

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Announcements ~

Gathering Song ~ O come let us adore Him (3x)
Christ the Lord

Lighting of the Christ Candle

***Singing:** For He alone is worthy (3x),
Christ the Lord

Call to Worship:

Leader: With the light of Christ's love, God reveals a light that dispels our darkness.

People: The glory of Christ shines in our world that God's will might be made known to all.

Leader: Let us open our eyes! Let us open our hearts and minds!

People: Let us lift our voices in praise to God!

Singing: *Arise Your Light Is Come* VU#79

Prayer of Approach: O God, our light, our beauty, our rest: with the appearance of Your Son You have brought us into Your new creation. Form us into Your people, and order our lives in You; through Christ we pray ...

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen. (Yeah God!)

Anthem: *Beautiful Star of Bethlehem*

Oh beautiful star (beautiful, beautiful star) of Bethlehem
Star of Bethlehem
Shine upon us until the glory dawn
Give us a lamp to light the way
Unto the land of perfect day
Oh beautiful star of Bethlehem shine on

Children's Time

Singing: *The First Nowell* VU#91 vs. 1,2,5,6

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 42: 1-9 p. 584;
Matthew 2: 1-12 p. 783; Matthew 3:13-17 p. 784

Reflections: **Transitioning**

Singing: *When Jesus Comes to be Baptized* VU#100

WE RESPOND IN FAITHFULNESS

Presentation of Ourselves and Gifts to God

Doxology So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,
Come one and all to own Him;
The King of Kings, salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
This, this is Christ the King
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Joy, joy, for Christ is born
The Babe, the Son of Mary (VU#74)

Offertory Prayer ~ Gracious God, may generosity be our watchword as we offer this money: the generosity of gifts presented; the generosity of faith shared; the generosity of hope declared. Bless our giving through the generous Spirit of Jesus. Amen

We come to prayer singing

Jesus, Saviour, pilot me
Over life's tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll,
Hiding rock and treacherous shoal;
Chart and compass come from Thee,
Jesus, Saviour, pilot me.
SOG#146

We bring our prayers to God

Singing: *Joy to the World* VU#59

Benediction

We extend the hand of Christian Fellowship to our visitors & ask you to sign the visitors' book. We hope you'll return next Sunday. You are invited to Memorial Hall for coffee & conversation. Serving you this morning is the United Church Women (UCW).



Please Pray For: Baby David & his family, Marsk, Rennie & Keifer, Antoine, Pat Ashworth, Shelley Baumann, Bernice, Bonnie, Tea Kinsella-Borden, Brigida, Muriel Brophy, Carol, Caroly, Laura Cuthbertson, Dianah, Raphael Daros, Heather Downs, Eric Drakeford, Sylvan Duguay Andrew Eccles, Mary-Alice Epps, Ron Epps, Gail, Linda Gallant, Jo Gaston, George, Gladys, Myrna Hall, Jennifer, Justin, Fern Lafontaine, Lance & family, Roger Laplante, Jan, Jemma Mahabir, Marcelle, Laura McLean, Kathy Meney, Mile, Michael, Cheryl Miller, Sharon Miller, Sandra Murphy, Ib Nielsen, Bob Owens, Paige, Patrick, Julie Patterson, Anne & Ernie Presseau, Sarah Puskas, Margaret Reany & family, Suzanne Ross, Bruce Ryan, Lou & Joan Sarka, Eileen & Donald Sim, Reynold Skeete, Dylan Stanamir, Frank Stark, Madeline Stevens, Christina & Cameron Vincent, Margaret Whittal, Fred Wicks, Joanne Wilken, John Wiwcharyk, Shirley Yarnell

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- **Session meets this Wednesday, January 11, 2017**
- **Your subscription to *Observer* is due now. Please see Sandra to renew it.**

Reminders:

- Our food pantry is depleted. We would need canned meat, tuna, beans and veggies, peanut butter, coffee & tea and whatever else you might be willing to donate. Thank you for your generosity.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday	9:00 am	Badminton
Wednesday	7:30 pm	Session Meeting
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Thursday	9:00 am	Badminton
Friday	8:00 pm	AA Meeting

What kids say about the Wise Men...

Rashneet, six: "The wise men brought coconut oil which was made of coconut, some sweets and some gold."

Dominic, six: "I don't know what the three wise men brought Jesus but I would have given him a tin of biscuits. I think Mary, Joseph and Jesus would have all liked a biscuit."

Ellie, five: "The three wise men brought Jesus gold, Frank and sense and myrrh - no real presents. I feel sorry for him."

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184th Anniversary Year ~ 1833-2017

~ WORSHIP ~

January 8, 2017 ~ 10:30 am



Minister: Rev. K. Alice McAlpine

Director of Music Ministry: Doreen Gilbert Bangs

To greet you ~

Elder: Audrey Bauer

Stewards: Jonathan Bergeron & Jim Meldrum