

WILMOT UNITED CHURCH

January 13, 2013

Portions of the service printed in **bold** are spoken by the whole congregation.
At the points marked * - those who are able are invited to stand.

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Organ Prelude: Pastorale (Vierne)

Welcome to the Church

Call to Worship:

Beloved, let us love one another,

because love is from God.

God's love was revealed among us in this way,

Jesus Christ came into the world.

Since God loved us so much,

we are called to love one another.

Come, let us worship. I John 4:7ff

We Light the Christ Candle

Opening Prayer:

Eternal God, radiant with grace,

thaw our fears and snow-bound spirits;

make us shine with your Word, our hope;

shine with your communion, our life;

shine with your peace, our joy;

through Christ, who is our Light.

* **Opening Hymn:**

Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart

* **Family Hymn:**

Connecting to Our Hearts' Longing: Isaiah 43: 1 - 7

Silent Prayer

* **Hymn:** Spirit God, Be Our Breath MV #150

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Prayer of Preparation

John Beyea

O You who are the Light of the minds that know you,

the Life of the hearts that love you,

the Strength of the spirits that seek you;

help us so to know you that we may truly love you,

so to love you that we may fully serve you,

in whose service is perfect freedom.

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

Congregational Response:

A city on a hill cannot be hidden.

We are the light of the world. Matthew 5:14

Anthem:

Reflection: Concerning Spiritual Gifts Rev. R-H Gaskin

Time for Silent Reflection

* **Hymn:** Breathe on Me, Breath of God VU #382

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Announcements

Invitation to The Offering

Offertory Music

* Doxology

VU #543

**We give thee but thine own,
what e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O God, from thee.**

* Prayer of Dedication:

Prayers of the People:

God eternal, our times are held within your hands,
our lives are shaped by your design from before our birth.
You take hold of what has happened
and nurture within it what you wish to be.
Like a wise mother, you give us both freedom and guidance.
**How wise and caring you are, most blessed God;
we praise you and thank you.**

God eternal, our times are open to your Spirit,
our lives await your touch.
God of mercy, fountain of loving care,
wellspring of blessing and source of our hope:
help us to break through the dry surface of our parched lives
to find the life that flows beneath, quietly, deeply,
cool with refreshment—
that living water for our souls
which is the Spirit of Christ your Son.
We ask for these your gifts:

for all in hospital or nursing home,
healing and encouragement;
for all living with long-term threats
to their health or well-being, patience and endurance;
for all who are worried, ease of heart;
for all who are lonely, some human contact;
for all who are anxious about their job,
or who are looking for work, fortitude;
for all who are wondering what path in life to take,
a sense of being able to trust that you, God, will guide them.
Finally we think of our own individual lives.

We take some moments of silence
to give you our thanks for the blessing you have given us,
and to ask for the needs that weigh most upon us . . .
**God of mercy, eternal source of life renewed and abundant,
rise up and flood with loving care every withered life
and every heart that thirsts for you.**
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Last Word

* Closing Hymn:

*** Blessing and Sending Forth:**
Light of God to give us hope
Power of God to protect us
Light of God to give us joy
Peace of God to calm us
Light of God to give us faith
Grace of God to save us
This day and forevermore.

* Choral Amen

VU #967

Postlude: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (Reger)

If you wish, you are invited to remain for the Postlude as it is part of our Worship Service.

WELCOME to this service of worship and thank you for being with us today. You are invited to join us for **COFFEE & CONVERSATION** in the Dr. G. M. Young Memorial Hall immediately following the worship service.

THE PRAYER CIRCLE offers confidential prayer support for those with physical, emotional, family and spiritual needs. To have your concerns added to the Wilmot prayer list contact Guy Vezina (455-6174) or Raday Brown (454-3001).

BANNERS: STAR and CANDLE (Epiphany) The design combines the Star, which represents the Light of the World, with the Christ Candle, on which is the "Chi-Rho" the first two letters of "Christ" in Greek. Intersecting rays from both the flame and the star form cross patterns.

DOVE and DROPLETS (Baptism) The design combines the Dove, symbol of the Holy Spirit, with water drops, among which a green Cross is figured.

