



**WILMOT UNITED CHURCH**  
**Peace Sunday**  
**October 22, 2017**

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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: Rev. Ann Morwood

**WE GATHER AS A FAITH COMMUNITY**

**Organ Prelude:** Preludio (Capocci)

**Welcome to the Church**

**Opening Scripture:**

“The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof;  
the world and they that dwell therein.”

**Christ Candle Lighting**

**Call to Worship:**

One: We gather to celebrate God’s presence among us.

**All: We come because we care for each other,  
for all people and the earth.**

One: We come seeking to learn more of God’s way.

**All: We come because we know God’s grace and love are at work in the  
world and we want to be part of it.**

One: We come seeking to renew our commitment to peace with justice.

**All: We gather to greet one another, to sing, pray, reflect and deepen  
our relationship with one another and with God.**

**\*Opening Hymn:** We Praise You, O God VU #218

### **Opening Prayer:**

**Holy One, we come before you this day hoping to find a sense of peace for ourselves, our families, our neighbours and for all of your people. We dream of the day when war will be no more, when peace will rule all of our hearts and when justice will prevail. Open us to your Word so we have the courage to confront oppression and the strength to stand for righteousness. Help us to truly be channels of your peace and instruments of your righteousness. Amen.**

### **Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart**

Jeff Beairsto

**\*Hymn:** Teach Me, God, to Wonder

VU #299

### **Prayer of Confession:**

Gracious God, we confess that we believe war will bring peace and that injustice can be set aside for generations and there will be no consequences. We acknowledge that we follow the adage that might makes right. Forgive us for our shortsighted delusions. Give us the grace to recognize the errors in our ways and forgive our foolishness and lead us along your path.

### **Silent Reflection**

### **Assurance of God's Love**

**\*Hymn:** Let There Be Light

VU #679

## LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE

**Prayer of Preparation:** (Unison) Ida Orenbach

**Ever faithful God; train us by Christ's teaching,  
school us in Christ's faithfulness,  
that as we walk in Christ's way  
we may come to share in your glory.**

**We ask this through Christ, our deliverance and hope. Amen.**

**Scripture:** Exodus 33: 12-23 and Matthew 22: 15-22

**Congregational Response:**

This is the witness of the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem:** Peace I Leave with You (Landgrave)

**Reflection** Elizabeth Savoie

**\* Hymn:** God Weeps MV #78

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

**Announcements** Expectation and Possibility Shirley Cleave

**Invitation to The Offering**

**Offertory Music**

**\*Offertory Verse:** VU#540

**Grant us, God, the grace of giving,  
with a spirit large and free,  
that ourselves and all our living  
we may offer faithfully.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayers of the People**

\* **Closing Hymn:** For The Healing of the Nations VU #678

\* **Commissioning:**  
Risen with Christ,  
may we know the reassurance of God's presence.  
Risen with Christ,  
may we accept the challenge to work in God's way.  
Risen with Christ, may we be living proof that God's love  
will never die.

\***Choral Blessing** VU #963

**Postlude:** Offertoire sur les Grands Jeux (Couperin)

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You are invited to remain for the Postlude as it is part of our Worship Service.  
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**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 following the worship service. Thank you to *members of the Faith Formation Team* for hosting this time of fellowship.

**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).

**CONDOLENCES:** Our love and prayers are with Flemming and Lorie Nielsen on the recent death of Lorie's brother-in-law, Paul Cote who passed away on October 16<sup>th</sup>.



UCW will be taking orders after church TODAY, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> and again next Sunday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> for apple pies. Two sizes 10" for \$8.00 and 6" for \$5.00.

**BOOK CLUB** meets this Tuesday, October 24th (the 4th Tuesday of the month) at 7:00 p.m. in the parlour. (Note that there are 5 Tuesdays in October.) We will be discussing a book on black Canadian issues, in particular the story of Viola Desmond, Canada's **Rosa Parks**. **Members have been reading:** *The Hanging of Angelique* by Afua Cooper; *Sister to Courage* by Wanda Robson; *Viola Desmond's Canada* by Graham Reynolds and *Invisible Shadows* by Verna Thomas, and we will share our findings and thoughts on the struggle for black equality and inclusion in Maritime society. Members, friends and visitors are always welcome at our group, as we share a cup of tea and enthusiasm for books around the fireplace.



You are invited to a congregational dinner and gathering on Friday October 27th at 5:30 pm. Come and join us as we gather in community together to nourish our spirits and our bodies as we prepare ourselves for the ministry and mission of the year ahead. Rev. Catherine Smith will be our guide for the evening with worship and story as our journey continues. Everything will be provided for you, including child care. Just bring yourself and some wonder and curiosity! If you have questions, please call Rev. Rose~Hannah Gaskin (292-1680 or 458-1392).

**CAN YOU HELP?** A family in our congregation is in need of a car. If you are planning on selling a car, or know of a vehicle for sale please contact Yessica Enrique at 460-4749 or [yazuen@gmail.com](mailto:yazuen@gmail.com)

**THANK YOU!** The Faith Formation Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in our first Sampler Saturday – those who led a session, those who made muffins, tea, coffee, those who attended, those who volunteered to lend a hand in so many ways. THANK YOU It was a wonderful day filled with learning, laughter and community.



