

First United Church

Epiphany	January 5, 2020
Worship Leader	Cheryl Perry
Music	Frances Chiasson
Greeters	Susanne Donkin, Drew Irvine, Marlene Spicer
Ushers.....	Linda Gilmour, Karen Hawkey, Bobbie Tough
Sound System.....	
Projectionist	Benita Worley
Coffee Hour	Joan Grahl, Judith Bastiaanssen
Offering Counters.....	David Bertetic, Linda Gilmour, Linda Munce

About Today's Service – This morning's worship service is for all ages. Our Infant & Toddler care room (nursery) is available for children who do not wish to remain in the service.

Welcome Table in the hall after worship - Information about activities and services we offer at First United. Remember to update your Family Record so we have current contact information and emergency numbers and if you have not filled out a Family Record you are invited to do so!

Prayer Cycle - This Sunday, in the annual rotation, we join with other churches to pray for the congregation of Penticton United Church.

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

Food Share Containers in the hall - for non-perishable food & hygiene items.

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

Gathering

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell, Welcome, Announcements

Introit "Joy is Now in Every Place" (Voices United 45, vs. 2 & 3)

**May the star that shone that night,
making your poor stable bright,
fill our hearts with love and light,
O hear us, bless us, holy Jesus.
Through the New Year let it stay,
leading us upon our way,
making Christmas every day,
O hear us, bless us, holy Jesus.**

Call to Worship (responsive)

Remember the light that shone on us at Christmas?

Come again to that light

It is shining still.

It brings us hope, it brings us peace,

It brings us joy, it brings us love.

Come, come to the light;

Jesus, Bright Star of Bethlehem, light of creation

Come let us worship him!

Hymn "When Heaven's Bright with Mystery" (Voices United 93)

Prayer of Reconciliation

Words of Hope

Sung response "Ways of Wisdom" (Spirit Anew 142)

**Let us follow ways of wisdom
and delight in ways of wisdom.**

All her paths are peace.

All her paths are peace. (2x)

Passing of the Peace

Word

Prayer of Illumination (Moira Pritchard)

Matthew 2:1-12

Word for All Ages

Hymn “The First Nowell” (Voices United 91, vs. 1, 3, 4, 5)

Story “Humphrey’s First Christmas”

Hymn “Unto Us a Boy is Born” (Voices United 54, vs. 1, 3, 4)

Thanksgiving

Invitation to the Offering

A Time of Musical Reflection

“Watchman, Tell Us of the Night” -arr. Mark Hayes

Offertory “When Heaven’s Bright” (Voices United 93, vs. 4)

**When heaven’s bright with mystery
and stars still lead an unknown way,
when love still lights a gentle path
where courts of power can hold no sway,
there with the Magi, let us kneel,
our gifts to share, God’s world to heal.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The world asks us to celebrate a new year.

At midnight we cheered and shouted, “Happy New Year.”

God calls us to continue our journey of faith.

We ask, “God, to what are you calling us at this time?”

**We are called to bring the best of our treasure
for the work of the kingdom.**

May our offering be a sign and symbol of our offering of our very selves—our gifts and talents—to you, for the work of your church. Amen.

Prayer of Intercession (Moira Pritchard)

Sending Forth

Hymn “I Am the Light of the World” (Voices United 87)

Commissioning and Benediction

Sung Response “He Is Born” (Voices United 50, vs. 4)

**Jesus, Lord of all the world,
coming as a child among us,
Jesus, Lord of all the world,
grant to us your heavenly peace. (2x)**

Postlude “Let All Things Now Living”-arr. Cindy Berry

Next Week’s Lectionary Readings:

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

Staff note: Bob Wallace is on holiday until January 16.



Who was the historical Jesus? How was the Bible account of his life influenced by Judaism, the Roman Empire and the Roman Catholic Church? When we peel away the layers, what are we left with?

Afternoon Sessions on begin **Tuesday January 7 at 1 pm in Room 14.**

Evening Sessions resume on **Wednesday January 8 at 7 pm in Room 14.**



First United Family Directory 2020

Be sure to drop by the Welcome Table after church and book your photo taking appointment for the family directory. The first picture taking sessions will be held the week of January 20-25, 2020 and a second week will be offered April 14-18.



On Sunday January 12, we will be celebrating Baptism of Jesus Sunday. To help make this service more meaningful, we are asking you to send us photos of your baptism or someone from your family. Scan and send them to the church ASAP for inclusion in the slides for that service. Also, if you have a family baptismal gown or your baptismal candle, please bring them along to be placed on the communion table for the service.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED JANUARY 5 - 12, 2020

Today	8:30AM	Informal Worship: 14
	10:00AM	Epiphany all ages Worship: Sanctuary
	11:00AM	Refreshments: Hall
	3:00PM	Alleluia Ringers rehearse
Monday	10:00AM	Grandparents raising grandchildren: 14
Tuesday	10:00AM	Coffee and outreach: Hall
	1:00PM	Adult study: 14
Wednesday	7:00PM	Adult study: 14
Thursday	8:30AM	Healing Ministry: Vestry
	10:00AM	Coffee and outreach: Hall
	1:30PM	Memorial for John Cameron: Sanctuary
	7:00PM	Alleluia Singers rehearsal: Sanctuary
Next Sunday	8:30AM	Informal Worship: 14
	10:00AM	Sunday worship: Sanctuary
	11:00AM	Refreshments: Hall
	3:00PM	Alleluia Ringers rehearse: Belfry