

First United Church

27th Sunday after Pentecost

November 25, 2018

Worship Leaders Beryl Itani, Cheryl Perry, Donald Schmidt
Music Alleluia Ringers, Alleluia Singers, Grace Notes,
..... Nikki Attwell, Frances Chiasson, Jessica Crawford
Greeters Elizabeth Alexander, Hugh Pett, Irene Pett
Ushers..... Alyssa Campbell, David Scott, Margaret Scott
Sound System..... Carl Stef
Projectionist Greg Maier
Coffee Hour Susanne Donkin, Marlene Spicer
Minute Person Islene Vernet, Suki Vernet

Welcome Table in the hall after worship - Information about activities and services we offer at First United.

Prayer Cycle - This Sunday we join with other churches to pray for St. David's by the Lake in Celista.

Offering Counters Today – Maggie Craig, Irene Pett, Edna Rennie.

Peace & Justice Table in the hall after worship - Environmental issues, urgent actions & Fair-Trade items.

Healing Ministry - Please contact Judy at 250-862-0712 for appointment.

Here we gather to seek, know and express God's love in an open community which embraces diversity. Through the use of language, imagery, and metaphors that are inclusive of gender, sexual orientation, race and ability, we affirm that all of creation bears the image of God. While we are not always successful, this remains an important goal.

Gathering

Prelude "Jesus Loves Me"-W. Bradbury, arr. S. Willard Rogers

Ring of the Bell, Welcome, Announcements

The Peace

Introit "Jesus Live in Us" (*Sunshine Songbook 27*)

Jesus live in us, your body here.

Jesus live in us, we feel you near. (x2)

Call to Worship

Leader: Grace to you and peace from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness.

People: We come with our hopes, our dreams.

Leader: We meet God here in this place, the God of our past, present, and future.

People: We come with our hopes, our dreams.

Leader: Come, let us worship God.

Hymn "Hail to God's Own Anointed" (*Voices United 30, tune VU 123*)

Prayer of Reconciliation

One: We call out to you, Holy One, asking you to forgive us all that we have done wrong, and claim us again as yours alone.

All: Do not turn your face from us, O God.

One: We are sorry,

for the times when we have not been a good witness to the reign of Christ in our world,

for the times when we have resisted the rule of Christ in our daily lives,

for the times when we have lost ourselves to lesser gods,

for the times when we have not taken action to meet the

needs of others in your name and for the times when our

actions and inactions have prevented others from

experiencing the glory of life in your reign.

All: Do not turn your face from us, O God. Amen.

Words of Hope

One: Friends in Christ, God forgives us – always and unconditionally. We are lifted up from where we have fallen and set free upon a new path.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sung response “O God We Call” (*Voices United 411*)

**O God we call, O God we call,
from deep inside we yearn,
from deep inside we yearn,
from deep inside we yearn for you. (1x)**

Word

Word for all Ages

Hymn “As Long As We Follow” (*More Voices 140, follow, sing, act*)

Children leave for Sunday school

Anthem “Come, Lord Jesus, Be Among Us”-Larson

John 18:33-38a

Reflection

Hymn “Here, O God, Your Servants Gather” (*Voices United 362*)

Thanksgiving

Prayer of Intercession (Beryl Itani)

The Lord’s Prayer (*Voices United 959*)

Minute for Mission (Alyssa Campbell)

A Time of Musical Reflection and Thanksgiving

“Behold the Heavens” –Kathleen Wissinger

Offering Presentation “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”
(*Voices United 541*)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low;
Give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

Prayer of Dedication

**Take these gifts, loving God, and use them by the power of
the Spirit to widen the circle of your reign through ministry
in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Sending Forth

Hymn “Crown Him with Many Crowns” (*Voices United 211*)

Blessing

Commissioning “When You Walk From Here” (*Voices United 298*)

**When you walk from here,
when you walk from here,
walk with justice, walk with mercy,
and with God’s humble care. (1x)**

Postlude “Song of the Spirit”-Derek Hakes

*The flowers in the Sanctuary today are placed by Beryl Itani
in memory of her sister Gail Page.*

Next Week’s Lectionary Readings:

*Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10
| Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36*

Ministry Team

Donald Schmidt (*Minister for Worship & Leadership Development*)

Cheryl Perry (*Minister for Families & Social Justice*)

Frances Chiasson (*Minister of Music*)

Jessica Crawford (*Accompanist*)

Karen Kranabetter (*Liturgical Artist*)

Rachel Anweiler (*Youth Co-ordinator*)

Pat Totton (*Parish Nurse*)

Rev. Beverley Milton (*Minister Emeritus*)

Tanya Pritchard (*Office Administrator*)

Vivian Dunne (*Assistant Administrator*)

Keith Crawley (*Bookkeeper*)

Fikrije & Mahmut Kacuri (*Custodians*)

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The Craft Fair totals are in! The total of rentals, baking, crafts, kids' table and kitchen: \$2,953.80. Door donations for Outreach (not including food donations): \$1,144.40. Grand total: \$4,098.20. I think we can safely say we had a very successful day. Thank you all that participated. Shows what team work can accomplish. ~Linda Munce.

Stewardship Campaign Thank you to everyone who has made a commitment for 2019. The total to date is **\$224,910 from 121 contributors.**

Twinkle Tour A driving tour of Christmas light displays is being offered to shut-ins and those that don't drive at night, by the Pastoral Care Core Ministry on Sunday December 9. After a one-hour drive beginning at 4:30pm we will meet in Room 14 for cookies and cider. There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Table for individuals willing to drive and for those that would like to participate as "riders".

Envelope steward The 2019 offering envelopes have been prepared. Please pick yours up at the back of the sanctuary or in the hall on Sundays; also available in the office mid-week.

Save the date One day women's retreat Saturday, January 26, 2019. Watch for more details, including a new location, to be announced.

The Thrift Shop is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday every week from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED NOVEMBER 25 – DECEMBER 2, 2018

Today	8:30AM Informal worship: 14
	10:00AM Worship: Sanctuary
	11:00AM Book Sale: Hall
	11:15AM Coffee Hour: Hall/Kitchen
	12:00PM Alleluia Ringers rehearsal: Belfry
Monday	10:00AM Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: 14
	6:30PM Board meeting: 14
Tuesday	10:00AM Coffee Hour & Outreach Ministry: Hall
	4:30PM Gone Fishin': Kitchen/Hall/26
Wednesday	No Book study at 1pm this week
	6:30PM Youth Group: Youth room
	6:30PM Bible study: 14
Thursday	8:30AM Healing Ministry: Vestry
	10:00AM Coffee Hour & Outreach Ministry: Hall
	7:00PM Alleluia Singers rehearse: Sanctuary
Friday	
Saturday	
Next Sunday	8:30AM Informal Worship: 14
	10:00AM Worship: Sanctuary
	11:00AM Booksale: Hall
	11:15AM Coffee Hour: Hall/Kitchen
	11:30AM El Salvador meeting: 14
	11:30AM Advent Celebration: 12, Hall, Sanctuary
	3:00PM Alleluia Ringers rehearsal: Belfry