

# WILMOT UNITED CHURCH

JANUARY 22, 2017

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:** Meditation (Dupont)

### Welcome to the Church

#### Call to Worship:

Greetings to our brothers and sisters in the faith.

**We come to celebrate God's presence,**

and God's love expressed through Jesus Christ.

**We come remembering Christ's life and ministry,**

and the life we are called to live.

**We come as a pilgrim people**

**searching for ways to live out our faith.**

We come seeking the strength to carry on our journey.

**Let us rejoice in God's gift to us!**

### We Light the Christ Candle

\* **Hymn:** Great Is Thy Faithfulness VU #288

#### Opening Prayer:

**Loving God, we pray for your church around the world and for all of our brothers and sisters of faith, that we may all experience the spirit and unity of your gracious love. Help us to be accepting of this love and to act out of this love in passing it on to others, in truly loving one another as you have loved us. Lastly, God, we ask you to search our hearts and to hear the silent prayers that are deep within our souls, prayers for unity and peace. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## Time for the Young and Young at Heart

Rev. Ellen Beirsto

\* Hymn: God of the Bible - Soloist: Holly Hagerman MV #28

Connecting to Our Hearts' Longing: Psalm 40: 1 - 8

### Silent Prayer

Assurance of God's Love: Psalm 40: 9 - 10

\* Hymn: Dear God, Who Loves All Humankind VU #608

## LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Prayer of Preparation: Ian Stewart

God of startling revelation,

open us to your message this day.

Get our attention; show us the way to abundant life  
for all of creation. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 4: 18 -23

Second Reading: John 1: 35 - 42

### Congregational Response:

One: This is the witness of God's people.

All: ***Thanks be to God!***

Anthem: His Peace Will Come (Curry)

Sermon: Inviting Others to 'Come and See' Rev. R-H Gaskin

\* Hymn: I Have Called You by Your Name MV #161

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### Announcements

### Invitation to The Offering

## Offertory Music

### \* Doxology:

VU #541

**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:

**Receive our gifts, O God.**

**May they be used to show forth to the world  
the greatness of your love.**

**We ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ,  
your perfect gift and our Saviour.**

### **Prayers of the People:**

In the darkness of time,  
you created all that lives and breathes.

In the darkness of Mary's womb,  
you nurtured the Christ-child, bringer of light.

In the darkness of our world, O God, your spirit sustains us.

**O God, you are with us in darkness and in light.**

Under the cover of darkness,  
Magi followed the star to the Christ-child.

**O God, you are with us in darkness and in light.**

In blessed desert darkness,  
Mary and Joseph fled to safety in Egypt with the infant Jesus.

**O God, you are with us in darkness and in light.**

In quiet darkness,  
dreams emerge, guiding the Holy Family home to Galilee.

**O God, you are with us in darkness and in light.**

In the stillness of the dark,  
we pray for all who need God's presence in a special way -



**WELCOME** to this service of worship and thank you for being with us today. You are invited to join us for a **SOUP LUNCHEON** in the Dr. G. M. Young Memorial Hall following the worship service. Thank you to the Outreach Committee for sponsoring this time of fellowship.



After church each Sunday, we have a wonderful Coffee & Conversation or a Soup Luncheon & Conversation time. It has proven to be a successful gathering time, thanks to all of our volunteers over the years. Many Sundays are covered by the various Committees but a few are left open in case a non-Committee member would like to participate. The brightly coloured poster listing the upcoming hosts/ hostesses is on the gym wall by the coffee area. **By the way, Jan 29<sup>th</sup> and March 12<sup>th</sup> are still open.** If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, just let Ellen know. THANKS.

**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).

**SUNDAY OFFERING:** When making a donation to the church other than in your envelopes, please remember to put your envelope or your PAR number on the donation envelope. It is so much easier for our tellers. If you do not know your PAR number, please contact Marlene in the church office. THANK YOU.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** Annual meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> immediately following the worship service.

**ANNUAL REPORTS** should be submitted to Marlene no later than Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>. Sooner is better.

**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, Board of Trustees
- 2 M& P
- 2 Presbytery Representatives
- co-ordinator of ushers and greeters for Sunday worship

**PLEASE NOTE:** For the remainder of the winter of 2017, we will not use the large blue doors on Carleton Street. Instead, we ask you to enter via the other Carleton Street double doors from the parking lot. We do this to conserve heat and thereby lower operating costs. Thank you for your understanding.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** In the event of a bad snow storm, you can check either the Wilmot website or the office voicemail to see if the building is open, or a service of worship has been cancelled. You can also call either Ellen (206-1943) or Rose-Hannah (292-1680).

**SUNDAY TRANSPORTATION TO CHURCH:** Winter is a difficult time to navigate sidewalks and 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.