**WE MET OUR GOAL!** The Book Sale met their goal of \$2,000! In fact, they went over it. A total of \$2,015.05 was made! Thanks again to everyone who helped in any way. Thanks to everyone who donated books to make the sale possible!

## THIS WEEK AT WILMOT

Oct. 22 - 29

### Today:

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

### Mon, Oct. 23:

6:45 p.m. TOASTMASTERS – Board Room

### Tues. Oct. 24:

7:00 p.m. BOOK CLUB – Parlour  
7:00 p.m. MARTIAL ARTS - Gym

### Wed. Oct.25

9:00 a.m. QUILTING and FELLOWSHIP - Parlour  
10:00 a.m. TOY LIBRARY  
1:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY @ WILMOT  
7:00 p.m. NA GROUP – Fireside Room

### Thurs. Oct. 26:

9:30 a.m. QUILTING and FELLOWSHIP – Parlour  
1:00 p.m. WRITERS GROUP – Parlour  
3:00 p.m. INFORMATION T EAM - Parlour  
4:00 p.m. SEEKERS GROUP – Fireside Room  
6:30 p.m. HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICE  
7:30 p.m. CHOIR PRACTICE

### Fri., Oct. 27:

5:30 p.m. “EXPECTATION and POSSIBILITY” - Parlour

### Sat. Oct. 28:

10:00 a.m. TOY LIBRARY  
4:15 p.m. CONGREGATIONAL SWIM  
6:00 p.m. DROP-IN CENTRE - Gym

### Sun. Oct.29:

9:30 a.m. ADULT BIBLE CONVERSATION – Board Room  
11:00 a.m. WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL  
12:00 p.m. COFFEE & CONVERSATION  
12:00 p.m. LISTENING SESSION - Parlour

**CONGREGATIONAL SWIM:** The Fredericton Indoor Pool at the Nashwaaksis Middle School has been rented for our use on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 4:15 - 5:15. We have seen little ones as young as 6 months to a brave senior in his 90s as well as many ages in-between. So mark your calendars and join us for a fun time. Life guards come with the rental. If you have never been there – it is a great pool with a diving board, Tarzan rope, slide and even a small warmer pool for your pleasure. Hope to see you there!

**HELEN A. YOUNG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:** Deadline for applications is October 30<sup>th</sup>. Applicants must be currently enrolled in a post-secondary learning institution, i.e. university, community college, trade school, etc. Applications are in the church office.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SATURDAY DROP-IN:** The Saturday night Drop-in at Wilmot needs a few more volunteers to help welcome Fredericton's downtown community and serve refreshments and snacks. Volunteers are asked to meet at the church at 5:30 p.m. Saturday to help set up. Doors open at 6:00 and close at 8:30. The Abbey generously provides a light meal. As a regular team member you would work one Saturday every 4 weeks. We would also welcome spares who are willing to help out once in a while - usually with at least 4 or 5 days notice. Please call or email Jon Sweeney (452-3499 day; 450-1277 evening; email: sweeneyjonathan0@gmail.com) if you are willing to help. Thanks!

**WILMOT SENIORS:** Please join us for our next gathering which will be on Tuesday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 pm in the parlour. We look forward to welcoming Rose Hannah as our special guest. Rose Hannah is going to share pictures and stories from her March 2017 trip to Florence and Venice, Italy. As usual, we will enjoy a lovely lunch, this month provided by Group 3. See you there! **Looking Ahead** – Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> is our annual Christmas Celebration at Aggies in Islandview.

**THIS AFTERNOON:** Stepping Stone Singers will present an Old Fashion Hymn Sing at 3.00 p.m. at Saint Margaret's Church, Forest Hill. All are invited to come and sing along to your favorites and hear some from the Choir as well. Free will offering.

**NOV. 4: Mental Health Workshop:** The Mental Health Working Group of the Church in Action Committee of Maritime Conference of the United Church of Canada is holding a workshop on November 4th to promote mental health. It is for any interested persons, individuals, families or those involved in congregational activities that may wish to share information on this topic. More information is available on line at <https://marconf.ca/mental-health-work-moving-forward/>. If you want to be part of a car pool that is going to the event, please contact Norman Laverty, 455-3349.

**NOV. 4:** The UCW of St. Paul's United Church, will be hosting their Pre-Christmas Luncheon/Craft/Bake Sale on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch (\$12.00) includes chicken-a-la-king, salad, cranberry sauce, angel food cake with lemon sauce. Mincemeat pies for sale \$6.00 or \$12.00. To order tickets or pie telephone Donna Chauvin 458-5885.

**NOV. 4:** Oromocto United Church Fall Turkey Supper from 4 - 6 p.m. Adults - \$14; Children under 12 - \$6 and Preschoolers - Free. Everyone welcome.

**NOV. 7: DivorceCare - Surviving the Holidays:** If you are separated or divorced the holidays can be a lonely, stressful and depressing time. But there is hope. Join us for an encouraging seminar to discover how to enjoy the holidays again. Grace Memorial Baptist Church, 536 Northumberland St (458-8527) Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 7 - 9 p.m. Cost \$10.