WILMOT SENIORS: You are invited to join us on Tuesday, January 15th at 1:30 in the Parlor for the next gathering of the Wilmot Seniors. Our special guest is going to be John van Abbema who will present an interesting and timely talk on the history of US politics. His overview will put into context the recent elections and upcoming inauguration celebrations for our neighbours to the south. Our program will be followed by a time of refreshment, this month provided by group 3. All seniors and retirees are warmly welcome!

MEN'S BREAKFAST - Thursday, Jan., 24th at 8:30 am. If you plan to attend, please let Ed Topolski know (452-0171).

LIVING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Living Your Spiritual Gifts is a program designed to help individuals discover their unique spiritual gifts and how they may use these gifts in the ministries at Wilmot. It's a self-exploration in three steps- Discovering, Discerning and Commissioning.

The Discovering session has two parts. Part 1 explores information on spiritual gifts and provides an overview of the program. This part will be offered twice, Jan.13th and Jan.20th after church in the parlor 12:15-1:30 . Everyone is invited!

Part 2 is for those who wish to go further in the Spirit-Gifts program. The Discovering session will take place Jan.26th,10:00-2:30 in the parlor. This part will involve group work, individual self-inquiry and reflection time. The Discerning session on Feb.2nd (2 hours) will enable individuals to name their spiritual gifts and explore how best to use these gifts in the ministries at Wilmot. Individual interviews with Rev. Rose-Hannah will be part of this session. At a later date, a Commissioning will take place during Sunday worship. Please register at the church office for Jan.13th or Jan.20th.

PLANS FOR WILMOT EXCURSION TO CUBA: Eleven participants will be leaving on January 26 to enhance Wilmot's Twinning Relationship with the Protestant Theological Seminary in Matanzas. They will be visiting a number of projects in five different localities. The projects involve services for seniors, handicapped persons, local food production, and endeavours of a community nature. They hope to carry with them a number of items that would be useful to these projects and the Seminary's initiatives. These items include sewing items (new or unused cloth, half used spools of thread, zippers, wide and ordinary elastic, etc.); first aid supplies (band-aids, Tylenol, other transportable items); cooking supplies (spoons, nested bowls, oatmeal, etc.); sports equipment (deflated basketballs, soccer balls, inflation needles, etc.); personal items (lasting disposable razors, towels, sheets, pillows, etc.); and a wheelchair that we could leave there. If anyone in the congregation can help the group out in securing one or some of these things, it would be very much appreciated. Also, the group is interested in receiving any questions they should research while they are there. If you have any questions, please contact Greg Black (454-5546) or America or Norman Laverty (455-3349).

HELLO FROM SOUTH AFRICA. It has been a busy and interesting week. We arrived at our host family's on Sunday afternoon and settled into our place. They are an amazing family and are certainly going out of their way to make us feel at home. We had orientation on Monday and then off to volunteer on Tuesday. This week, Bethany and I are with the ChildCare program and Erica with a surfing program with about 20 children in each program and the possibility of many more next week. Bethany has 6 year olds, I am with the 3 year olds and Erica's children are older. There will be so much to share when we arrive back. Cape Town is a beautiful city with incredible beaches that we have already taken advantage of. (We even attended a professional soccer game - South Africa vs Norway) Until next week! Ellen, Bethany and Erica

UPDATE: Congo News from Freddy Wangabo Mwenengabo. Since Freddy's presentation to Wilmot on Nov.25th, M23 Rebels have invaded the Congo city of Goma and Freddy was invited to report to the U.S. Congress Committee on Africa and has spoken to orphans near Goma. The full interesting update is posted on Wilmot Website: <http://www.wilmotuc.nb.ca/>. A \$200 donation was provided from Wilmot Outreach to ECAAIR and Freddy has responded: "On behalf of the East and Central African Association for Indigenous Rights (ECAAIR), I wish to express our deepest gratitude to the Wilmot Outreach Committee for your kind financial contribution to our work for Peace in Congo, Freddy"

INVITATION: The Fredericton Choral Society is happy to greet new and returning members on Tuesdays, Jan. 15th and 22nd at St. Paul's United Church. Registration will begin at 6:20 pm, and we will begin rehearsing at 7:20 pm. Membership fee for the term is \$40, \$65 family, \$15 students. Under the direction of Heather Dunham, we will be learning "Mozart's Requiem" for performance with the Fredericton Chamber Orchestra on April 3rd at Wilmot United Church. Rehearsals take place every Tuesday evening from 7:20 to 9:20 pm. Call Janet at 488-9894 for further information.

