

## **Memorize & Ponder**

**July 24, 2016**

**Memorize & Ponder Text – Luke 3:22b**

**(Full Reading – Luke 3:21-22)**

**Week of July 17-24, 2016**

**You Are My Beloved**

### **Luke 3:22b (NRSV)**

And a voice came from heaven,  
“You are my Son, my Beloved;  
with you I am well pleased.”  
(Luke 3:22b)

*Throughout the Christian year of 2016, until Advent, we will be focusing on the theme of ‘Following Jesus in a Fearful and Divided World.’ Our Scripture readings and Memorize & Ponder texts will be taken from the Gospels of Luke and John. We invite you to **listen** for what the Spirit is saying in the text, then **question** how those insights might change the ways you see things and act in the world. Share your thoughts during the week on the meaning the Spirit creates for you in this text by posting a comment on our website – [www.brentwoodpc.ca](http://www.brentwoodpc.ca).*

## **Ponderings for the Friends of Jesus**

*Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us provoke one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together ... (Hebrews 10:23-25a)*

### **A Word for the Friends of Jesus to Ponder = Beloved**

Celebrating the sacrament of Baptism is a special time for the Christian church, and especially for Brentwood, as we continue to reform ourselves to serve the mission of Jesus Christ in the world more faithfully and effectively.

Sacraments – Baptism and the Lord’s Supper – are means of grace, ways in which God touches and shapes every dimension of our beings so that we become one with Jesus Christ in being God’s ambassadors and agents as he blesses creation with his love.

In Baptism, the church promises to God that we will support this child and the whole family as we all cooperate in surrounding them with what the traditional language of the church calls ‘the nurture and admonition of the Lord.’ May we all fulfill those promises faithfully.

### **Gratitude for Grace Noticed this Week**

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