



**WILMOT UNITED CHURCH
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY
February 11, 2018**

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 R-H Gaskin

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Organ Prelude: O God, Thou Righteous God (Brahms)

Handbell Prelude: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence/ Joyful, Rejoice
The Frank T. Pridham Memorial Handbell Choir (McChesney/Osman)

Welcome to the Church

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship:

What can we do on this last Sunday of Epiphany
when the Christmas lights are put away,
the angel choir no longer sings, and the star of the magi has vanished?

We can come into God's presence seeking the light of renewal.

What can we do on this last Sunday of Epiphany
when our skies are mostly grey and we ourselves
feel stuck in a rut and in need of a vacation?

We can come into God's presence seeking the light of renewal.

What can we do on this last Sunday of Epiphany
if we have forgotten the message of Christmas,
our gifts have lost their newness,
and spring is far away?

We can come into God's presence seeking the light of renewal.

Fern Gibbard, for Osoyoos U.C., Osoyoos, B.C.

* **Opening Hymn:** Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

VU #232

Opening Prayer:

Holy God, we give you thanks
for all the ways that you illuminate our lives:
from the beam of your wisdom
that shines forth from scripture and prayer
to the occasional mountaintop experiences
where we can bask in your glory.
In the sparkle of care in our loved ones' eyes
to the bright smile of greeting from a stranger,
your love radiates out to us.
Set us aglow for others
with your wisdom, love, and glory. Amen.

Karen Boivin, City View U.C., Nepean, Ont.

Time with the Young and the Young at Heart

Rev. E. Beairsto

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

VU #299

Listening to Our Hearts' Longing: Psalm 50
Come to worship the Creator of Life and Love.

**We come to listen for God to speak,
invited into a dialogue of transformation.**

Come to worship the One who calls us,
trusting us to be co-creators of God's kingdom

**We come trusting in God's goodness and mercy,
yearning for wholeness in Jesus the Christ.**

Come as a covenant people called to right relation

**We come forged in self-giving,
tempered by the fire of faith-filled living.**

Come as we pray together:

**Speak to our hearts, O God,
that we might know your will and your way.**

Hear our shouts of thanksgiving for faith—

**your gift of new life with the risen Christ.
Grant us your grace by Spirit power,
that we may follow from the inside out.
Bless us in Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

Words of Assurance:

You, O God, are the Light of the World,
leading us to the mountaintop
and manifesting yourself to us.

You fill our hearts and minds and lives
with your glory and your love.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Fern Gibbard, Penticton U.C., Penticton, B.C.

Handbell Choir: O Sacred Head (Wagner)

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Prayer of Preparation: Lois MacDougall

God of Mountains, God of Valleys, and God of the in between and the everyday, we come together today to hear your word for our lives. Please open our hearts and our whole selves as we embrace your unending love and compassion. Amen.

Kate Gregory, Belwood-Metz P.C., Belwood, Ont.

Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 2: 1-12

Second Reading: Mark 9: 2-9

Anthem: Look at the World (Rutter)

Sermon: "In the Brilliant Flash of a Moment" Rev. R-H Gaskin

*** Hymn:** We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding VU #104

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Announcements

Invitation to The Offering:

God is so good to us, sticking by us through thick and thin, of course we are moved to offer gifts in return. Our gifts, our lives, we place at the foot the cross, and dedicate them to God's purposes.

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

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

* **Closing Hymn:** See the Morning Sun Ascending

VU #406

* Commissioning:

You are strengthened by the glimpse of glory.
Your true worship gives you courage to proclaim God's love.
Now may the God of transformation
give you power so that your lives prove you to be God's people.

We go with joy to live out holy love.

Robin Wardlaw, Glen Rhodes U.C., Toronto, Ont.

* Benediction:

May the road rise to meet you,
may the wind be always at your back,
may the sun shine warm upon your face,
may the rains fall soft upon your fields,

and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

*** Choral Amen**

VU #969

Postlude: Allegro

(Corelli)

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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. We're glad you're here! 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 U.C.W. for providing this time of refreshments and 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 condolences are extended to the family of **Joan MacNabb** who passed away Feb. 3rd. Funeral service for Joan was held at McAdam's Funeral Home on Feb. 6th. Also our love and condolences are extended to the family of **Marjorie Atkinson** who passed away on Feb. 4th. Marjorie's service was held in the sanctuary at Wilmot on Feb. 9th.



