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February 18, 2018  
Lent 1

**We Gather To Worship**

\*indicates to stand as you are able

Musical Prelude

\*Introit: #108, Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights  
(vs. 1&2)

\*Call to Worship:

L: God invites us to journey in the way of faithfulness,

**All: to walk the Lenten road with Christ.**

L: Lead us in the way of truth, O God.

**All: Show us your holy pathways.**

L: Your way is steadfast love and faithfulness.

**All: Teach us to follow where you lead.**

L: We trust in your way, O God.

**All: To you, we lift up our souls.**

Opening Prayer: *(seated)*

**God of rainbow promises, we seek to know your ways of love and truth. As we walk with Jesus in this season of Lent and through our own wilderness journeys, we trust that your Holy Spirit is with us, as it was with Jesus at the Jordan River. Help us undertake the journey within to the source of our best selves, and to clearly perceive the pathway that proclaims your kindness and your kingdom of love and grace. In Jesus' name we pray, saying: Our Father, who art in heaven ... Amen.**

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**Lenten Candle Liturgy:** *Dennis & Judy Morrison*

One: "To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust."

Two: Today we stand on the edge of the wilderness. Today the Spirit of God drives us forward into the Lenten desert. In this time, we will be called to remember our blessed covenant with God as well as those ways we break that relationship.

One: Lent can be a difficult time as it places before us a mirror we cannot avoid. As we wrestle with the ways in which we fail, as we place our sins squarely in God's light, we will also hold tight to the truth that God's promise of mercy and life will never fail us.

Two: Let us pray to our God:

**All: God of the Journey, we do not know where this wilderness will lead, but we do know we must face whatever it holds for us. As we extinguish this light today, we remember the ways we have listened to the world's voice instead of yours. Fill us with the courage we need to rise above the secular norm that we may walk in your path.**

*(Silent confession as first candle is extinguished).*

Two: Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love.

**All: Relieve the troubles of our hearts and lead us through the desert that we may bask in the light of your rainbow. Amen.**

Sing: MV 115,

**Behold, behold, I make all things new  
beginning with you, and starting from today.**

**Behold, behold, I make all things new,  
my promise is true,  
for I am Christ the way.**

\*Hymn: #291, All Things Bright and Beautiful (vs. 1,2,3 & 5)

Conversation with the Children

**The Word of God Proclaimed**

Prayer for Illumination: *Gail Arsenault*

**Lead us in your truths, O God. Teach us your ways and your paths. Instruct us through your word, as we humbly receive your lessons. Amen.**

O.T. Lesson: Genesis 9:8-17

Responsive Reading: Psalm 25, page 752, Refrain 2

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:9-15

Ministry of Music

Reflection on the Word

\*Hymn: #229, God of the Sparrow (vs. 1,2,3 & 6)

### **We Respond to God's Word**

Minute for Mission: "Children's Rights" - *Catherine MacKinley*

Offering

\*Choral Response: tune # 542

**These Lenten gifts we bring,**

**our living faith express.**

**We offer them most lovingly,**

**And thus our hearts are blessed.**

\*Offertory Prayer:

**Bless the gifts we bring this day. Through our offerings, may the blessings of your Spirit flow to every corner of the world, that all people may know they are your beloved children. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

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

\*Commissioning & Benediction

L: Go from this place and continue your Lenten journey.

Stay attuned to the presence of God who created you,

and follow Jesus through your wilderness places,

as you are led by the Holy Spirit into new life.

Go in peace; stay in peace.

Choral Amen

Musical Postlude

**The bulletins have been presented in loving memory of  
Fay Williston by her husband, Max Williston and Family.**

*The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Clarence Harris and Family of the death of Clarence's sister, Mary Harriman.*

### **Memorials**

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

In loving memory of **Karen J. Dunn**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from mother, Lillian McLenaghan.

In loving memory of **Michael Richard**, a donation to Community Kitchen has been received from Ferne & Ernie MacLean.

In loving memory of **John Lockerbie**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Jim & Faye Wilson.

In loving memory of **Mary Harriman**, a donation to the Community Kitchen has been received from Joyce Forbes.

