





## Opening Prayer:

Holy and gracious God,

we come before you on this snowy day,

grateful for the gift of life and for this community of faith.

As we listen to stories of wilderness wanderings,

help us to grow in understanding of your way.

As we search our hearts, help us to remember that we are not alone.

We come before you with praise and thanksgiving

as we raise our voices in song.

\* **Opening Hymn:** Let All Things Now living

VU #242

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

Rev. E. Beairsto

\* **Hymn:** God of the Bible

MV #28

**Connecting to our Heart's Longing:** Psalm 111

VU Page 833

## LISTENING FOR TRUTH

### Prayer of Preparation

David Coon

We seek your light this morning, O Creator God. By your Spirit illumine the words of Holy Scripture that they may be to us the Word of God; shine with clarity and vitality through this morning's messengers that they may rightly interpret to us the Word of God; enlighten our hearts and minds that we may be shaped in the form of Jesus, the Light of the World and the Living Word of God. And all God's people say, **Amen.**

*Carol E. Bayma, Royster Memorial Presbyterian Church, Norfolk, Virginia.*

### Scripture Reading:

1 Corinthians 8: 1-13

Mark 1: 21-28

### Congregational Response:

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

**Anthem:** Eternal God (Rutter)  
**Sermon:** A Church Without Barriers Rev. R-H Gaskin  
**\* Hymn:** God Who Spread the Boundless Prairie MV #53

## **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:**

God we offer our gifts to you,  
and as we do so, we pray that they may be used  
to lift the burden of those in need,  
that all might know your love and abiding presence. Amen.

### **Prayers of the People**

**The Casa Del Sol Prayer of Jesus** (Paraphrase by John Philip Newell)

**Ground of all being,  
Mother of life, Father of the universe,  
your name is sacred, beyond speaking.  
May we know your presence,  
may your longings be our longings in heart and in action.**

**May there be food for the human family today  
and for the whole earth community.  
Forgive us the falseness of what we have done  
as we forgive those who are untrue to us.  
Do not forsake us in our time of conflict  
but lead us into new beginnings.  
For the life of life,  
the vitality of life,  
and the glory of life are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

**\* Closing Hymn:**     Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

VU #421

**\*Commissioning:**

The Spirit dances here among us.

The Christ goes with you on your way.

The Holy One gives you power to give this song

to those you meet.

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

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Amen**

VU #969

**Postlude:**             Fanfare in C

(Bach)

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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 Prayer Shawl Ministry 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).

**THANK YOU:** Thanks very much to all the Wilmot family that made my Christmas so special. Thank you for all you gave me that made the new year a lot brighter too.  
God Bless you all. Wilma

**THANK YOU!** Christmas hampers were prepared and delivered to 33 refugee families who arrived in Canada during the past year. Thank you for the gifts for the children, the monetary donations, for helping to wrap the gifts, and delivering the hampers to the families. **Thank you** for the many years of support for this Christmas project. Over the past few years we have not only seen an increase in the number of families arriving but also in the size of the families. We will be meeting with our friends at Multicultural Association to reassess this project and to explore other ways we may help refugee families at Christmas time.



Carleton Street doors are closed now for the winter. Please use the doors off the parking lot into the Dr. G.M. Young Hall and parlour.

**DISCUSSION PAGE FOR REGIONS PROPOSAL:** Maritime Conference has reactivated our Regions Facebook page for discussion of the Boundaries Commission report on Regions, especially from the Maritime perspective. Please follow the link, and join the conversation! <https://www.facebook.com/MarConfRegionsDiscussion/>

**WILMOT BOOK CLUB:** Because of inclement weather Book Club has been re-scheduled for the 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month, January 30<sup>th</sup>. We will discuss the same book *The Unlikely Redemption of John Alexander MacNeil* by Lesley Choice. Come enjoy a bit of humour in the discussion of this witty and heart warming novel to brighten up your January blahs. All are 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.

**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](mailto: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
- Council - Secretary

**WILMOT SENIORS:** Please join us for our mid winter potluck luncheon on Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> 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.



The deadline for submissions of articles and notices for the **Lent** issue of *Words from Wilmot* is Friday, February 2 in order to prepare it for printing and distribution on Sunday, February 11. Please send your articles to [lcaseley@caseley.net](mailto:lcaseley@caseley.net) and include all activities and news up to the summer issue which will be delivered in June.

### **TELLER TRAINING**

For anyone interested in assisting with the counting of Sunday's collection, there will be opportunities for one-on-one training during the month of February. Tellers and Chief Tellers usually agree to count the four or five Sundays in any given month, but will only be scheduled once or twice a year, depending on their wishes and availability. Standard forms make the process easy, and each week the work takes approximately 30 to 60 minutes, depending on the size of the congregation. Tellers usually operate in teams of 2, and all necessary supplies are provided. Becoming a Teller, or perhaps a Chief teller, can be a satisfying way to use your talents in the work of the church, and your contribution will be greatly appreciated. For more information, or to arrange training, please contact Flemming Nielsen at 471-8356.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:** A New Ombudsperson for Responsible Enterprise created to investigate human rights complaints against overseas operations by Canadian companies! The Church in Action committee of Maritime Conference, informed by its work with "Breaking the Silence" in reporting on Canadian mining operations in Guatemala and Colombia, has been an active player over years in lobbying the federal government to implement this position and legislation to hold Canadian companies responsible for their human rights impacts abroad. The report from Mining Watch Canada marks the successful culmination of those efforts and the hopes for effective, independent work leading to government actions on violations. Read their report and link to the whole multi-government history of this issue back to 2005: <https://miningwatch.ca/news> and click on "Long-Fought-For Ombudsperson...." (Article posted on Gym Bulletin Board.)

## THIS WEEK AT WILMOT

Jan 28 - Feb 4<sup>th</sup>

### TODAY:

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

### Mon, Jan. 29:

6:45 p.m. TOASTMASTERS CLUB – Board Room

### Tues, Jan. 30:

4:15 p.m. MEN'S MEDITATION GROUP – Fireside Room  
7:00 p.m. BOOK CLUB – Parlour  
7:00 p.m. MARTIAL ARTS

### Wed. Jan. 31:

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

### Thurs. Feb. 1:

9:30 a.m. QUILTING and FELLOWSHIP - Parlour  
6:30 p.m. HANDBELL CHOIR  
7:00 p.m. PROPERTY DEVOLPEMENT COMMITTEE – Parlour  
7:00 p.m. MARTIAL ARTS  
7:30 p.m. CHOIR PRACTICE

### Sat. Feb 3:

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

### Sun. Feb 4:

#### BAPTISM SUNDAY

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