

A Warm Welcome to All Who Gather for 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.”

November 1, 2009

Pentecost 22

All Saints' Day

(Congregational responses are in bold type.)

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

Prelude: *Meditation* (Eric Thiman)

Welcome & Announcements

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Lighting of the Memorial Candles and Peace Candle

Call to Worship:

Here, in the midst of this gathered community,
we find God's Sacred Presence

And out there, in the bustle of neighborhoods,
in the flight of the geese,
and even in the falling snow, we
find God's Sacred Presence

**Wherever you go, we will go;
we will make our home in you.**

Today, November 1st, we celebrate the feast of All Saints... the known and the unknown. The feast day became popular in the ninth century. The story goes that Theophano, the wife of the emperor, Leo VI (aka Leo the Wise) was a very devote woman. When she died, Leo built a church in her honour but the powers that be wouldn't let him dedicate the church to her. Instead, he dedicated the church to 'all saints', so that Theophano would be honoured with ... you guessed it, all the saints.

In this United Church of ours, we don't talk about saints all that often but in fact, over the past several years, we have been reclaiming this part of our faith heritage. Some saints that might interest you...

Take, for instance, our Clerk of Sessions patron saint, Lawrence. St. Lawrence was one of the seven deacons of Pope St. Sixtus. The most popular telling of his story is told by St. Ambrose. It seems that Sixtus entrusted Lawrence with the Pope's treasury since Sixtus knew that the Romans were going to arrest him. Lawrence, in good Christian spirit, gave the money to the poor. It wasn't long before the Romans came looking for Lawrence.

“Where is the treasure?” they asked. Lawrence showed them the poor people. He was condemned and martyred three days after Sixtus.

Wherever we find love, there is God.
It may be in a church that lives out justice for all,
or in a school that nurtures a child or in a
family where children thrive,
it might be in a community where neighbours care, one of the
other,
or in the day-to-day minutia of life shared in partnership –
where there is love, there is God.

**Wherever you go, we will go;
we will make our home in you.**

We come and offer to our Beloved all that we are:
our regret-filled pasts, our present struggles, our unknown
futures,
and in our offering, we find we are taken and held by One who
is love.

**Wherever you go, we will go;
we will make our home in you.**

*Hymn: #705 *For All the Saints*

Prayer of Approach

**O Sacred Presence, you are our constant, always and
everywhere.
When winds of change or of uncertainty buffet us, leave
faithful.
Steady companion, give to us your rest, your peace as we
come to worship.
Amen.**

Hymn: #372 *Though I May Speak* (Please remain seated)
Theme Conversation and the Prayer of Jesus

Prayer of Confession

**God of each unfolding moment, you bring all of creation into
being. Again and again we receive your gifts of love and
friendship in family and community.
We trust that you are with us always and everywhere. Still, we
too often act as if we don't trust you. We try to keep ourselves
safe rather than reaching out to others.
Sometimes we do not even care for ourselves, and unable to
care for others.
We let fear inhibit our courage.
We find it difficult to love.
Forgive us, O God, and help us to find your life-giving
presence in every moment we live and every person we meet.
O God, open our hearts to the daily miracles with which we
are blessed.
Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Thanks be to God for the Spirit who lives in us.
Praise be to God who is always working things
together for good.
We are loved.
We are forgiven.
**God is beyond us.
God is between us.
God is within us.
Thanks be to God!**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

First Testament Reading: Ruth 1:1–18
(*Ruth chooses to go with Naomi.*)

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 146 (VU pg. 868)
(*I'll praise my Maker while I've breath.*)

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 9:11–14
(*Christ, the high priest of good things.*)

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Anthem: *I Believe* (arr. Hawley Ades)

Gospel Reading: Mark 12:28–34
(Which commandment is the first of all?)

Message: *The Fine Art of Loving*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: #299 *Teach Me, God, to Wonder*
Minute for Mission

Invitation to the Offering

Offering Our Gifts to God:

Dedication: *In gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best to you,
not just to serve your cause, but share your love
with neighbours, too...
O God, who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ, your Son,
help us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.*

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Offertory Prayer:

**Holy One,
amazed by your kindness,
moved by your generosity,
and inspired by your compassion,
we offer these gifts
as we pledge ourselves
to the service of Christ
and to his vision
for a renewed and just world.
Amen.**

Prayers of the People

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WE ARE SENT FORTH

*Hymn: #714 *Come We that Love*

*Commissioning and Benediction

*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: *A Mighty Fortress* (arr. Harold DeCou)

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Stewards responsible for checking the church:

this week – November 1 – John Hill

next week – November 8 – Harry Dunfield

Scripture Readings for November 1: Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17;
Psalm 127; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44.

