

First United Church

Epiphany	January 6, 2019
Worship Leaders	Cheryl Perry
Music	Alleluia Singers, Jessica Crawford
Drama	Ron Green, Mackenzie Pruden
Greeters	Carol Postle, Peter Wilson, Rosemary Wilson
Ushers.....	Linda Gilmour, Joan Grahl, Bobbie Tough
Sound System.....	
Projectionist	Benita Worley
Coffee Hour	Linda Munce, Marlene Spicer
Minute Person.....	Dave Bertetic

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 Pacific Mountain Regional Minister, and ecumenical partners in the Anglican and Lutheran Diocesan, conference, and Synod offices – Minister Allison Rennie.

Offering Counters Today – Dave Bertetic, Linda Gilmour, Luba Stojko.

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

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

Child: Arise people, shine, for your light has come!

Adult: And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you.

**People: God's glory shines on us like the brightness of the
sun. And the light of God's presence is with us.**

Child: Where is the child, born to be the light of the world? We
have seen his star.

People: We have come to worship him.

Hymn "Arise, Your Light Is Come" (*Voices United 79*)

Prayer of Reconciliation

Words of Hope

Leader: Hear the good news of God's love – graciously given
through the Child of the manger and the Christ of the cross.

People: We are a forgiven people. Thanks be to God!

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

Matthew 2:1-12

Drama The Grinch who (Almost) Stole Christmas: The story of the
Wise Ones Who Defied King Herod

Hymn "Unto Us a Boy is Born" (*Voices United 54*)

Thanksgiving

Invitation to the Offering

A Time of Musical Reflection and Thanksgiving

"Reverie"- J. Ethridge

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)

**Loving God, like the Wise Ones, we bring our gifts.
We bring the work of our hands and hearts.
We bring a portion of our material wealth.
We pray that these gifts may be used in your work
and multiplied by your grace. Amen.**

Prayer of Intercession

Sending Forth

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

Blessing

We entered worship, aware of the light of God that shines through the life of Jesus the Christ. And now let us depart, carrying the light into the world. And as we go out into the world may our eyes be opened to seeing our God in these coming days: in the places we live, the lives we live, and the people we meet. Amen.

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 "Lord Jesus Christ" Taize

Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

*Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29;
Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17*

Ministry Team

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 led 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 8:30am and 10am worship with Cheryl, until the new minister is hired.

Thanksgiving This Christmas season I am grateful for the prayers, words of encouragement and financial gifts. We now have a van thanks to a large donation from someone at First United. Having the van has lifted our spirits so high. For each of you, I am grateful for your part in my journey. I am so divinely held ~ Murray White.



Spring Cleaning – Please look over the dishes in the corner of the Hall. New Year's dinner dishes plus we cleaned out the "to be picked up" cupboard.

New Year's Dinner – Thank you for everyone who made this another successful year for the New Year's Day Dinner. We served about 200 meals to both guests and volunteers. It is truly a community effort to put this on."

Celebration of Life will be held at First United for Allan David Richards on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 2:00pm.

Isabel Leitch meets Tuesday, January 8th at 2:00pm in room 14. There will be a guest speaker speaking on incontinence.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED JANUARY 6 - 13, 2019

Today	8:30AM Informal worship: 14
	10:00AM Worship: Sanctuary
	11:15AM Coffee Hour: Hall/Kitchen
Monday	10:00AM Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: 14
Tuesday	10:00AM Coffee Hour & Outreach: Hall
	2:00PM Isabel Leitch Unit: 14
	7:00PM Education Core Ministry: 14
Wednesday	10:00AM Pastoral Care: 12
Thursday	8:30AM Healing Ministry: Vestry
	10:00AM Coffee Hour & Outreach: Hall
	12:00PM Men's Group meet: 14
	4:00PM Outreach Core Ministry: 14
Friday	5:30PM Fun Friday at First: Hall/Kitchen/Sanctuary
Next Sunday	8:30AM Informal Worship: 14
	10:00AM Worship: Sanctuary
	11:15AM Coffee Hour: Hall/Kitchen
	3:00PM Alleluia Ringers rehearsal: Belfry