The Lent issue of **Words from Wilmot** is available from our welcomers at the door this morning and at Coffee and Conversation after worship. Please pick up your copy, and consider taking copies for neighbours, friends or relatives whom you know are unable to get out to church, or would enjoy having a copy. Large print copies are also available, and you will be able to access a copy in colour on the Wilmot website: www.wilmotuc.nb.ca. Please encourage your friends and relatives to check the Wilmot website for our newsletter and updates for all of our special activities during the Lent and Easter season.

FACES OF NEW BRUNSWICK: Those who wish can now purchase Keith Minchin's latest book of photography *Faces of New Brunswick* at the church office for the reduced price of \$30.00. All profits will be generously donated to the Wilmot Local Fund. Look for an article about Keith in the February Words from Wilmot. Copies will also be available for viewing at Coffee and Conversation.



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER! Wilmot's annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is two days away: February 13th from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. The menu features pancakes, baked brown beans, sausages and fresh fruit salad. Free-will Offering. Everyone is welcome! If you would like to volunteer at the event, please contact Ellen at 206-1943.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: On Wednesday February 14th, we will have a short Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary at 7pm. This will be a quiet and contemplative time of candle light, prayer, silence and music to bring yourself into readiness for Lent and to decide what your heart's desire is for this time of introspection and deep growth in the Spirit. You may also choose to walk the labyrinth, which is a very useful metaphor for life's spiritual journey.

WILMOT SENIORS: Please join us for our mid winter potluck luncheon on Tuesday, February 20th at 12 noon in the parlour. Some sing-along fun with Lynda-Jean Coffin will follow our meal. What better way to rid ourselves of the winter blahs than over a delicious meal with friends and a bit of fun afterwards. All seniors and retirees are warmly welcomed.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held following worship on February 25th.

LENTEN DISCUSSION: during Lent, we will be offering a four-part series of after-worship sessions for our shared learning and group discussion.

February 18- "Connecting with our Muslim Neighbours" - Kylie Bergfalk

March 4 – Everybody Eats – food security in NB - Marg Routledge

March 11- “Ending Poverty R US”- How might Christians be called to this work
in 2018? Gail Wylie

March 18- Plight of Palestinian Children - “That’s No Way to Treat a Child”

- Ruth Breen

FOR YOUR ATTENTION: One thing I would invite you to help me with throughout Lent is “Praying The News”. This will be included in our corporate worship. When you hear of a situation in the news that needs our prayers, please help me bring it to light by printing it on a four inch square piece of paper. Bring this to me on Sundays or leave it for me in the office any time. We will have these ‘prayer cards’ available every Sunday during Lent so that individuals can pick out a paper and take it home to pray for that situation throughout the week. Every week, you can take home a prayer card. All through Lent, as you listen to and read the news, keep making me these “prayer cards”. I believe our prayers can make a difference and I need your participation to launch this Wilmot Lenten initiative. Rose-Hannah

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER BIBLE STUDY: The Women’s Inter-Church Council of Fredericton is having the World Day of Prayer Bible Study tomorrow, Feb. 12, at 10 a.m. at Morning Gate Church. Wheelchair Accessible. The 2018 World Day of Prayer service was written by the Women of the Republic of Suriname. Any women of all denomination of faith are encourage to come to the Bible Study.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Could you spare 2.5 hours once every six weeks to help prepare and serve meals to those in need in our city? Wilmot has six teams that rotate at the Fredericton Community Kitchen and several of the teams are in need of new members. If you are interested, please email Beth Paynter at Beth.paynter.nb@gmail.com

CAN YOU HELP? Wilmot needs many hands, hearts and heads to carry out our mission. The Committees listed below are looking for new members/chairs. Sometimes people don't recognize that they have gifts that could support the work of these Committees. If you know someone who would be a good fit, encourage them to volunteer or speak to one of the ministers. Also, consider how you might get involved in one of these committees. Thanks for helping Wilmot to build strong committees to do their important work. If you would like more information or are interested in something not listed, please contact Shirley Cleave (scleave@nb.sympatico.ca) or one of the ministers.