DIVORCECARE is being offered on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 pm from January 15 to April 9, 2013 at Grace Memorial Baptist Church, Northumberland & Connaught. This is a brand new program with new videos featuring different counsellors and pastors with expertise in helping people with the hurt of separation and divorce. Registration is \$25 per person. For more information or to register, please contact the church office at 458-8527 or gracem@nb.aib.com.

GRIEFSHARE will be held on Monday evenings from 7:00-9:00 pm from January 21 to April 15, 2013 at Grace Memorial Baptist Church, Northumberland & Connaught. GriefShare coping with the loss of a loved one through death. Registration is \$25. For more information or to register, please contact the church office at 458-8527 or gracem@nb.aibn.com.

SINGLE & PARENTING is a brand new support group for single parents. There will be video talks with counsellors and pastors with expertise in helping single parents, followed by group discussion. The class will be held on Monday evenings from 7:00-9:00 pm from January 14 to April 8, 2013 at Grace memorial Baptist Church. Fee is \$25. Register early as class size is limited. For more information or to register, please contact the church office at 458-8527 or email mmccormick@bellaliant.net.

JAN. 26: Newfoundland Singer-Songwriter, Dave Thomson is pleased to present a concert of classic country tunes and gospel favourites on Saturday, January 26th, at 7 pm at Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Tickets are \$15.00 and can be purchased at Tony's Music Box, Saint Andrew's Church Office (455-8220) or at the door. Opening this performance will be Fredericton native Derrick Paul Miller, Tenor. As part of their "Goin' Home Tour" the Dave Thomson Band will perform songs from their latest album, "The Long Road Home" as well as other country and gospel favourites. Dave's connection with the listener is awe-inspiring and his timeless songs are so compelling and true to life that fans are transported into a personal voyage that grips the heart strings and is both honest and unparalleled.

Ministers:

Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin
292-1680

Rev. Ellen Beairsto
206-1943

Ministers Emeriti:

Rev. Bob Jones, Rev. Cliff Moase, Rev. Vic Moriarty

Organist: Virginia Leiter

Choir Director: Steven Peacock

Secretary: Marlene Phillips

Sexton: Randy Randall

Church Office: 458-1066

<http://www.wilmotuc.nb.ca/>

THIS WEEK AT WILMOT**January 13 = 20****TODAY:**

11:00 am **WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL**
 12:00 pm **COFFEE & CONVERSATION**
 12:15 pm **LIVING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS - Parlor**
 1:00 pm **F'TON MALE CHORUS REHEARSAL**

Monday, Jan 14:

2:00 pm **JUBILEE ASSOCIATION - Parlor**
 6:30 pm **SPECIAL OLYMPICS**
 6:45 pm **TOASTMASTERS CLUB - Board Room**

Tuesday, Jan. 15:

12:00 pm **OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS - Fireside Room**
 1:30 pm **WILMOT SENIORS - Parlor**
 7:00 pm **SPANISH CLUB - Board Room**
 7:00 pm **MARTIAL ARTS - Gym**

Wednesday, Jan. 16:

9:00 am **MORNING OUT/QUILTERS - Parlour**
 10:00 am **WEDNESDAYS @ WILMOT - Fireside Room**
 10:00 am **TOY LIBRARY**
 7:00 pm **STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE - Parlor**
 7:00 pm **TRUSTEES - Board Room**
 7:00 pm **NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS - Fireside Room**

Thursday, Jan. 17:

1:00 pm **WILMOT DABBLERS - Board Room**
 3:00 pm **INFORMATION TEAM - Parlor**
 6:30 pm **HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICE**
 7:00 pm **PAINTING CLASS - Board Room**
 7:00 pm **MARTIAL ARTS - Gym**
 7:30 pm **SENIOR CHOIR PRACTICE**

Saturday, Jan. 19:

9:00 am **CUBA COMMITTEE - Parlor & kitchen**
 10:00 am **TOY LIBRARY**
 2:00 pm **CISV - Gym**
 6:30 pm **DROP-IN CENTRE**

Sunday, Jan. 20:

9:30 am **ADULT BIBLE CONVERSATION - Board Room**
 11:00 am **WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL**
 12:00 pm **COFFEE & CONVERSATION**
 1:00 pm **F'TON MALE CHORUS REHEARSAL**

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