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Organist & Choir Director: Shirley Estey  
Greeters: Muriel Lamkey & Linda Laviolette

January 28, 2018  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

*\*indicates to stand as able*

Musical Prelude

*(Congregation is invited to stand, as able when choir enters)*

\*Gathering Words:

L: Lord God, the source of all good things, we pause in your presence and hold our day before you.

**All: Still us, calm us, guide us as we enter this time of worship.**

\*Introit: #402, We Are One (vs.1)

**We are one as we come, as we come, joyful to be here,  
in the praise on our lips there's a sense that God is near.  
We are one as we sing, as we seek, we are found;  
and we come needful of God's grace as we meet,  
together in this place.**

Lighting of the Christ Candle: *(seated)* – Isabel Gallan

L: Christ, our Light, is here among us.

**All: And the light of God's Spirit dwells within us.**

*(Candle is lit)*

Sing: **Light up the candle every day,  
Jesus be with us, here as we pray.**

Call to Worship:

L: Come, and praise God! In the company of God's people, let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: Great are the works of God, full of glory and majesty.**

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L: Our God is gracious and compassionate;

**All: our God is merciful and forgiving**

L: our God is faithful and trustworthy,

**All: our God is just and good.**

L: So come, let us worship God together.

**All: God's praise will last forever!**

Hymn: #672, Take Time to Be Holy *(congregation seated)*

Opening Prayer: *(seated)*

**Gentle and disturbing God, you have called us to this place, you have called us to be a community of faith. In our struggles, hold us together; in our celebrating, be our joy; in our serving, may we do so abundantly. Bind us together with the worldwide church, uniting us in purpose and mission, and gifting us with the Spirit of Jesus to make us one in love. In the name of Jesus, we make this prayer, joining together as he taught: Our Father, who art in heaven...**

Welcome & Announcements

\*Hymn: #585, Jesus Bids Us Shine

Conversation with the Children

Birthday Box for WDR

Sing: **Happy Birthday to you, to Jesus be true;  
May God's richest blessings, now rest upon you.  
These gifts we now share, to show that we care  
for all of God's children, here and everywhere.**

### THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination: *Margaret Moran Glidden*

**Un-stop our ears, O God, that we may hear your Word proclaimed this day. Open our minds and hearts to be changed. Free us from the unclean spirits of worry, fear, destruction, and pride. Teach us, Lord, that we may follow you more faithfully. Amen.**

First Lesson: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:21-28  
 Ministry of Music – *Men's Choir*  
 Reflection on the Word

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*Hymn: #602, Blest Be the Tie That Binds  
 Offering

\*Offertory Choral Response: (#191, MV)  
**What can I do? What can I bring?**  
**What can I say? What can I sing?**  
**I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.**  
**I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.**

\*Offertory Prayer:

**Receive these gifts, O God, offered in gratitude for all the gifts of life, and use them to serve the cause of your mission in this community and world. May these offerings point to Jesus' way of loving and serving all in need, and lift up his example as a guide for daily living. Bless us as we give, and bless your world with a renewed awareness that you hold all of creation in your loving hands. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

\*Hymn: #343, I Love to Tell the Story

\*Commissioning & Benediction:

L: May the love of God sustain you as you leave this place.

**All: We go to share God's love with the world.**

L: May the teachings of Christ guide you as you share God's wisdom with others.

**All: We go to share Christ's teaching with the world.**

L: May the power of the Spirit be with you as you continue your journey of faith.

**All: We go in the Spirit's power, to travel in the way of the One who leads to fullness of life.**

\*Choral Blessing: #422, God Be With You (vs.1)

Musical Postlude

### Memorials

In loving memory of **Gerald Hastings**, a donation to the Community Kitchen has been received from Pauline & Ed Skidd.

In loving memory of **Margaret Adams**, a donation to the Community Kitchen has been received from Bill & Donna Swezey.

In loving memory of **Gerry Rose**, donation to the Food Bank has been received from Buddie & Frances Blakely.