Worship – committee member

Trustees – chair & committee members

Hospitality – Special Event Convenors

Ministry & Personnel – committee member

Stewards – chair & committee members

50th ANNIVERSARY: Forest Hill United Church in Fredericton is celebrating its 50th Anniversary with special events in 2018. On February 18 (storm date March 11) there will be a service at 10:00 a.m. led by Rev. Deborah Ambridge Fisher. Guest speaker will be the President of Maritime Conference, Rev Richard Bowley. Founding members will have a role reading Scripture and assisting with communion. There will be displays of the colourful banners that have enhanced the worship space over the decades, plus other displays of activities at Forest Hill United Church over the last fifty years. There will be a light lunch and anniversary cake following the service and all are welcome.

LENTEN CARBON FAST

Consider a Carbon Fast again this year during the season of Lent. We will provide you with daily suggestions for reducing energy consumption and overall carbon footprints. Some will be the same as last year while others are new.

Day One (Ash Wednesday)

Remove one light bulb and live without it for the next 40 days. Replace three frequently used light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs. If every household did it, we would prevent a trillion pounds of greenhouse gases from entering the atmosphere.

Thursday Check your home for drafts with a ribbon or feather. If it flutters, add weatherproofing measures.

Friday Tread lightly. Whether by foot, bike, bus or car, find ways to reduce carbon emissions when you travel today. Not driving just one day a week can reduce CO2 emissions by about 8 pounds per week. That adds up to about 400 pounds of CO2 per year. (Source: Consumer Reports)

Saturday **Be sure to recycle** everything possible.

Sunday, February 18

Read Genesis 1:1-2:3 and reflect on the goodness, beauty and power of creation. Offer gratitude for the creation and sustenance of the earth and for everything that is good on earth. Go for a walk near your home and notice what's beautiful around you. Encourage others to join in our Fast as we increase our witness to faithful creation care.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE: *The Women's Inter-Church Council is having the World Day of Prayer Services for 2018 in the Fredericton Areas. The World Day of Prayers is being prepared by the Women of the Republic of Suriname. The Theme is "All God's Creation is Very Good!" Please come and join us on Friday, March 2, with Christians in more than 170 countries around the world and in 2,000 communities across Canada who will gather to learn about, pray, and celebrate in Solidarity with the people of The Republic of Suriname through the World Day of Prayer.*

Northside/ Maryville: All Saints Anglican Church, 172 Canada Street, Friday, March 2, at 7 p.m. Storm Date: Sunday, March 4, at 2:30 p.m.

Forest Hill/Lincoln: St. Francis of Assisi, Lincoln Road, Friday, March 2, at 7 p.m. Storm Date: Sunday, March 4, at 2 p.m.

Hanwell/New Maryland: Holy Family Parish Church, 1500 Hanwell Road, Friday, March 2, at 7 p.m. No Storm Date.

Southside: Morning Gate Church, 74 Morning Gate Drive Sunday, March 4, at 2 p.m. No Storm Date.

Contact name and phone number: Debbie Heustis 472-2916.

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

Feb 11 – 18th

TODAY:

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

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

Mon, Feb. 12:

- 1:00 p.m. U.C.W. - Parlour
6:45 p.m. TOASTMASTERS CLUB – Board Room

Tues, Feb. 13:

- 12:00 p.m. WORSHIP COMMITTEE - Parlour
5:00 p.m. PANCAKE SUPPER 5:00 – 6:30 – Gym
7:00 p.m. STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE COMMITTEE – Board Room

Wed. Feb. 14:

- 9:00 a.m. QUILTING and FELLOWSHIP - Parlour
10:00 a.m. TOY LIBRARY
1:00 p.m. WEDNESDAYS @ WILMOT
12:00 p.m. MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER – Fireside Room
7:00 p.m. PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - Parlour
7:00 p.m. NA GROUP – Fireside Room

Thurs. Feb. 15:

- 9:30 a.m. QUILTING and FELLOWSHIP – Parlour
4:00 p.m. SEEKERS GROUP - Parlour
6:30 p.m. HANDBELL CHOIR
7:00 p.m. MARTIAL ARTS - Gym
7:30 p.m. CHOIR PRACTICE

Sat. Feb 17:

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

Sun. Feb 18:

COMMUNION

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