

Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council
Plymouth-Trinity United Church
Order of Worship

December 30, 2018

Prelude

Welcome and greetings

Call to worship

***Gathering hymn**

VU 59 (v 1)

Joy to the world

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

***Opening prayer**

***Opening hymn**

VU 35

Good Christian friends, rejoice

Children's time

OT: Old Testament

NT: New Testament

VU: Voices United

MV: More Voices

* the congregation standing, as able

Prayer of confession and Affirmation of grace

***Response**

VU 59 (v 4)

He rules the earth with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

***Affirmation of faith**

***Hymn**

VU 62

Once in royal David's city

Prayer for illumination

Scriptures

Luke 2:41-52

(NT 59)

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Message : Growing steps

Personal reflection

***Hymn**

VU 45

Joy is now in every place

Minute for mission

Offering

***Offertory/Prayer of dedication**

VU 537

Your work, O God, needs many hands to help you everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share.
Because we love you and your work, our offering now we make:
be pleased to use it as your own, we ask for Jesus' sake.

Announcements and sharing in the life of the community

**Acknowledging the land and Prayers of the people
followed by the Lord's Prayer**

***Hymn**

VU 76

See amid the winter's snow

***Sending and Benediction**

***Closing response**

Amen

Postlude

Announcements

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. On this last Sunday of the year 2018, the gentle winds of the Holy Spirit invite us to another cycle of growth – emotional, physical, spiritual...

Bienvenue à l'Église Unie Plymouth-Trinity! Des **Bibles en français** se trouvent à l'arrière.

If you are a visitor, please join us for fair-trade coffee or a cold drink after the service and take a peace candle back to your congregation. You will find the candles on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

We thank our volunteers:

Readers: Rev. Martyn Sadler & Demitry Willard

Ushers: Inge Lunkenbein & Val Rawlings

Sexton: Robert Stratton

Many thanks again to Kristi Roht, who spent much time and energy decorating the sanctuary so beautifully for the Christmas season. Her work is much appreciated, as is that of the other decorators, Chris Bryant and Michael Eby, as well as Val Rawlings and Carol Smith for the tree in the parlour.

Happy birthday to Everett Boynton (Dec. 31); happy anniversary to Selma Chipenda-Dansokho & Samuel Dansokho (Jan. 3).

Bulletin covers 2019: Inge Lunkenbein (819-346-7750) is collecting donations for 2019: \$10 a Sunday in memory of a loved one. Sign up at table at the back of the sanctuary.

Falling ice warning: Please don't park too close to the building, as ice may slide off the roof and smash onto you or your vehicle.

The church office will be closed for the holidays; the secretary returns Thursday, January 3.

Minister's Christmastide holidays: Samuel will be off from January 2 to 4, and from the 8th to the 10th. Samuel will still be available for emergencies, and you can always see him right after worship services!

My Christmas Gift, for the Mission and Service of The United Church of Canada. Envelopes for this special donation are available today. Please be generous.

Today

The holidays can be difficult for some; AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) meets at P-T every Sunday night, at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

Next week

Sunday, Jan. 6, Epiphany

Lectionary readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14;

Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

Worship in English at 10:30 a.m.; culte en français à 13 h

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Perfect Gift cards: Feeling sheepish because you forgot a gift?

Consider giving a perfect (slightly late) gift, by making a donation to the United Church's Mission and Service or the local food bank, Moisson Estrie, in the name of a family member or friend. Hand-made cards are available, in English and French, on the tables at the front and back of the sanctuary.

We thank Janet McBurney for these beautiful cards.

Open to the Spirit: the Soul's Alphabet, Awakening – Zeal: Reflections and ideas for writing. This booklet contains weekly columns from The Sherbrooke Record by the Rev. Mead

Baldwin, the Rev. Lee Ann Hogle, and others. It is available at \$18 from Mead at 819-837-1112 or meadbaldwin@live.com and Lee Ann at 819-571-7233 or lahogle@cgocable.ca ; all profits to local United Church endeavours.

Outreach

The local food bank assists 60 families each day as well as providing food for almost 50 other community organisations. Especially needed at this time of year are baking ingredients (flour, sugar...), pasta, rolled oats, cereals and tinned food. There are boxes marked for the Moisson Estrie food bank at the front and back of the sanctuary. Hunger still helps define poverty. Cheques are also welcome!

The United Church's Gifts with Vision – to help us celebrate special occasions throughout the year – no wrapping paper necessary! There are gifts of food for people near and far, for our United Spirit/Esprit Uni summer camp, solar power gifts, gifts for beekeepers, gifts for reconciliation, and more at giftswithvision.ca . You will also find paper copies of the 2018/19 catalogue at the back of the sanctuary and opposite the coffee table.

A very happy new year to all!

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