



WILMOT UNITED CHURCH

January 1, 2017

The Gate of the New Year

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.

Presider: The Reverend Rose-Hannah Gaskin

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Organ Prelude: Cold December Flies Away (Corl)

Welcome to the Church

Call to Worship: Psalm 98

Opening Prayer:

O God, we come in worship wanting to be true disciples as we walk the road with Christ.

We need your forgiving love, your power to try again. Amen.

* **Opening Hymn:** Angels, from the Realms of Glory VU #36

Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart Holly Hagerman

* **Family Hymn:** Joy Is Now in Every Place VU #45

Listening to Our Heart's Song: Isaiah 52: 7-10

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Prayer of Preparation:

Nurturing God, we do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from your mouth.

Make us hungry for this heavenly food,
that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 63: 7 - 9
Matthew 2: 13 - 23

Anthem: His Peace Will Come (Curry)

Reflection: Standing at the Gate of the New Year Rev. R-H Gaskin

*** Hymn:** All Beautiful the March of Days VU #530

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Announcements

Invitation to The Offering

Offertory Music

*** Doxology:** VU #540

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

Prayer of Dedication:

Gracious God, bless and transform all that we offer:
our faltering steps, our brokenness,
our hope, our risking, our hearts,
that your covenant may be written on our hearts
and we may be a blessed and transformed covenant people. In Jesus'
name. Amen.

Prayers of the People:

That this new year may bring a return to the covenant
in which we love God and our neighbour as Jesus teaches,
we passionately pray:

God, renew the face of the earth.

That this new year may be a time for truth, justice, and peace in the decisions of state, national, and world governments, we passionately pray:

God, renew the face of the earth.

That this new year may be a time for each household to strengthen bonds of love and communication, we passionately pray:

God, renew the face of the earth.

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Hear our prayers, O God,
we join to them our promise to live Jesus' way of love. Amen.

Psalm 148 (unison)

Closing Hymn: Arise, Your Light Is Come VU #79

*** Blessing and Sending Forth**

*** Choral Amen**

Postlude: God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen (Held)

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

Today's bulletin is sponsored in celebration of the birth of **Eleanor Margaret Brodie**, daughter of Beth Ann and David Brodie, born December 9. Eleanor is a sister for Catherine and Edmund, and third grandchild for Peggy Brodie.



WELCOME to our service of worship and thank you for being with us this morning. We're glad you're here! You are invited to **COFFEE & CONVERSATION** in the Dr. G. M. Young Memorial Hall following the worship service. If you are new to our church, we have a 'Welcome to Wilmot' kit for you. Please ask one of the ushers at the back of the sanctuary, for the blue folder.

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).

BENEVOLENT OFFERING: On the first Sunday of every month we collect a special Benevolent Offering. This is used to provide food vouchers for those in need on Wednesday afternoons.

THANK YOU: The U.C.W. would like to take this opportunity to thank the congregation for their support in 2016! Thanks to all who donated, sorted, sold, purchased, peeled, rolled, baked, and contributed in any way to our fundraising efforts. Because of you we were able to contribute \$11,000 to Wilmot Church, \$3,000 to M&S, as well as contributions to the Community Kitchen, Transition House and our own Outreach Hamper Project. Without Congregation support our events would not be so successful. All our best in 2017 and we look forward to working with you all in the new year!

SUNDAY TRANSPORTATION TO CHURCH: Winter is a difficult time to navigate sidewalks & streets. Many of our senior members no longer drive. If you would like a ride to/from church or can offer rides to someone that may be on your route, please contact Judy Coates 454-5631. I would like to create a list of Drivers in various areas of the city who would be willing to transport someone occasionally to church. For people who regularly need a ride, a schedule can be shared by several drivers.

NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH... contact Judy Coates 454-5631 judycoates@rogers.com transportation coordinator.

YOU ARE INVITED to attend one of two information sessions where Wilmot's Property Development Committee will present work done to explore possible property development options. The first session will be in the parlour after church on Sunday, January 15th. The second session will be in the parlour at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 18th. We hope you will be able to join us to hear this important information and share your questions and opinions with us.

COMMITTEES SEEKING VOLUNTEERS! - Various Church committees are in the process of seeking volunteers to help fulfill the role and ministry of their committees beginning at the AGM in February 2017. If you are interested -- or know someone else who might be -- in the following roles, please contact Derek Ness - Acting Chair of Council (999-6554 / Derek.Ness@unb.ca), Rose-Hannah Gaskin, or Ellen Beairsto for more information:

- Secretary, Wilmot Church Council
- Co-Chairs, Worship Committee
- Chair, Trustees Committee
- 2 Presbytery Representatives

Ministers:

Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin
292-1680

Rev. Ellen Beairsto
206-1943

Ministers Emeriti:

Rev. Cliff Moase, Rev. Bob Jones

Organist: Virginia Leiter

Music Director: Steven Peacock

Office Administrator: Marlene Phillips

Sexton: Randy Randall

Church Office: 458-1066

Hours: Tues - Friday 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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THIS WEEK AT WILMOT

Jan. 1 - 8th

Today: **NEW YEAR'S DAY**

11:00 a.m. **WORSHIP**

12:00 p.m. **COFFEE & CONVERSATION**

Tuesday, Jan. 3:

7:00 p.m. **MARTIAL ARTS**

Wednesday, Jan. 4:

9:00 a.m. **QUILTERS** - Parlour

7:00 p.m. **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** - Parlour

7:00 p.m. **NA GROUP** - Fireside Room

7:00 p.m. **ACCESS TO JUSTICE** -Board Room

Thursday, Jan. 5:

9:30 a.m. **QUILTING and FELLOWSHIP (learn to quilt)** - Parlour

6:30 p.m. **HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICE**

7:00 p.m. **MARTIAL ARTS**

7:30 p.m. **CHOIR PRACTICE** _____

Saturday, Jan. 7:

6:00 p.m. **DROP-IN CENTRE**

Sunday, Jan. 8 :

9:30 a.m. **ADULT BIBLE CONVERSATION** - Board Room

11:00 a.m. **WORSHIP**

12:00 p.m. **COFFEE & CONVERSATION**

2:00 p.m. **ACCESS TO JUSTICE** - Parlour

GRIEF SHARE Support Group begins at Brunswick Street Baptist Church on Thursday, Jan. 12th. Have you experienced the recent death of a loved one? You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Brunswick Street Baptist Church is pleased to offer a 13 week ***Grief Share*** grief recovery seminar and support group. ***Grief Share*** is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. ***Grief Share*** features a video series that features Christian experts on grief and recovery topics as seen from a biblical perspective combined with support group discussion.