*Presentation and dialogue about **Portage** (addiction treatment program); Tuesday, Nov. 3, 7pm at Saint David's UC.*

***Nordic Walking**; Friday, Nov. 1, 1-2pm at Quispamsis Arts & Culture Park.*

***Annual Goods & Services Auction**; Friday, Nov. 6, 7pm at Millstream Rec Centre, Berwick (next to Wesley UC).*

***Scrapbooking Crop**; Saturday, Nov. 7, 2-10pm at Saint Andrew's Kirk.*

***10,000 Villages Craft Sale**; Nov. 12-14 at St. Mark's UC on Dexter Drive.*

*St. Mark's UC **Citrus Fruit Sale**; Nov. 14 deadline for orders by contacting the church office (672-3320), Marc (672-7233) or Ralph (672-5328).*

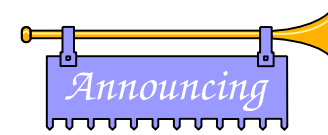
***No Minor Prophets!** workshop for all seminary graduates; Nov. 19-20 at the Church of St. Andrew and St. David, SJ; further info at www.astheology.ns.ca/UpcomingEvents.htm.*

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

***Montreal Canadiens Alumni Game**; Wednesday, Nov. 25, 7pm at the Lord Beaverbrook Arena; tickets (benefiting Taylor College if purchased by Oct. 27) at 693-8975 or at 105 Mountain View Drive, SJ.*

***The Park Avenue Fiddlers** Concert; Friday, Nov. 27, 7:30-9:30pm at Park Avenue UC; advance tickets -\$10 - available from Lark Doyle (657-1920) or Daryl Hamilton (847-1307) or lark@rogers.com, or at the door.*

***Holly Luncheon**, Saturday, Nov. 28, 11am-1pm at Hampton UC.*



LIFE of the CONGREGATION and COMMUNITY

This Week: November 1-7

TODAY 11:15am Children's Choir Practice

6:30pm Sunday Night Jammers continue to meet in choir room; please note no jamming next week, Nov. 8.

TUESDAY 10:30am Tuesday morning Study Group

7:30pm Worship Committee Meeting

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

Upper Rooms for November/December are now available in the church entry ways.

The **Youth Group** are selling United Church Calendars and beautiful unscented decorative candles in MacDonald Hall following worship.

HAVE YOU NOTICED THE NEW PARKING LOT?



Our **adult choir** is preparing for a cantata "Conversations with Mary" to be presented during Advent. We are welcoming singers to join us at this time. We practice at 7:00 PM each Thursday and we are aiming to begin cantata practice by 7:45. Please think about joining us.



Still looking for **volunteers for the Nursery**; sign up sheet on the side hall bulletin board or in the Nursery.



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).

Observer Subscription Time for new readers and renewals. Let's try to increase our subscription list!



LINE UP FOR WINTER! With the cold weather approaching, the Clothing Depot is asking for donations of new socks, underwear, and longjohns. For the next two weeks, we will have clotheslines in the sanctuary, and we're inviting you to hang your donations on the line. Any size will do--just bring something along and support our outreach project.

Operation Christmas Child: This year QU will be taking part in this project. Pick up a brochure (with details about the program and suggestions for appropriate (and inappropriate) items with your shoebox. Boxes from the Atlantic region are being sent to Haiti, Senegal, Ivory Coast and Sierra Leone. Filled boxes should be returned by Nov. 15. Please call Rose Martin at 847-2765 for further information.

LOOKING AHEAD

Covenanting Service for Rev. Audrey: Sunday, Nov. 8, 3pm.

ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME to attend a meeting of **Adelaide Barbour UCW** on Monday, November 2 at 7:30pm. Please bring items for 10-14 year olds to fill **shoe boxes**.

Community Chaplaincy Volunteers will be meeting in the kitchen on Monday, November 9, 7pm to make turkey vegetable soup and apple crisp for chaplaincy.

Adelaide Barbour and Agnes Allingham UCW Groups are invited to join Saint David's UCW for a **Social Evening at Saint David's UC**, Wednesday, Nov. 18, 7:30pm. Please rsvp Kathryn @ 8479-2875.

Licensed Lay Leader Workshop; Friday, Nov. 20, 6:30-9:30pm at St. Mark's UC; contact leaders Rev. Audrey (847-4924, or Rev. Bob Mercer (672-3320) to confirm attendance.

Covenanting Service for Rev. Karen MacNeill; Sunday, Nov. 22, 7pm, at Saint Andrew's Kirk, Hammond River.

The Social Committee is planning a **potluck supper, carol sing, and silent auction** on November 28, the eve of Advent. Everyone welcome! Please sign up on the bulletin board and please contact Karen Young at 848-1018 or karendixie@hotmail.com with your contribution to the silent auction.

The Agnes Allingham UCW **Mitten Tree** will be up for knitted items on Nov. 28. Socks, mittens, gloves or scarves will be very much appreciated. If you are not a knitter, we accept all types.

Christmas Dreaming – an Advent celebration with readings and special music from three area choirs; Sunday, Nov. 29, 7pm.

* DETAILS OF THESE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BULLETIN BOARDS*

*Take action in **support of Bill C-300** to ensure that all C*

*The Hampton John Peters Humphrey Foundation **Human Rights Forum;** Monday, November 2, 7:30pm at the Hampton High Theatre; Nelofer Pazira guest speaker.*