

## *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 22, 2009**  
**Reign of Christ Sunday**  
(Congregational responses are in bold type.)  
**\*Please stand as you are able)**

Prelude: *Glorious Things of Thee* (Haydn arr. LeCou)  
Welcome & Announcements

### **WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE**

Lighting of the Memorial Candles and the Peace Candle

Call to Worship:

Friends, grace to you and peace  
from the One who is and who was  
and who is to come.

**And also to you!**

We gather in community in Christ name,  
hoping to find our centre, hoping for grace.

**We open our hearts to receive anew.**

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### **WE ARE SENT FORTH**

\*Hymn: #334VU *All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name*

\*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: *Allegro from 4<sup>th</sup> Cello Sonata* (Vivaldi)

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**Stewards responsible for checking the church:**

**this week** – November 22 – Mike Martin

**next week** – November 29 – Donald Walker

**Scripture Readings for November 29:** Jeremiah 33:14-16;  
Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36.

We open our hearts to God's mercy and grace,  
In who is our healing and wholeness.

**We open our minds to receive anew.**

We open our ears to the wisdom of Christ,  
who is our grounding and inspiration.

**We open our lives to receive anew.**

\*Hymn: #213VU *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

Prayer of Approach

**O Sacred Presence, you are our constant, always and everywhere.**

**When winds of change or of uncertainty buffet us, leaving us disoriented and confused, you are always there...always faithful.**

**Steady companion, give to us your rest, your peace as we come to worship.**

**Amen.**

Children's Anthem: *God Made Flowers*

Hymn: #92 More Voices *Like a Rock* (Please remain seated)

*Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.*

*Like the starry night sky God is over our head.*

*Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before.*

*Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God evermore.*

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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! 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**

Prayer of Illumination

First Testament Reading: 2 Samuel 23:1-7

*(David's last words glorify God.)*

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18) (VU pgs. 854-855 parts 1)

*(God will bless with abundance.)*

Epistle Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8

*(I am the Alpha and the Omega.)*

Anthem: *Bow the Knee*

Gospel Reading: John 18:33–37  
(*Pilate asks Jesus, “Are you the King of the Jews?”*)

Message: *The Apocalypse of When*

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

Minute for Mission

Offering Our Gifts to God: *Blessing and Honour*

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

A New Creed: See reverse of bulletin

Passing the Peace of Christ -- Namaste

*From Sanskrit, the word Namaste literally means "let there be a salutation to you". In these days when many are worried about the spread of H1N1, it provides an alternative greeting that we can use our worship.*

*The gesture is performed with hands in front of the chest, palms together. Bow your head slightly and greet your neighbor with the words, ‘The Christ in me greets the Christ in you.’*



Invitation to the Table

Communion Hymn: #477VU *I Come with Joy*

The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to almighty God.

**Right and good it is, Divine Beloved, to give you thanks,  
for you have called us toward  
your promises of blessing and hope.**

You have invited us, at our weakest moments

...

loved in the beauty of our imperfections:

**Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in God’s name.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

As we gather at this table,

...

And so we remember; and so we believe:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Distribution of the Elements

The Prayer after Communion

**We give thanks, almighty God,  
that you have refreshed us at your table  
by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ.  
Strengthen our faith,  
increase our love for one another,  
and send us forth into the world  
united in courage and peace,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
Amen**

**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\*

\***Christmas Gala at the Imperial Theatre**; Saturday, Dec. 5, 7:30pm.\*

\***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 22-28

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

**6:30pm** Sunday Night Jammers

**7:00pm** Covenanting Service for Rev. Karen MacNeill at Saint Andrew's Kirk, Hammond River.

**MONDAY 7:30pm** Session meeting

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

**WEDNESDAY 1:30pm** Agnes Allingham UCW

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

**SATURDAY 5:30pm** Potluck supper, carol sing, and silent auction. Come and join us in MacDonald Hall for an evening of fellowship as we prepare for Advent and Christmas! You drop off silent auction items in the church office or with a member of the Social Committee. Please let us know what you are contributing for the auction by Friday, Nov. 27. Thanks, Karen Young (848-1018 or karendixie@hotmail.com)

*Thank You* to those who helped fill 28 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child this year.

**Advent Coin Cards** and copies of *Mandate Magazine* are available in the church entry ways.

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



Starting today, 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 vegetables and fruit, soups, cereals, crackers and packaged cookies. Also the poster for gifts for families is outside the office door.



**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



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. Freewill offering. Light refreshments to follow.



**Rev. Audrey will be away** December 3 and 4 attending a General Council Financial Assistance Committee Meeting at the General Council in Toronto.



**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 and youth are presenting the **Cantata, “Conversations with Mary”** on Sunday, Dec. 13, 10am. Everyone welcome.

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

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

\*Deadline for **Saint David’s Citrus Fruit Sale**; today, Nov. 22.\*

\***Songs of Consolation**; today, Nov. 22, 7pm at Nashwaaksis UC.\*