

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.

January 17, 2010

Epiphany 2

(Congregational responses are in bold type.)

*Please stand as you are able)

Prelude: *Bouree in G* (J.S. Bach)

Welcome and Announcements

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Lighting the Memorial Candles and the Peace Candle

Call to Worship

Your steadfast love, O God, reaches the far end of the universe,

your faithfulness farther than the clouds.

Your honour is like the majestic and mighty mountains,

your judgments are like the depths of the oceans;

you save humans and animals alike, God.

How precious is us is your steadfast love, O God.

There is refuge for all people in the shadow of your wings.

Let us feast on the abundance of your house.

The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to on the passing of Henry Eric "Harry" Moores on January 9, 2010. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers in the coming weeks

Stewards responsible for checking the church:

this week – January 17 – Jay Fuller

next week – January 24 – John Hill

Scriptures for January 17: Nehemiah 8:1-3; Psalm 19;
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21.

* Hymn: 92VU *In the Darkness Shines the Splendour*

Prayer of Approach:

**Extravagant God,
we gather in this sacred space,
guests at a feast of your boundless gifts.
Stretch out your canopy of grace,
your sheltering wings,
that we may delight in your love,
which never runs out. Amen.**

Hymn: #585VU *Jesus Bids Us Shine*

Theme Conversation and the Prayer of Jesus

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

First Testament Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

(No longer “Desolate”, but now named “Delight”).

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 36:5-10 (VUp. 762

(God’s steadfast love extends to the heavens.)

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

(Different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit.)

Anthem: *Deep in Our Hearts* (Klusmeier)

Gospel Reading: John 2:1-11

(The wedding at Cana.)

Message

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn: #681VU *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

Minute for Mission

Offering Our Gifts to God

Dedication:

*As they offered gifts most rare
at the manger crude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin’s alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to you, our heavenly King.*

Words: William Chatterton Dix ca. 1858, alt. Music: Conrad Kocher 1838, adapt. William H. Monk 1861.*

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People

WE ARE SENT FORTH

* Hymn: #226VU *For the Beauty of the Earth*

* Commissioning and Benediction:

We are a community, gifted and giving.

Let us go out singing and dancing
of God’s extravagance in the world.

Alleluia!

Alleluia!

Alleluia!

*Choral Benediction

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.

***Go preach the cross where Christ renews life’s worth,
baptising as the sign of our rebirth.***

Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah!

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Postlude: *Tuba Tune* (Laing)

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BALLOT – PLACE ON THE OFFERING PLATE

The Nominating Committee hereby requests your suggestions for persons to serve as Elders or Stewards for our Congregational Annual Meeting in February.

Each year a number of Elders and Stewards complete their terms of service. It is important that they be replaced by persons who are capable and sincere. The work of the Christian Church should be held in high priority by the man or woman you select. As you nominate, keep in mind the contributions that could be made to these committees by our teenagers.

Elders are requested to be Members of the congregation in which they serve.

My Suggestion for an Elder would be:

1st Choice

2nd Choice

3rd Choice

My Suggestion for a Steward would be:

1st Choice

2nd Choice

3rd Choice

Thank you,
The Nominating Committee

If you are not sure if the person you select is already an Elder or Steward, please call the Clerk of Session, Larry Watson, at 849-7501 or Chair of the Nominating Committee, Stu Baker, at 847-4906.

PLEASE RETURN BALLOT BY JANUARY 24, 2010



Announcing

LIFE of the CONGREGATION and the COMMUNITY

JANUARY 17-23, 2010

Today 11:15pm Children's Choir practice

Tuesday, Jan. 19 10:30am Tuesday Study Group

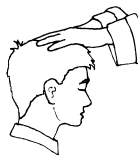
Thursday, Jan. 21, 7:00pm Adult Choir Practice



Please submit **REPORTS** for printing for the Annual Meeting by January 19, 2010. Electronic forms welcomed at quc@nb.aibn.com. Thank you, Donna



Are you interested in participating in morning worship by **reading the scriptures**? Please sign up on the side bulletin board.



If you are interested in **confirmation** this year or if you are interested in exploring faith questions as it relates to this United Church of ours, please call the church office (847-4924) and let Rev. Audrey know... classes will start in early February.



We need...

Gently used items: queen mattress, kitchen table/chairs, 1-2 end tables, small shelving unit or bookcase. Please call Barb McBean at 847-2275 (message can be left.)

LOOKING AHEAD



Wednesday, Jan. 27 Official Board Meeting.



Sunday, Feb.14 Shared meal and Annual Congregational Meeting.

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

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

*Portland UC looking for a **Minister of Young Families**.*

***Farewell Social** for Dave and Karen Hardy; Friday, Jan. 22, 7pm at St. James the Less Anglican Church.*

***Winterfest 2010**; Friday, Feb. 19 - Sunday, Feb. 21.*