**Tape Distribution: Feb. 18** – Marjorie Cassidy/**Feb. 25** – Joyce Forbes

**Duty Unit: Feb.** Princess Street Unit/**March** – Rae Walls & Rainbow Unit

**Greeters: Feb. 25** – Helen Jones & Marjorie MacPhee/**March 4** – Joan & Brian Savoy

**Sound System: Feb. 18** – Brian Savoy/**Feb. 25** – Ernie MacLean

**Power Point: Feb. 18** – Karen Rose/**Feb. 25** – Juanita Hamilton

**Offering Collections: Feb. 18** – Ferne & Ernie MacLean, Helen Jones, Carol Johnston/**Feb. 25** – Shirley MacDonald, Frances Blakely, Clarke Fraser, Cynthia Duplessie

**Offering Counters:**

**Feb. 18** – Judy & Dennis Morrison, Clarke Fraser/**Feb. 25** – Margaret & John Glidden, Carol Johnston

**Announcements:**

**This Week:**

**Monday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>** – Office Closed

**Tuesday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>** – **10:00 a.m.** – *Lenten Study: Theme; Jesus, God’s Love Incarnate*

**Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup>** - *12:15 p.m.* – *Ecumenical Noon Lenten Service.*

*“Convening A Construction Crew: Nobody Builds Alone”* *Presider: Eddie Quann, Preacher: Ray Arsenault (Princess Street Unit helpers)*

**Saturday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>** – 8:30 a.m. – *The Men’s Breakfast Group will meet at the Portage Restaurant followed by Choir Practice at 10:00 a.m. for those who are interested. Ladies are invited to attend. There will be a guest speaker.*

**Upcoming:**

**Sunday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>** – *Men’s Choir*

*- Birthday Box for WDR (February birthdays)*

**- Congregation Annual Meeting** following worship. Lunch to follow the meeting is pot luck – please bring sandwiches or sweets (no hot dishes).

**Tuesday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>** – **10:00 a.m.** – *Lenten Study: Theme; Hope Beyond Life*

**Wednesday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>** - *12:15 p.m.* – *Ecumenical Noon Lenten Service. “Engaging The Master Designer”:* *Presider: Derrick Carnahan, Preacher: Charles Udeh (Rae Walls & Rainbow Unit helpers)*

**Wednesday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>** – 2:30 p.m. – *Devotions at Mount St. Joseph Nursing Home (choir and congregation members are encouraged to attend)*

**Confirmation preparation will begin soon for youth (13 yrs & up) or adults wishing to become full members of the church.** Please notify Rev. Charlene if interested. Adults wishing to transfer their church membership are asked to notify Karen at the office.

<b>2017 Tax Receipts</b> are on the table at back near Karen’s office
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**Any former CGIT Alumni are invited to attend their monthly luncheon** on Tuesday, Feb. 27th at 11:30 a.m. at Chatham Pizza Delight.

**A Suggestion Box** has been placed on the table at back of sanctuary near Rev. Charlene’s office. This box is for suggestions around worship (service ideas, special music, hymns you would like to sing); special events or fundraising activities; other ideas/ suggestions to enhance the life and work of our congregation. It is not for complaints. Complaints should be written & directed to the appropriate Church Council Team.

**The Annual Report and the Easter Newsletter** were distributed by email on Friday. Anyone wishing to have a hard copy there is a limited number on the back tables on either side of the sanctuary.

**2018 Leadership Prayer Breakfast** will be held on Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. at the Rodd Miramichi. Special music will be by Dave & Claire Young and guest speaker will be Andrew Vahi, Co-Founder of the Village of Hope. Tickets are \$15.00 a person and can be purchased from City Hall Reception Desk or Black Eagle Construction. Ticket deadline is April 21<sup>st</sup>. For more information please call 622-7740. *St. Andrew’s has a table booked; anyone wanting a ticket contact Karen at the office (7 left).*

**World Day of Prayer will take place at Calvin Presbyterian Church**, King Street on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Storm Date: Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

**Please note:** Any who brought in dishes lately, please remember to pick them up downstairs.

**The UCW are looking for China coffee mugs** if anyone has any they wish to donate.