**Tape Distribution: Jan. 28** – Henry & Karen Wilson/**Feb. 5** – Jim & Faye Wilson

**Duty Unit: Jan.** Princess Anne Unit/**Feb.** Princess Street Unit

**Greeters: Feb. 4** – Diane Baker & Mavis Williamson/**Feb. 11** – Bev & Barry Campbell

**Sound System: Jan. 28** – Mary Reynolds/**Feb. 4** – Paul Rose

**Power Point: Jan. 28** – Karen Rose/**Feb. 4** – Juanita Hamilton

**Offering Collections: Jan. 28** – Brian & Joan Savoy, Helen Jones, Anna MacDonald/**Feb. 4** – Denis Desaulniers, Hallam Curtis, Holly Daley, Marjorie MacPhee

**Offering Counters:**

**Jan. 28** – Karen Rose, John MacKnight, Hallam Curtis/**Feb. 4** – Juanita Hamilton, Marjorie MacPhee, Bill Hachey

### Announcements:

**This Week:**

**Sunday, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>** – *Men's Choir*

- *Birthday Box WDR*

**Monday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>** – 1:00 p.m. – *General UCW meeting*

**Tuesday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>** – 3:00 p.m. – *Senior Choir Practice*  
 – 7:00 p.m. – *Church Council Meeting*

**Wednesday, Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>** – 2:30 p.m. – *Devotions at Mount St. Joseph*  
*(choir and congregation members are encouraged to attend)*

**Thursday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>** – 10:00 a.m. – *Nominations Team Meeting*

- 11:00 a.m. – *Devotions at Miramichi Senior Citizens Home*

**Upcoming:**

**Monday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>** – 11:30 a.m. – *Rae Walls & Rainbow Unit Meeting with a brown bag lunch*

**Wednesday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>** – 12:00 noon – *Worship & Music Team Meeting*

**All Church Council team chairs** are asked to have their reports into Karen at the church office no later than Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> for the Annual Reports.

**CGIT Alumni are meeting for lunch at Riverside**

**Entertainment Centre** on Tuesday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.

All former CGIT members are welcome to attend.

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> (4:00 to 6:00 p.m.).** If you would like to help on that day, please notify Anna MacDonald (773-6226). We will need desserts and homemade baked beans. Sign-up sheets are at the back of the church.

**Lenten Study: “Sharing Our Song of Faith”** – will be held on five Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. beginning February 6<sup>th</sup>. In the early church, Lent was not only a time of penance, self-examination, and preparation for the celebration of Easter, but was also a time in which candidates for baptism were prepared to receive that sacrament as a rite of entry into the Christian Church. As we prepare for Easter, you are invited to five sessions in which we will explore some aspects of our church’s most recent statement of faith. A *Song of Faith*, adopted in 2006, provides a verbal/poetic picture reflecting our Church’s understanding of what it means to be God’s people in our time. This Lenten Study consists of 5 videos which engage United Church people and guests from other faith traditions in a conversation about portions of the *Song of Faith*. The five themes are: 1.) God and Creation; 2.) Brokenness, Grace, and Healing; 3.) Jesus, God’s Love Incarnate; 4.) Hope Beyond Life; 5.) Resurrection. All are welcome!

**Food Bank Delivery Volunteers are needed!**

During the month of March, on the five Thursday mornings, our congregation is responsible for the pick-up of food orders from the Food Bank in Newcastle at 9:00 a.m. and delivering them to the Knights of Columbus Hall in Chatham where clients will come to get their pre-arranged box of groceries by 10:30 a.m. We need 2 persons for each Thursday of the month of March (you can volunteer to do one or more weeks) and the time commitment would be a maximum of 2 hours. A description of the duties is available at the church office. Please speak to Murray Gould for more information and let the office know if you can help. Thank You!

**The Worship & Music Team have been evaluating** the Advent/Christmas services and invite the congregation’s feed back to the following question about Christmas Communion. Responses can be placed in box at the back of sanctuary near Rev. Charlene’s office.

What is your preference for the scheduling of the sacrament of Communion at Christmas: (please check one)

\_\_\_\_\_ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (Sunday before Christmas) at the 11:00 a.m. service.

\_\_\_\_\_ at the Christmas Eve candlelight service (7 or 8 pm)