

## A Warm Welcome to All Who Gather for Worship

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*“Christ is the Christian word for the divine energy that connects everything. In Buddhism this power is called the Buddha. In Judaism some call it the Shekinah. In Hinduism it is called the Atman, in Sikhism it is known as Naam. Every religion and spiritual tradition understands this power in a unique way, and this only magnifies the mystery of it.*

*“Christ power always manifests itself as love, compassion, non-violence, forgiveness, perfect understanding, and peace. And it would transform the world if each one of us would recognize that we all have the same mission in life; that is, to be Christ, or Buddha, or a rose by any other name.”*

(From *A Voluptuous God* by Robert V. Thompson. Kelowna, BC: Wood Lake Books 2007. Used by permission.)

**February 7, 2010**

***Epiphany 5***

**(Congregational responses are in bold type.)**

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

### **WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE**

Lighting the Memorial Candles and the Peace Candle

Call to Worship

Hymn: #563VU *Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

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Minute for Mission

Offering Our Gifts to God: *I Will Make You Fishers of Men*  
(Peray)

Dedication:

***Your work, O God, needs many hands to help you everywhere, and some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share.***

***Because we love you and your work, our offering now we make; be pleased to use it as your own, we ask for Jesus’ sake.***

Words: Calvin Weiss Laufer 1927, alt. Music: Neil Dougall ca. 1831\*

Offertory Prayer:

**Loving God, we thank you for the courageous prophets, both ancient and modern, who champion your desire for justice and peace, who speak your truth to the rich and powerful, even in the face of danger.**

**For all those who follow we offer these, our gifts, O God. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

### **WE ARE SENT FORTH**

\* Hymn: #651VU *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

\*Commissioning and Benediction:

God provides in abundance!

**We will not fear.**

God fills our nets to bursting.

**We will be joyful in our living.**

God has given us each a great purpose.

**We will follow where God leads.**

We will trust God who has been always faithful.

**We will boldly answer God’s call.**

Go with God.

**Amen**

Prayer of Approach

**You call,  
we answer.  
You approach us,  
and we are enfolded in love.  
You go deep,  
we are surprised by your grace.  
Though we find many troubles in our path,  
you shelter us in your steady love.  
You keep your promises  
and your steadfast love endures forever.  
Keep us always in your thoughts,  
Guide us always with the works of your hands;  
enfold us always in your love. Amen**

*Hymn: #597VU Simon, Simon, a Fisherman*

*Children's Choir: Amen, Make It So*

*Theme Conversation and the Prayer of Jesus*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

First Testament Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13)

*(I saw God seated upon the throne.)*

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 138 (VUp. 860)

*(Do not leave unfinished the work of your hands, O God.)*

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

*(An account of Jesus' resurrection.)*

Anthem: *Here I Am, Lord* (arr. Jack Schrader)

Gospel Reading: Luke 5:1-11

*(Jesus calls Simon and James and John.)*

Prayer of Illumination

Message: *A Surprising Catch*

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Hymn: #176 *More Voices Three Things I Promise*

\*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

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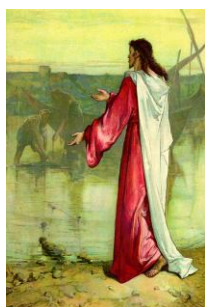
*The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to the family of Winston Grigg who passed away on January 28. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers in the coming weeks.*

**Stewards responsible for checking the church:**

**this week** – February 7 – Ray Tonge

**next week** – February 14 – Mike Martin

**Scriptures for January 31:** Exodus 34:29-35); Psalm 99;  
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36, (37-43).



*Announcing*

**LIFE of the CONGREGATION and the COMMUNITY**

**FEBRUARY 7-13, 2010**

**Today 11:15am** Children's Choir practice

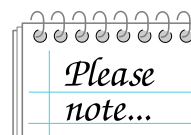
**6:30pm** Sunday Night Jammers

**Monday 7pm** –Saint John Chaplaincy for meal preparation; anyone welcome; (a little over an hour)

**Tuesday, Feb. 9 10:30am** Tuesday Study Group

**Wednesday, Feb. 10 7:30pm** Stewards meeting

**Thursday, Feb. 11, 7:00pm** Adult Choir Practice



**This week only:** The bulletin will be printed on Thursday, February 11. Please have announcements in by 10am on Wednesday, Feb. 10.