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

**REMIT INFORMATION SESSIONS:** In August 2015, Commissioners to the 42<sup>nd</sup> General Council agreed to consult the whole church on eight proposals that would substantially change the United Church of Canada. In the United Church, this consultation is done through remits, a form of voting by pastoral charges and presbyteries across the church. At the January meeting, our Church Council will vote on two remits. *Remit 2: Elimination of Transfer and Settlement* would primarily impact the first appointments of Ordained and Commissioned Ministers. *Remit 3: Office of Vocation* would result in the creation of an office at the national level that would set standards for and accredit candidates for ministry, support ministry personnel, and oversee discipline of ministry personnel. Information on Remits 2 and 3 can be found on the UCC website at <http://gc42.ca/remits> An informational session on Remits 2 and 3 will be held Tuesday, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the parlour. Session will last about an hour. Everyone is invited to come to learn about and discuss what the proposed changes will mean for our church. If you have questions, please contact Shirley Cleave, [sclleave@nb.sympatico.ca](mailto:sclleave@nb.sympatico.ca) 459-7743 or Rose-Hannah Gaskin [rosehannahwilmot@gmail.com](mailto:rosehannahwilmot@gmail.com) 292-1680



**CAN YOU HELP?** Clothing and small household appliances are requested for a couple who recently lost their belongings in a fire. If you have women's clothing size 6 (or small) or men's - pants - waist 30/31, medium size shirts - please leave items at the church for Wednesdays at Wilmot. Thank you.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER PLANNING MEETING:** The Women's Inter-Church Council of Fredericton is having the World Day of Prayer Planning Meeting on Monday, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 10 a.m. at Forest Hill United Church. It is wheelchair accessible by using the second door from the roadway. The 2017 World Day of Prayer service, titled "Am I Being Unfair to you?" was written by the women of The Philippines. Any women of all denomination of faith are encourage to come to help plan for the World Day of Prayer which will be held on March 3,2017. On that day please join us with 170 Countries worldwide as we pray for justice and peace. Thank you for your support of the World Day of Prayer.

**BOOK CLUB** meets on the 4th Tuesday of January - Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the parlour (note that there are 5 Tuesdays in January) to discuss the book *The Inconvenient Indian* by Thomas King. This book will stimulate good discussion on how First Nations people are included/portrayed/received in the social life and pop culture of Canada and the US. It is a serious subject that is handled by King in a humorous way which makes it entirely readable. Come along and bring a friend whether you have read the book or not and you will be rewarded with insights that are significant for all Canadians.

**NEARLY NEW CRAFT SUPPLY SALE:** To help support “The Pantry” at St. Paul’s United Church, they will be hosting a “Nearly New Craft Supply Sale” on Saturday, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Choose from a wide variety of supplies that someone else no longer needs. Fill up one of our grocery bags for \$5.00. Sit and enjoy a coffee/tea and a muffin for \$2.00. For more information contact Donna Chauvin 458-5885.

**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.**

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

## **CAMPUS MINISTRY**

Our gifts for Mission & Service support university students on campus. Let us hear the story of one of our Mission & Service university chaplaincies.

In the centre of the University of Guelph in Ontario is Raithby House. The childhood home of George Raithby, it served as a manse and then became his home when he was a professor at the university. It is now the home of the university's Ecumenical Campus Ministry and the Multi-faith Resource Team.

The office of the United Church chaplain, Andrew Hyde, is on the top floor. Andrew has been part of the team for a little over a year. He and the other chaplains offer a safe space for students who are struggling with grief, mental health issues, identity issues, and homesickness. Students have often left home for the first time and find it challenging to be away from everyone and everything they have ever known. At the Ecumenical Campus Ministry they can find a place of welcome.

The Addition of Andrew Hyde to the chaplaincy team marks a return of the United church presence at the University of Guelph, a highly visible one that connects with the student population.

We sing thanksgiving for the support of university students on campus!

If Mission & Service is already a regular part of your giving, thank you so much! If you have not given to Mission & Service, please consider making Mission & Service a regular part of your life of faith. In all our Mission & Service giving, with a willing heart, we sing thanksgiving to God!

## THIS WEEK AT WILMOT

Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>

### TODAY:

- 9:30 am           **ADULT BIBLE CONVERSATION** - Board Room  
11:00 am           **WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
12:00 pm           **SOUP LUNCHEON**  
12:00 p.m.         **MEETING - REMITS** - Parlour

### Monday, Jan 23:

- 1:30 p.m.         **SPANISH CLASS** - Parlour  
6:45 p.m.         **TOASTMASTERS CLUB** - Board Room

### Tuesday, Jan. 24:

- 7:00 p.m.         **MEETING - REMITS** -Board Room  
7:00 p.m.         **BOOK CLUB** - Parlour  
7:00 p.m.         **MARTIAL ARTS** - Gym

### Wednesday, Jan. 25:

- 9:00 a.m.         **QUILTERS** - Parlour  
10:00 a.m.        **TOY LIBRARY**  
1:00 p.m.         **WEDNESDAY @ WILMOT** - Lunch  
7:00 p.m.         **COUNCIL** -Board Room  
7:00 p.m.         **NA GROUP** - Fireside Room

### Thursday, Jan. 26:

- 9:30 a.m.         **QUILTING and FELLOWSHIP (learn to quilt)** - Parlour  
1:00 p.m.         **WRITERS GROUP** - Parlour  
6:30 p.m.         **HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICE**  
7:00 p.m.         **MARTIAL ARTS** -Gym  
7:30 p.m.         **CHOIR PRACTICE** \_\_\_\_\_

### Saturday, Jan.28:

- 10:00 a.m.        **TOY LIBRARY**  
6:00 p.m.         **DROP-IN CENTRE**

### Sunday, Jan. 29 :

- 9:30 a.m.         **ADULT BIBLE CONVERSATION** - Board Room  
11:00 a.m.        **WORSHIP & S.S.**  
12:00 p.m.        **COFFEE & CONVERSATION**