Chevalier

Born 16 April 2023 at Winchester Ontario

Teaching on Baptism

Promise of the Parents & God-Parents

Promises of the Congregation

Prayer for the Gifts of the Holy Spirit (silent)

Baptism in the name of the Holy Trinity

Blessing & Presentation

## **The ministry of music**

### **Children's hymn: Come To My Heart Lord Jesus VU 661**

1

Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;  
teach me to walk in your way.  
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;  
come to my heart today.  
Give me the peace and joy  
that only you can bring.  
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;  
give me a song to sing.

2

Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;  
teach me to walk in your way.  
Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;  
fill me with love today.  
Give me the peace and joy  
that only you can bring.  
Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;  
give me a song to sing.

3

Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;  
teach me to walk in your way.  
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;  
Answer my prayer today.  
Give me the peace and joy  
that only you can bring.  
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;  
give me a song to sing.

## **A Time for All God's Children**

### **The Offering: We Plough the Fields, verse 3 & Chorus**

## **VU 520**

3

We thank you then, O Maker,  
for all things bright and good,  
the seed-time and the harvest,  
our life, our health, our food;  
accept the gifts we offer  
for all your love imparts,  
and, what from us you long for,  
our humble, thankful hearts.  
All good gifts around us  
are sent from heaven above;  
we thank you, God, O holy God,  
for all your love.

### **Dedication of the offering**

#### **Pastoral prayer**

#### **Today's scripture reading: Philippians 3: 4b-12**

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

May God Bless to our understanding  
this reading of Holy Scripture

**Amen**

## **Hymn: Higher ground**

1.

I'm pressing on the upward way,  
New heights I'm gaining every day;  
Still praying as I'm upward bound,  
"Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."

*Refrain:*

*Lord, lift me up and let me stand,  
By faith, on Heaven's table land,  
A higher plane than I have found;  
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.*

2.

My heart has no desire to stay  
Where doubts arise and fears dismay;  
Though some may dwell where those abound,  
My prayer, my aim, is higher ground.

3.

I want to live above the world,  
Though satan's darts at me are hurled;  
For faith has caught the joyful sound,  
The song of saints on higher ground.

4.

I want to scale the utmost height  
And catch a gleam of glory bright;  
But still I'll pray till Heav'n I've found,  
"Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."

## **Sermon :“Foot Prints”**

### **Benediction**

### **Closing hymn: I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold**

1.

I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold  
I'd rather be His than have riches untold;  
I'd rather have Jesus than houses or lands;  
I'd rather be led by His nail-pierced hand

*Refrain:*

*Than to be the king of a vast domain  
Or be held in sin's dread sway;  
I'd rather have Jesus than anything  
This world affords today.*

2.

I'd rather have Jesus than the world's applause;  
I'd rather be faithful to His dear cause;  
I'd rather have Jesus than worldwide fame;  
I'd rather be true to His holy name

3.

He's fairer than lilies of rarest bloom;  
He's sweeter than honey from out the comb;  
He's all that my hungering spirit needs;  
I'd rather have Jesus and let Him lead