**Reports** for the Annual Congregational Meeting are available in the entry ways. See further info in the "Looking Ahead" section below.



*Church Library*

Why not **lend** your expertise and interest to some **borrowers** – of books, that is? The church needs a new **librarian**. Please consider volunteering for this important position.



Please check the “pink pockets” on the office door for **mail** for your group or committee.



Reminder that there is an urgent need for donations of **non-perishables** food items for the KV Food Basket.



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Church in Action committee of Saint John Presbytery has initiated a **toiletry drive** for the four agencies we support throughout the year. Please collect **new** toiletry items in either family or individual size. Items to purchase include, soap, shampoo, toothpaste/brushes, hair combs and brushes, lotion (hand and face) deodorant, razors, sanitary products and mouthwash **without alcohol**. Call Carolyn Kimball 849-9618 the second week of February for pickup or send the items along with the presbytery reps for the meeting of the 9<sup>th</sup>. *CiA thanks you for your support to these agencies.*

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Nain was established in 1771 by Moravian missionaries. It is the northernmost municipality in Labrador, 230 air miles north of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. It is a major center and stopover for people travelling south, west and north. Pop. 1230. Commercial fishing [Arctic Char and scallops] lasts from July till October. In late spring, people fish the local rivers for home consumption. Subsistence hunting is carried out year round. Housing tends to be sub-standard and overcrowded. Electricity is supplied by diesel generator. Wood gathered locally is used to heat homes. Transportation is provided year round by air, and there is a coastal boat service from July- Nov.

Rigolet is a picturesque community located on the north coast of Labrador, 160 kms. east of Happy Valley-Goose Bay at the entrance of Hamilton Inlet. It is an Inuit community with a population of 314 in the Torngal Mountain district of Labrador. It was incorporated in 1977.

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## LOOKING AHEAD



**Next Sunday, Feb.14**, following worship, **Potluck lunch and Annual Congregational Meeting.**

Those with surnames A-M are asked to bring something for a main course and those with surnames N-Z are asked for a dessert item. Copies of the **Annual Report** are available in the church entry ways.



**Annual Pancake Supper;** Tuesday, Feb. 16, 4:30-6pm. Please confirm your attendance by filling in the enclosed slip and placing it in the offering plate.

**Ash Wednesday Service** – Wednesday, Feb. 17, 7pm.

**Coffee House Worship** – Sunday, Feb. 28, 9:55am in MacDonald Hall.

### **Mid-week Lenten Services:**

Feb. 24 – Find Our Heart’s Door

Mar. 3 – Knock, Knock, is Anyone There?

Mar. 10 – Turning the Knob, Opening the Door

Mar. 17 – Standing in the Doorway

Mar. 24 – Closing the Door

Mar. 31 – The Door behind Us, We Journey Forward

### **KENVAL UNITED CHURCH SUITES NOTICE:**

Our **Annual meeting** will be held on Tuesday, Feb.23/2010, at 7:30 p.m., in the Church Parlour at Quispamsis United Church. All are welcome. Please enter the church at the lower door, off Sunrise Dr., and a board member will direct you from there.

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

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

\***Hockey Ministries International – Atlantic Annual Dinner and Auction**; Saturday, Feb. 13, 5pm at Kings Valley Wesleyan Church.\*

\***Christmas Exchange Annual General Meeting**; Wednesday, Feb. 24, 12:30pm at Germain Street Baptist Church.\*

\***5<sup>th</sup> Annual Men's Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast**; Saturday, Feb. 20, 8:30am at the Church of the Good Shepherd.\*

\***Intermediates at Conference for UC Youth** 12-15 (grades 7-9); 3 day residential event to explore and experience being part of the church through games, music, discussion and worship; May 27-30 at Mount A, Sackville; cost \$225 includes meals, accommodations and t-shirt. Apply (more forms in office) before March 1: lots of info on bulletin boards.\*

\***Winterfest 2010**; Friday, Feb. 19 – Sunday, Feb. 21.\*

\***Coverdale Centre for Women** needs church groups to prepare lunch each Wednesday for the Centre's clients.\*

\*Upcoming at Tatamagouche Centre: **Atlantic Jubilee Program in Spiritual Deepening and Spiritual Guidance** beginning June 21-28; deadline for applications March 31.\*

\*Mount Allison University – the **Herbert S. Sharp Scholarships** info.\*

\*Call for **2012 Bulletin Photos** for bulletin covers.\*