





## WILMOT UNITED CHURCH

January 14, 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 Rose-Hannah Gaskin

### THE GATHERING

**Organ Prelude:** Prayer (Vierne)

**We Light the Christ Candle**

**Prayer of Approach**

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

**Time for the Young and Young at Heart** Rev. E. Beairsto

\* **Hymn:** Tell Me the Stories of Jesus VU #537

### LISTENING FOR TRUTH

**Prayer of Confession Responsive Psalm 139** VU #861

**Guitar Solo:** Be Thou My Vision – Steven Peacock (arr. S. Peacock)

**Assurance of God's Love**

**Prayer of Preparation:** Steven Peacock

**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:** 1 Samuel 3: 1-10  
John 1: 35-51

## **Congregational Response:**

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Anthem:** Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You (Althouse)

**Sermon:** 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**

### **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—  
all who are sick, unemployed,  
bereaved, persecuted, or homeless;  
all who are demoralized and discouraged,  
all whose fear has turned to cynicism,  
all whose vulnerability has become bitterness.  
O God, you are with us in darkness and in light.  
In the embrace of this sanctuary,  
we pray for those who are near to our hearts—  
colleagues, partners, parents, children, neighbours, friends.  
We thank you God for their presence,  
and ask you to bless and protect them in all that they do—  
at home, at school, as they travel, as they work, as they play.  
O God, you are with us in darkness and in light.  
In the serenity of this sacred space, we bring to you, O God,  
our fears and concerns, our hopes and our visions.  
In your presence, we come face to face with ourselves,  
and with the road that lies ahead of us.  
In the solitude of the dark times of our lives,  
we find expectant hope for the journey.  
O God, we know you are with us in darkness and in light. Amen.

\* **Closing Hymn:** Will You Come and Follow Me

VU #567

**\* Commissioning:**

One: From where we are to where you need us,

**All: Christ be beside us.**

One: From what we are to what you can make of us,

**All: Christ be before us.**

One: From the mouthing of generalities to making signs of your kingdom,

**All: Christ be beneath us.**

One: Through the streets of this world to the gates of heaven,

**All: Christ be above us.**

One: Surround us with your presence, inspire us with your purpose,  
confirm us in your love.

**All: Amen.**

**\* Benediction**

**\* Choral Amen**

**Postlude:** **Finale and Fughetta** (Fischer)

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

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Carleton Street doors are closed now for the winter. Please use the doors around the corner into the Dr. GM Young Hall and Parlour.

**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.

**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).

**BAPTISM:** We will be celebrating Baptism again on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>. If anyone is interested in baptism or in renewing their baptismal vows, please let Rev. R-H Gaskin or Rev. E. Beairsto know.

**WILMOT SENIORS:** Why don't you join us on Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. in the parlour for a fun afternoon of Bingo! As usual, there will be great prizes and a delicious refreshment time which will be provided this month by Group 1. All seniors and retirees are warmly welcome!



### **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER!**

Shrove Tuesday (**February 13**) is the day that Pancake Suppers will be held around the world. So mark the date and plan on joining us for a Delicious Pancake Supper (**5:00 – 6:30**). This has been successfully held many times here at Wilmot over the years and so we once again look forward to hosting it. Stay tuned for more details and feel free to call **Derek Ness (999-6554)**, **Judy Luton (459-1099)** or **Ellen (206-1943)** if you have any questions.

**THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU:** As a congregation, we could not carry out our mission without the dedication and hard work of many people carrying out a wide variety of roles and responsibilities. Please consider how you might get involved in one of the committees that support the work we do at Wilmot. Specific vacancies are listed below, but if you are interested in something that is not listed or would like more information, please contact Shirley Cleave ([scleave@nb.sympatico.ca](mailto:scleave@nb.sympatico.ca)) or one of the ministers.

