

Welcome to Worship

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For years in Church we taught people to stand up and sit down. Stand up and sit down. And then we were angry with them for only knowing how to stand up and sit down. Vibrant churches learn, feel, grow, shout, dance, laugh, jump, play, cry, love...and believe it or not, we still remember how to stand up and sit down.

September 20, 2009

Pentecost 16

(Congregational responses are in bold type.)

***Please stand as you are able)**

Prelude: *The Heavens Declare the Glory of God* (Marcello)

Welcome & Announcements

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Lighting of the Memorial Candles and Peace Candle

Call to Worship:

We rejoice in the gathering of God's people.

We give thanks for each one here, both friend and stranger.

For each one is important in the Body of Christ.

Together we are more than a group of individuals.

Let us, therefore, draw near to God,

and God will draw near to us.

Hymn: #312 *Praise with Joy the World's Creator*

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*Choral Benediction:

*Go with us Lord, as now we depart,
calming the fears that trouble each heart.*

*Keep us all in your grace ----- until we come, again, to this
place.*

Interlude

*Now we will walk in peace with the Lord,
living in faith and teaching his word.*

*Share his love ev'ry day ---- for he has surely shown us the
way!*

A – men, a – men.

*Prayer of Dedication (Don Besig and Nancy Price)***

Postlude: *Trumpet Tune* (Handel)

Welcome!

A warm welcome to all who gather for worship

Stewards responsible for checking the church:

this week – September 20 – Kevin Winchester

next week – September 27 – Dannie Forret

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Prayer of Approach:

**We come to this place, O God,
at your invitation.
You welcome us all,
and challenge us to welcome one another
in Christ's name.
Help us to recognize
in each person here
the wonderful greatness
that you perceive
and to celebrate each one's worth –
for Christ's sake. Amen.**

Hymn: #340 *Jesus, Friend of Little Children*
(Please remain seated)

Theme Conversation and the Prayer of Jesus

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

First Testament Reading: Proverbs 31:10–31
(*A tribute to a capable woman.*)

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 1 (p.724)
(*Blessed are those who follow God's law.*)

Anthem: *Let Them Come* (Valerie MacKenzie)

Epistle Reading: James 3:13–4:3, 7–8a
(*Wisdom from above is gentle and peaceable.*)

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:30–37
(*Whoever welcomes a child, welcomes me.*)

Message: *As a Child*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: #357 *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*

Minute for Mission

Invitation to the Offering

Offering Our Gifts to God: *Wayside Chapel* (Hebble)

Dedication: #540

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

Words: anonymous**

Offertory Prayer:

**Receive these gifts from our hands,
the fruit of our work and our calling.
Yet even more than this:
Receive the shared gift of our hearts;
our desire to serve and love you
in the way of Christ.
Amen.**

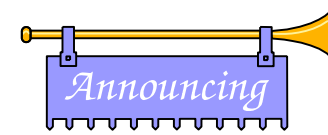
Prayers of the People

WE ARE SENT FORTH

*Hymn: #560 *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

*Commissioning and Benediction

***DENOTES FURTHER INFORMATION
ON BULLETIN BOARDS***



LIFE of the CONGREGATION and COMMUNITY

This Week: September 20--26

TODAY 11:15am Children's Choir Practice; annual Church Picnic following the worship service

6:30pm Jam session (further info below)

TUESDAY 10:30am Tuesday morning Study Group

WEDNESDAY 1:30pm Agnes Allingham UCW

7:30pm Session meeting

THURSDAY 7:00-8:30pm Adult Choir Practice

***2009 Operation Christmas Child Campaign** officially underway in Saint John area; shoe boxes available at Calvary Temple; kick-off event Monday, September 28, 7-8pm at Calvary Temple.*

*Regional Health Authority Board **Volunteer Recruitment** to visit lonely, out of town, and for the Palliative Care Unit; further info??? – call 648-6523.*

*Employment opportunity at Portland UC – **Minister of Young Families**; 20 hours per week; further details: marconf.ca/vacancy-list or contact Paul Potter at 645-7235.*

***Giant Flea Market**; Saturday, September 26, 9am – noon at Church of St. Andrew and St. David; free admission.*

***Worship in the Sanctuary**; Sunday, September 26, 7pm at Sunset Church, Fredericton.*

***Fall Bazaar & Luncheon**; Saturday, October 17, 11:30am-1:30pm at St Paul's UC, Sussex.*

***Art Show and Sale**; Friday, October 23, 7:30pm-9:30pm and Saturday, October 24, 10am-5pm at Saint David's UC, Rothesay; admission \$2.*

* **Celebrate Life Musical Concert** with Tracy, family and friends; Monday, November 23, 7:30pm at the Imperial Theatre; tickets \$20 on sale September 21 at the Imperial; all proceeds for Saint John Learning Exchange.*

Copies of the *Upper Room* for September/October are available in the entry ways. Also available are copies special issues of *Mandate Magazine*.

Church Directories: The church directories have come in and will be available downstairs in MacDonald Hall after service this morning. If you had portraits taken in March you will receive a free directory.

They are also available for those who indicated that they wanted to purchase a directory for \$15.00. A few extra copies were ordered and will be available for \$15.00 on a first come, first served basis.

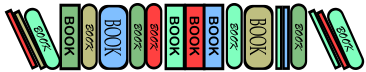


If you are interested in participating in our morning worship by **reading the scriptures**, could you please sign up on the side bulletin board in the hall, or simply fill in the insert with your name and telephone number and place it in the offering plate.



Do you have a dusty guitar hiding in a closet somewhere? Is there tambourine you haven't played for awhile? Maybe a drum that just doesn't get drummed anymore?

If you do, then dust 'em off and come to church on Sunday evenings at 6:30pm for a **jam session** centred around contemporary Christian music by some of today's popular Christian song writers... these get-togethers will be informal and fun...so bring you instrument, your voice and your laughter and join in the party!



Visit the lovely **reading room/library** on your way through the church this morning....see what's new! You might be surprised!

Jane is seeking anyone who would like to be involved with the reading room/library. A small involvement would mean a big help! See Jane in person or give a call to 847-3355.



United for Peace Pins and Cards still available at reduced prices (at cost); pins - \$6, cards- \$3; time is running out – campaign ends December 09; contact Jane Barefoot (849-9302) or Sally Allanach (847-2170).



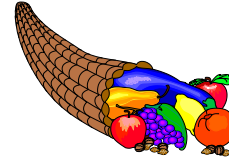
From Donna to: Session, Worship Committee, M & S, Stewards, Christian Development, Sunday School, UCW's, Music, Youth, Outreach, KV Food Basket, Social Committee, etc., etc.- please check regularly for



mail in the pink pockets on the office door. Thank you.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, September 27, 7pm – Rev. Audrey's Covenanting service.



Thanksgiving will soon be here. To help with our decoration and our gifts to the Food Bank, the Worship Committee is asking for donations of produce, preserves, pickles, etc. to place at the front of our sanctuary. Thank you.

