

First United Church

Christmas 1

December 30, 2018

Worship Leaders Cheryl Perry, Donald Schmidt
Music Alleluia Ringers, Alleluia Singers, Nikki Attwell,
..... Frances Chiasson, Jessica Crawford
Greeters Greig McPhee, Pat McPhee, Marlene Spicer
Ushers..... Skip Kozuska, Linda Munce, Mel Sparrow
Sound System..... Kim Ducs
Projectionist Benita Worley
Coffee Hour Catherine Doherty, Joan Grahl
Minute Person..... Chas Moore

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. Andrew's United Church in Enderby and their minister Franklyn James.

Offering Counters Today – Linda Munce, Irene Pett, Kathleen Smith.

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 “The Holly and Ivy”-arr. Mark E. Bloedow

Ringing of the Bell, Welcome, Announcements

The Peace

Introit “A Light is Gleaming” (*Voices United 82*)

**A light is gleaming, spreading its arms throughout the night,
living in the light.**

**Come share its gladness, God’s radiant love is burning bright,
living in the light.**

Call to Worship

Leader: Before the world was created the word already existed.

The word became a human being, and lived among us,
full of grace and truth.

People: This life brought light to all people.

Leader: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has
never put it out.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Come, let us worship God.

Hymn “Angels from the Realms of Glory” (*Voices United 36*)

Prayer of Reconciliation

Sung response “Come, Lord Jesus”

(Carey Landry, The Rainbow Songbook)

Our hearts are open, our hearts are open,

Our hearts are open: come and be born in our hearts.

Word

Word for all Ages

Hymn "I Am the Light of the World" (*Voices United 87*)

John 1:1-18

Reflection

A medley of carols

Thanksgiving

Marking the End of a Pastoral Relationship

Presentation

Prayer of Intercession (Murray White)

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

A Time of Musical Reflection and Thanksgiving

"Behold the Heavens"-Kathleen Wissinger

Offering Presentation "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

(*Voices United 64, vs. 3*)

**How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessed gift of heaven.
No ear may hear his coming; but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him still
the dear Christ enters in.**

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**You gave us so much at Christmas, Loving God, so we offer
these gifts, and the gifts of our time and talent, so that our
church and the community that surrounds it will be
transformed. Bless these gifts, O God. Bless them and us.
Amen.**

Sending Forth

Hymn "I Danced in the Morning" (*Voices United 352*)

Blessing (unison)

May God bless you and keep you; may the light of God's presence shine upon you. May God's grace go with you in your departing, and give you peace.

Commissioning "Go Tell It on the Mountain" (*Voices United 43*)

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.**

Postlude

Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

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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Supply Minister Ministry and Personnel has worked very hard to ensure First will have worship leadership in the coming months while our search process is underway. Each Sunday's 8:30am worship will be lead by Cheryl Perry. Cheryl will also lead worship on Epiphany, January 6 and it will be an intergenerational service. January 13 - February 3, First's own Darlene Cockerill, will lead the 10am worship along with Cheryl Perry. And beginning February 10, Frances Kitson will be Supply Minister and lead the 10am worship with Cheryl, until the new minister is hired.

<p>THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED DECEMBER 30, 2018 - JANUARY 6, 2019</p>

Today	8:30AM Informal worship: 14
	10:00AM Worship: Sanctuary
	11:15AM Coffee Hour: Hall/Kitchen
Monday	Office closed
Tuesday	New Year's Day - office closed
	New Year's Day Dinner - 5:30pm
Wednesday	Church office re-opens
Thursday	10:00AM Coffee Hour & Outreach: Hall
Friday	
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