

## *A Warm Welcome to All Who Gather for Worship*

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*In baptism one returns to the state of creation ... when all  
humanity was unified.*

**November 15, 2009**  
***Pentecost 24***  
(Congregational responses are in bold type.)  
**\*Please stand as you are able)**

Prelude: *Short Prelude & Fugue in A Minor* (J.S. Bach)  
Welcome & Announcements

### **WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

Lighting of the Memorial Candles and the Peace Candle

Call to Worship:

My heart rejoices in you

and I am strengthened by your presence.

I will not give in to the things that stand in my way  
because, in you, I am a winner.

**Praise to God, our Holy One!**

You are the Rock on which justice stands.

Those who became rich at the expense of others  
now find themselves grateful for stale bread,  
but those who struggled to make ends meet  
you have filled with good things.

**Praise to God, our Holy One!**

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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: *Gavotte* (Samuel Wesley)

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*Today we welcome into Christ's family and into the Quispamsis  
United Church family:*

*Hayley Bernice Godwin and Ethan David Godwin,  
children of Alisha Perry and David Godwin, and godchildren of  
Krista and Rick McKight;*

*Benjamin Donald Alward, son of Heather and Michael  
Alward;*

*Madelyn Elizabeth Pearl DeLong, daughter of Laura and  
Jeff DeLong;*

*Laura Anne MacDonald, daughter of Julie and Ian  
MacDonald.*

**Stewards responsible for checking the church:**

**this week** – November 15 – Ray Tonge

**next week** – November 22 – Mike Martin

**Scripture Readings for November 15:** 2 Samuel 23:1-7;  
Psalm 132:1-12 (13-18); Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

You lift up the poor and the needy  
 and make them more important than the rich and powerful;  
 you give them the best seat in the house.  
 For the earth belongs to you  
 and the creation is rooted in your goodness.

**Praise to God, our Holy One!**

\*Hymn: #220 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Prayer of Approach

**O God, source of our life and hope of our hearts. You are our rock and you fill us with wonder. Solid, you care for us constantly. Your counsel is ours. You are amazing. You are always with us, in good and bad. Accept our praise, and open us to experience the challenge of your word. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.**

Hymn: #309 *Para, Para, Pitter Pat* (Please remain seated)  
 Theme Conversation and the Prayer of Jesus

Prayer of Confession  
 Assurance of Pardon

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

Prayer of Illumination

First Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 1:4-20  
*(Samuel is born to Hannah.)*

Sung Reading: 1 Samuel 2:1-10 (VU pg.878)  
*(The Song of Hannah.)*

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14  
*(Provoke one another to love and good deeds.)*

Anthem: *Jesus and the Children* (Bennett)

Gospel Reading: Mark 13:1-8  
*(Not one stone of the temple shall be left standing.)*

Sacrament of Baptism (please see blue insert)

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Minute for Mission

Invitation to the Offering

Offering Our Gifts to God: *Theme from Impromptu* (Schubert)

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:

**For everyone born... fresh water to drink.  
 For everyone born... someone to love them.  
 For everyone born... enough food to eat.  
 For everyone born... friendship and laughter.  
 For everyone born... a space where they're safe.  
 For everyone born... somewhere to sleep.  
 For everyone born... a life filled with hope. Amen**

Prayers of the People

**WE ARE SENT FORTH**

\*Hymn: #688 *O Day of God*

\*Commissioning and Benediction

\***Christmas Craft and Bake Sale**; Saturday, Nov. 21, 10am-1pm at Glen View UC.\*

\***Traditional Roast Beef Supper**; Saturday, Nov. 21, 3:30-6:30pm at Millstream Rec Centre, Berwick.\*

\* **Celebrate Life Musical Concert** with Tracy, family and friends; Monday, November 23, 7:30pm at the Imperial Theatre.\*

\***Coalition for Pay Equity Saint John Regional Committee Meet and Greet**; Wednesday, November 25, 11am-1:30pm at Centenary-Queen Square UC (storefront).\*

\***Montreal Canadiens Alumni Game**; Wednesday, Nov. 25, 7pm, Lord Beaverbrook Arena.\*

\***The Park Avenue Fiddlers** Concert; Friday, Nov. 27, 7:30-9:30pm Park Avenue UC.\*

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

\***Youth for Peace**; mid-May 2010, Colombia; application deadline Dec. 1\*

\***Annual Christmas Celebration Dinner and Benefit Concert**; Tuesday, Dec.1, 6:15pm, St. James the Less, Rothesay.\*

\***Christmas with the Sopranos**; Sunday, December 6, 7:30pm, St.David's UC.\*

\***Christmas Wishes**; Monday, Dec. 7, 7pm at Silver Falls UC\*

\***Christmas with the LaPointes**; Thursday and Friday, Dec. 10 & 11, 7:30pm at the Playhouse, Fredericton.\*

\***Community Ecumenical Carol Sing**; Sunday, Dec. 13, 7:30pm at Trinity Church.\*

\***Handel's Messiah**; Monday, Dec. 21, 7:30pm at Trinity Church.\*



*Announcing*

## **LIFE of the CONGREGATION and COMMUNITY**

### **This Week: November 15 –21**

**TODAY 11:15am** Children's Choir Practice

**6:30pm** Sunday Night Jammers

**TUESDAY 10:30am** Tuesday morning Study Group

**WEDNESDAY, 7:30pm** Adelaide Barbour and Agnes Allingham UCW Groups are invited to join Saint David's UCW for a **Social Evening at Saint David's UC**. The A. Barbour group will purchase some Corelle dishes for the communal kitchen at the KV Suites. As St David's needs to know how many will attend, please RSVP Kathryn @ 8479-2875.

