

St. John's United Church



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Assistive Listening Systems are available - see ushers*

Welcome

Announcements

Prelude: "We Three Kings of Orient Are" J. H. Hopkins

To Praise God

Call to Worship:

In the beginning...

God gathered us in.

In the beginning...

God prepared our hearts and minds to worship.

In the beginning...

God called us beloved.

In the beginning...

the beginning is now. Let us worship God.

***Hymn:** "I Am the Light of the World" #87

Prayer of Approach:

**The cool water streamed down the face of
Christ. The heavens parted, and, O God, you
announced your love. Gather us into that love
this day as your beloved children, touched by
the cooling waters, blessed with your peace.**

Amen.

To Open the Scriptures

Scripture: Mark 1: 4-11 NT p.42

***Hymn:** "Jesus Loves Me" #365

Time to Wonder

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture: Acts 19: 1-7 NT p.169 David Pelletier

Ministry of Music: "Songs of Thanksgiving and Praise" Tune: Salzburg

Scripture: Psalm 29 VU #756

Sermon

***Hymn:** "Called by Earth and Sky" MV#135
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To Respond in Faith

Offering

***Doxology:** "Grant Us, God the Grace VU#540
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Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

We Return, Strengthened, To Live Our Faith

***Hymn:** "Shall We Gather at the River" #710

Benediction

Choral Blessing: #974

Ushers

Krista, Clifford, Spencer and Justine Stroud

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Fellowship today hosted by the UCW.

Envelopes for 2018 are ready at back of church for pickup. If you wish to get a box of envelopes please see Helen in the office.

United Church Observer Subscriptions are due - Please see Gertie Flay to renew/cancel or begin your Observer subscription. You can call Gertie at 258-7628.

Mon. Jan. 8 - UCW will meet at Bayfield Manor at 2 pm. The theme is "He came to bring the world light."

Wed. Jan 11- Bible Study at 10 am in the lounge.

Drive to church needed - One of our members who lives ten minutes from Kemptville is seeking rides to church as she can no longer drive at the moment. The Outreach Commission is seeking volunteers who would be willing to take a turn driving. If you can assist in this regard, please see Nancy Breitenstein, 258-1762.

Sun. Jan 14 - Worship Commission meets after service.

Sun. Jan 14 - "Memories of the 1998 Ice Storm/ Storm of the Century" - We invite all to gather and share memories of this time in the history of North Grenville, Eastern Ontario and beyond. Gathering time starts at 2:30 pm with sharing and memories followed by a pot-luck at 5 pm. For more information call Roger Shantz at 613-258-7811.

Reports for the 2017 St. John's United Church Annual Report are due Monday January 8, 2018.

The Annual General Meeting is on Sunday, February 25th.