- Worship – committee member
- Trustees – chair & committee members
- Hospitality – Special Event Conveners
- Ministry & Personnel – committee member
- Stewards – committee member

## THIS WEEK AT WILMOT

Jan 14 – 20<sup>th</sup>

### TODAY:

11:00 a.m.      **WORSHIP**  
12:00 p.m.      **COFFEE & CONVERSATION**

### Mon, Jan. 15:

1:00 p.m.      **U.C.W.** – Parlour  
5:00 p.m.      **FLAC BOARD MEETING** – Fireside Room  
6:30 p.m.      **FREE LEGAL ADVICE CLINIC** – Various Rooms  
6:45 p.m.      **TOASTMASTERS CLUB** – Board Room

### Tues, Jan. 16:

1:30 p.m.      **WILMOT SENIORS** – Parlour  
4:15 p.m.      **MEN'S MEDITATION GROUP** – Fireside Room  
6:30 p.m.      **PASTORAL HEALTH & CARE COMMITTEE** - Parlour  
7:00 p.m.      **STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE COMMITTEE** – Board Room

### Wed. Jan. 17:

9:00 a.m.      **QUILTING and FELLOWSHIP** - Parlour  
10:00 a.m.      **TOY LIBRARY**  
1:00 p.m.      **WEDNESDAYS @ WILMOT**

### Thurs. Jan. 18:

9:30 a.m.      **QUILTING and FELLOWSHIP** - Parlour  
3:00 p.m.      **INFORMATION TEAM** – Parlour  
4:00 p.m.      **SEEKERS GROUP** – Fireside Room  
6:30 p.m.      **HANDBELL CHOIR**  
7:30 p.m.      **PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** - Parlour  
7:30 p.m.      **CHOIR PRACTICE**

### Fri., Jan. 19:

7:00 p.m.      **SHIVERING SONGS** - Sanctuary

### Sat. Jan 20:

10:00 a.m.      **TOY LIBRARY**  
1:00 p.m.      **SHIVERING SONGS** – Sanctuary  
6:00 p.m.      **DROP-IN CENTRE**  
7:00 p.m.      **SHIVERING SONGS** – Sanctuary

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**JAN. 15 - 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, January 15<sup>th</sup>, at 10 a.m. at Morning Gate Church, 74 Morning Gate Drive. Go route 640 South toward Silverwood, turn left off Patience Lane pass Shannex. Follow Patience Lane and Rainsford Lane, turn right onto Morning Gate Drive. It is 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 help plan for the World Day of Prayer which will be held on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. On that day please join us with 170 Countries worldwide as we pray for justice and peace.

**JAN. 25 -** The Fredericton Women's Inter-Church Council will be hosting a Panel discussion on the Theme ***"God's Dream for Us: Finding Unity in Diversity."***

Place: Holy Family Church, 1500 Hanwell Road

Date: Thursday, January 25, 2018

Time: 2 - 4 p.m.

Members involved in the Panel Discussion are Moderator Mary Ryan along with Gladys Lacey-House, Linda Lamont, Nancy Bauer, Dr. W. Barry Miller, Margaret Leonard, Kate Rogers, Chris McAloon, Lisa Bamford, Kay Furlong, Shirley DeMerchant and Father Monte Peters. **Storm date** will be Sunday, January 28, 2018 from 2 – 4 p.m., same place. Ample parking available. There are no stairs. Patrons can be dropped off at the door. Free-will donation to Liberty Lane, a home for Abused Women.

**THE WEEK OF CHRISTIAN UNITY** is from January 22-28 For the Week of Christian Unity there will be, hosted by the Women's Inter-Church Council, a Panel discussion on the theme "God's Dream for Us: Finding Unity in Diversity "on Thursday, Jan. 25 from 2 – 4 p.m. at Holy Family Roman Catholic Church , 1500 Hanwell Road. Storm date will be on Sunday, Jan. 28, from 2 – 4 p.m. at the same place.



**ECUMENICAL FAITH DELEGATION TO HONDURAS, January 24 - 30**

For more information please contact:

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**DIVORCECARE** will be held at Grace Memorial Baptist Church, 536 Northumberland St. on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. beginning on January 16<sup>th</sup>. For more information or to register, please contact the church office at 458-8527.