**7:30pm** Stewards meeting

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

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

The Youth Group is selling **calendars and decorative unscented candles**. Calendars are available in the church office or contact Karen Young.

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



Starting next Sunday, November 22, Quispamsis United Church will begin its **Annual Food Drive** for those in need during the holiday season. Next week we would like donations of canned beans, pasta, rice, cake or muffin mixes. Also the poster for gifts for families will be outside the office door.

**HELP WANTED**



Help us celebrate the Advent Season! We are looking for individuals and families to **light the Advent candles during worship services;**

choose from Nov. 29, Dec. 6, Dec. 13, Dec. 20 or Christmas Eve. Please speak to Faye Sherrard (849-2462) **today**.



**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).

## LOOKING AHEAD



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

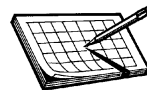
**Session Meeting** – Monday, Nov. 23, 7:30pm



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](mailto:karendixie@hotmail.com) with your contribution to the silent auction. A few suggestions you could donate to the silent auction: tickets to concerts or games, baskets of homemade goodies, new or nearly new decorative items, plants,...



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.



Mark your calendars for **Christmas Dreaming** – an Advent celebration with readings and special music from St. David's UC, Saint Andrew's Kirk, and our Quispamsis UC choirs; Sunday, Nov. 29, 7pm.



**CHRISTMAS COOKIE TIME IS HERE!** Get your aprons and rolling pins primed! We'll be gathering at Carolyn Kimball's home on Dec.7/09, for our annual Christmas Cookie Exchange. Please let us know of any folks who should receive these Christmas treats! Please call Barb McBean, 847-2275, to pass names along. More details will follow.



Our **adult choir** is preparing for a cantata "Conversations with Mary" to be presented December 13, during Advent.

### \* DETAILS OF THESE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BULLETIN BOARDS\*

\*Check out the announcements and other information from **Maritime Conference**, currently updated weekly.\*

\**Strings and Sweets*; Today, Nov. 15, 2:30pm, St. Paul's, Rothesay.\*

\*Town of Quispamsis **annual Christmas Tree Lighting**; Wednesday, Nov. 18, 7-8pm at the Arts and Culture Park.\*

\***Developing Pre-reading Skills Workshop** for parents; Thursday, Nov. 19, 7-9pm, at Rothesay Arena.\*

## **Celebration of Baptism**

**Baptismal Hymn: #442** *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters*

### **Statement of Purpose:**

#### **Presentation of Candidates: (Larry Watson)**

Hayley Bernice Godwin

Ethan David Godwin

Benjamin Donald Alward

Madelyn Elizabeth Pearl DeLong

Laura Anne MacDonald

### **Profession of Faith**

#### **Commitment of the Godparents**

##### **\* Congregational Commitment**

Having heard the will of these persons here gathered.

Do you receive Hayley, Ethan, Ben, Madelyn and Laura in Christ's name, as we ourselves have been received?

We all belong to the one household of faith in Jesus Christ.

Will you pledge your support to these children and to their parents, showing them constant love, wholesome example, Christian teaching, and faithful prayer?

**We will, God being our helper.**

*The congregation can now be seated.*

#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Pouring of the Water**

May God be with us.

**God is with us.**

Let us open our hearts to God.

**We open them to God and to one another.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

As the water is poured, we recall

Isaiah's promise:

"waters shall break forth in the wilderness  
and streams in the desert";

Ezekiel's declaration:

"I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean";  
the Psalmist's testimony:

"Beside the still waters, God leads me";

and Jesus' words:

"whoever gives even a cup of cold water

to one of these little ones—

truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

May God's Spirit be upon us

and these waters of daily use,

which we now use to baptize and to welcome.

### **Blessing**

### **The Act of Baptism**

### **Marking with the Sign of the Cross**

### **Laying on of Hands**

### **Declaration and Congregational Welcome**

### **Blessing**

## Baptism in the United Church

In company with the churches  
of the Reformed and Methodist traditions,  
we celebrate two sacraments as gifts of Christ:  
baptism and holy communion.  
In these sacraments the ordinary things of life  
—water, bread, wine—  
point beyond themselves to God and God's love,  
teaching us to be alert  
to the sacred in the midst of life.

Before conscious thought or action on our part,  
we are born into the brokenness of this world.  
Before conscious thought or action on our part,  
we are surrounded by God's redeeming love.  
Baptism by water in the name of the Holy Trinity  
is the means by which we are received, at any age,  
into the covenanted community of the church.  
It is the ritual that signifies our rebirth in faith  
and cleansing by the power of God.  
Baptism signifies the nurturing, sustaining,  
and transforming power of God's love  
and our grateful response to that grace.  
*(excerpt from 'The Song of Faith' United Church of Canada 2006)*

Baptism is one of our two sacraments in the United Church of Canada. In baptism, we are washed by water, anointed with oil and gifted with the Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands. It is a ritual that is rich in meaning and power, rich in significance and grace. It is a holy moment and one which is not only a blessing but a call. 'Go forth and make disciples, baptizing in my name' Jesus tells his disciples in the closing verses of Matthews gospel... To these children being baptized this day, we promise much. May God bless us as we live out those promises.