

A Warm Welcome to All Who Gather for Worship

**If you are a visitor, please sign the guestbook
at the back of the sanctuary**

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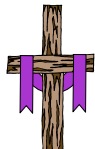
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“The reality of the Christian story, of the power of biblical faith, was not the stuff of distant historical event. Rather their own stories vibrate with the Spirit’s wisdom – of discovering faith, of living faith, of risky faith. Yes, I thought: God continues to speak.”

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

February 28, 2010

Lent 2



(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

Extinguishing the Lenten Candles

Chant: (repeated three times) #148 VU

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

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Words: Luke 23:42

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*Commissioning and Benediction

*Choral Benediction: *An Evening Prayer* (green insert)
Sunday Night Jammers

Postlude

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Stewards responsible for checking the church:

this week: February 28 – Evert Bos

next week: March 7 ???

Scriptures for March 7: Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8;
1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9.

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As we walk together on this Lenten journey, we acknowledge God's blessing for each of us. Like Abram, God grants the blessing, unlike Abram, we often refuse the gift... easily denying the outstretched hand that would guide us on our journey. Yet we travel together, in community, just as Abram travelled with Sarai and Lot. God's blessing is not for one of us alone but for us all as we travel together.

(the second candle is extinguished)

Prayer:

God of blessing, give to us the courage to accept the hand you have stretched out to us as we journey together towards Jerusalem.

Call to Worship

*Song: #395VU *Come In, Come In and Sit Down*

Prayer of Approach

Song: *He Is Love* (green insert)

Theme Conversation and the Prayer of Jesus

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

First Testament Reading: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
(God seals the covenant with Abram and Sarai.)

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 27 (VUpp. 754-755)
(God is my light and my salvation.)

*Song: *Like a Rock* (green insert)

Epistle Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1
(My dear friends, my joy, my crown, hold firm in God.)

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Anthem: *Why Me Lord?* (Kris Kristofferson)

Sunday Night Jammers

Gospel Reading: Luke 13:31-35

(Jesus cries over Jerusalem as a hen over her chicks.)

Prayer of Illumination

Message: *The Practice of Testimony*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: #343VU *I Love to Tell the Story*

Minute for Mission

Offering Our Gifts to God:

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:

O God, we cover this offering with our gratitude for the ways in which you care for us:

for the beauty of creation,

the warmth of this shelter,

and the friendship of loved ones.

May this offering of our time and our resources

help to shelter the vulnerable with your love.

Amen.

Prayers of the People

WE ARE SENT FORTH

* Hymn: #253VU *Sing Your Joy*



Announcing

LIFE of the CONGREGATION and the COMMUNITY

FEBRUARY 28 – MARCH 6, 2010

Today 11:15am Children's Choir practice **cancelled**
until March 14

6:30pm Sunday Night Jammers

Tuesday, March 2 10:30am Tuesday Study Group
7:30pm Worship Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 3, 7:00pm Mid-week Lenten Service –
Knock, Knock, Is Anyone There?

Thursday, March 4, 7:00pm NO Adult Choir Practice

Friday, March 5, 7:00pm World Day of Prayer (see insert)



Church Library

Some people have expressed an interest in the church library. If others are still interested, please contact Rev. Audrey.

Upper Rooms for March/April and **Mandate Magazines** are available in the narthex.

North West River is a small community of 491 people located in central Labrador. Est. in 1743 as a trading post by French fur trader, Louis Fornel. This community later became the hub for the Hudson's Bay Co. North West River has both a hospital and a school which serves the needs of coastal Labrador. It is the oldest community in central Labrador. Central Labrador has been inhabited by Innu and Inuit aboriginal groups for more than 6000 years due to bountiful wildlife. The fur trade collapsed after WW2 and many in the community went to work for the newly established air force base in Goose Bay.

Cartwright is a community located on the eastern side of the entrance to Sandwich Bay, incorporated in 1956. Cartwright has been a settled community since 1775 when Captain George Cartwright settled there to establish the fish and fur trading business. He later sold his business to the Hudson's Bay Co. and they have remained the owners ever since. Since 2002, it has been connected by road to Quebec.

My chats with Elizabeth Oguntuase, the acute care director at the hospital in Happy Valley, have established that anything we send to them is needed and will be put to good use. My suggestion this week would be new socks and underwear for both children and adults. Anyone wishing further information on this worthy project may contact Liz Flogeras at 847-7242 or lflogeras@gmail.com.

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 item. 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



Lent



Wednesday Mid-week Lenten Services:

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

Saturday, April 10, 5:30pm – **Potluck Supper and Games Night** hosted by the Social Committee. Please sign up on bulletin board. All welcome.

* DETAILS OF THESE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BULLETIN BOARDS*

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

***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 tomorrow, 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 Presbytery 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.*

***Christian and Inspirational Music with Tracy Friars and Steve Ball**; Sunday, April 11, 2:30pm at the Imperial Theatre; tickets on sale March 8.*

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

***The Go Project 2010** – a Youth Mission Program for youth grade 9 to age 19 and their leaders – July 4-15 in Halifax.*

***Belfast Children's Project** accepting applications from local families to host a child (11-13) from Northern Ireland in July.*