

A Warm Welcome to All Who Gather for Worship

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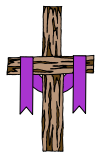
READERS Grades 2 and 3 Sunday School

“True Christian hospitality is not a recruitment strategy designed to manipulate strangers into church membership. Rather, it is a central practice of the Christian faith – something Christians are called to do for the sake of the thing itself...it is considered a primary virtue of community.”

- Diana Butler Bass “Christianity for the Rest of Us”

February 21, 2010

Lent 1



(Congregational responses are in bold type.)

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

Prelude: *Meditation on Beach Spring* (Livingston)

Welcome and Announcements

WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE

Lighting the Memorial Candles and the Peace Candle

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Postlude: *Fantasia in Coronation* (Broughton)

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Stewards responsible for checking the church:

this week: February 21 – Donald Walker

next week: February 28 – Evert Bos

Scriptures for February 28: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27;
Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35.

Extinguishing the Lenten Candles

Chant: (repeated three times) VU 148

Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.

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Words: Luke 23:42

As we walk together on this Lenten journey, we acknowledge our own temptations. Like the serpent in the garden, our minds justify our actions – ‘it is for the best’, ‘it will only be this one time’, ‘why can’t I’.

Yet we travel together, in community. The actions of one can affect the other and the actions of the other can affect the one.

(The first candle is extinguished)

Prayer:

God of all knowledge, give to us the wisdom to see our temptations for what they are and the strength to resist their pull in our lives as we journey together towards Jerusalem. Amen.

Call to Worship

We have embarked on a journey though the wilderness... we are pilgrims... Lenten pilgrims!

Pilgrims on a road of awe and wonder.

We will travel through places of solitude, hard questions, deep reflection.

Pilgrims on a road to self-discovery and learning.

Our journey will take us through times of alienation, times of hunger, times of thirst.

Pilgrims on a road to oasis and refreshment.

Some of our struggles will arise from circumstance, others from our own choices.

Pilgrims on the road to acceptance and healing.

Up the hills of faithful reflection, into the valleys where justice calls, across the plains of faithful action.

Pilgrims on a road to compassion and liberation.

Together, we are on a journey, side-by-side with Christ, we move to the beat of God’s heart.

Pilgrims on the road to risen life.

Hymn: #240VU *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*

Prayer of Approach

Hymn: #341VU *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Theme Conversation and the Prayer of Jesus

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

First Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

(My father was a wandering Aramean.)

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (VUp. 808)

(I will raise you up on eagle’s wings.)

Epistle Reading: Romans 10:8b-13

(Declare with your mouth; believe with your heart.)

Anthem: *They Shall Soar Like Eagles*

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:1-13

(Jesus is tested in the desert.)

Prayer of Illumination

Message: *The Practice of Hospitality*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: #136 *More Voices*

When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace

Minute for Mission

Offering Our Gifts to God: *Lord, I Stretch My Hands*

(Jay Althouse)

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:

**God of the journey
we offer these gifts to you,
the rewards for our work to share with others
who share this journey of life.
Add to them with your blessings
and, as they are filled, may we be filled also
with the desire to give back to you
as you have given to us. Amen**

Prayers of the People

WE ARE SENT FORTH

* Hymn: #115VU *Jesus, Tempted in the Desert*

*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)*



Announcing

LIFE of the CONGREGATION and the COMMUNITY

FEBRUARY 21-27, 2010

Today 11:15am Children's Choir practice
6:30pm Sunday Night Jammers

Monday, Feb. 22 7:30pm Session

Tuesday, Feb. 23 10:30am Tuesday Study Group
7:30pm KenVal United Church Suites
Annual Meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 24, 7pm Mid-week Lenten Service –
Finding Our Heart's Door

Thursday, Feb. 25, 7:00pm Adult Choir Practice



Bill and Marlene Whittaker would like to extend their sincere thanks for the caring you have expressed in the past weeks through, cards, words of condolence and donations to the Memorial Fund. All were very much appreciated.



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.



Mission and Service Fund **Lenten Calendars** are available by request in the office.

Upper Rooms for March/April are available in the narthex.

St Lewis, pop. 290 is a small fishing village on the coast of Labrador. Formerly known as Fox Harbour it is the most easterly permanent community on the North American mainland. The town lies in a sheltered bay close to good fishing grounds and seal migration routes. A prime fishing location for more than 200 years, St. Lewis is one of the earliest recorded place names in Labrador. Depicted on maps as early as 1502 as Ilha de Frey Luis. It has been a radar site since 1954 when the Americans constructed a site as part of the DEW line.

First explored by the Europeans in 1839. John McLean traded for the Hudson's Bay Co. and named the river the Hamilton after the Nfld governor at the time. The falls were known as Grand Falls until 1965 when both names were changed to Churchill to honour former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill. Churchill Falls is the second largest hydroelectric plant in North America and the second largest underground power station in the world.



The need in these areas is varied and great. **Do you have a sweater in your closet in 'very good' condition that you no longer wear or need? There is someone up North who could truly use it; t-shirts both short and long sleeve for children and teens might be a much needed items.** They can be new or 'gently used' are gratefully accepted as well. Have a look in your closets!

Items will be gathered until the end of March to send North. Please consider how you might help in this effort.

LOOKING AHEAD



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



Wednesday Mid-week Lenten Services:

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



Friday, March 5, 7pm at QU.

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

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

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

***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.*

***Depression: Help Can Make a Difference, and Understanding Anxiety and Panic Disorder**; 2 programs of the Canadian Mental Health Association; March 2, and March 11, respectively; info and to register at 633-1705.*

***Saint John Sea Dogs Faith and Family Night**; Wednesday, March 3, 7pm; \$6 tickets available at 657-1234.*

***Beautifully Made in His Image**; overnight retreat for girls 11-14; Friday and Saturday, March 12 and 13, (6:30pm-4pm) at Edith Avenue Baptist Church.*

*St. Mark's UC **Annual Shamrock Supper** (roast beef dinner and Irish music); Saturday, March 13, 4:30-6:30pm.*

*SJ Presbyter Event: **T. I.A. (Teens in Action)**; Saturday, March 27, 10am-4pm at Saint David's UC; rsvp by March 8 to staffassociate@nb.aibn.com.*

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

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

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

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