
BETHANY UNITED CHURCH

OF THE EAST DISTRICT, NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR CONFERENCE

Organist/Choir Director: Leslie Forward - Supply Organists: Sharon Dean, Ruth Davidge, Louise Drotter

Caretaker: Wayne Parsons Secretary: Lisa Butt

Clergy: Rev. Beverly (Youth & Christian Education) & Rev. Stephen (Worship & Pastoral Care)

Sunday School White Gift Service

December 13th, 2009

GATHERING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

INTROIT: Beginner Choir - "I'm Gonna Shout"

WELCOME AND LIFE & WORK OF OUR CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP -OPENING PRAYER -

L: Let's join together to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

All: We come with love in our hearts for the Baby Jesus.

L: Let's give thanks that we have the freedom to join together in worship.

All: We give thanks for the opportunity to be together as a Church Family.

L: Let's rejoice in knowing that the Baby in the manger was God's greatest gift to us.

All: Thank you God for the Hope, Peace, Joy and Love that you have given us through your Son, Jesus.

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer:

Loving God, we come with joyful hearts to thank you for the Babe in the manger of Bethlehem. We sing with the angels announcing His birth. We thank you for His humble birth, His life among us, and His death on the cross. May our hearts truly understand the magnificence of your gift to us. In your giving, help us to remember all those in need this day. Bless our families both far and near. We ask these things in Jesus' name who taught us to pray.... Our Father....

Hymn: Oh Come All Ye Faithful Vs. 1-3 VU 60

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem:

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us
adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

2. God of God, light of light,
lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;
very God, begotten, not created: R

3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God in the highest: R

Advent Candle: Michelle Case & Michaela Case
(please see back of bulletin)

Youth Choir: The First Christmas Gift

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Readings: Luke 2: 1-7: Austin Matthews
Luke 2: 8-20: Adam Matthews

Offering: (Terri Green & Cody Green and Sheila Green & Andrew Green)

Offertory Prayer:

Jesus bless the gifts we bring you
Give them something kind to do
May they help someone to love you
Jesus may we love you too. Amen

Songbirds: Little Drummer Boy

SUNDAY SCHOOL WHITE GIFT PROGRAM

Welcome: Sophia Deering / Alex Gillespie

Nursery & Beginners: Happy Birthday Jesus

Kindergarten: I Can Not But I Can

Grade 1 & 2: That Night In Bethlehem

Grade 3: The Best Gift

Grade 4 & 5: In Humility

Grade 6: Good News

Confirmation: The Most Special Present

Singing: We Wish You A Merry Christmas

Closing Wishes: Megan Case & Cameron King (Grade 3)

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

Hymn: Go Tell It On The Mountain VU 43
Closing Prayer and Sending Forth



WELCOME

We welcome everyone to our worship this morning with a special welcome to all visitors.



Bethany Congregation will be hosting a farewell POTLUCK for Rev. Stephen & Rev. Beverly & Family. This will take place downstairs after the church service. See You All There!

Please note that Sunday School will reopen on January 10th, and we wish everyone a MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Memorials have been received to the glory of God and in Loving Memory of **Dorothy Swain** from Cheryl & Byron Briggs & Family, Carolyn & Sean Murphy, Verna Swain and Carter Power's.

A Reminder to ALL Sunday School Teachers & ALL Christian Development Committee members, we will be having our Christmas Supper at Fongs on Wednesday Night (Dec. 16) @ 6pm.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO.....Elmer Davis who will be celebrating his birthday on Thursday (Dec. 17). Best wishes from your family and friends here at Bethany!



REMINDERS



TONIGHT - CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING at 7:00pm **CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE A MEMORIAL BY 5:00pm**



1385 Shoeboxes were loaded on to the trucks last week, and 144 of them were from Bethany!!!!!! We would like to say Thank You to all of those who helped load the shoeboxes on the trucks.

- Today @ 2pm** service at the Interfaith Home
- Monday Night @ 7:30pm-** Senior Choir
- Tuesday Night @ 7pm,** here at the church, Executive Council Meeting.
- Thursday Night @ 7:30pm-** Extra Senior Choir Practice.
- Friday Night @ 6pm** Beginners & Youth Choir practice for Christmas Eve.
- Friday Night @ 7pm** Explorers & Youth Group Christmas Party!!!!!!
- Saturday Morning @ 9:30am** Choir Coffee & Rehearsal.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS - 2009

If you can help with some of the items, please let Rev. Stephen know. If you or someone you know is in need of a Hamper, let Rev. Stephen know.

NEXT SUNDAY

11am- Choir Cantata, 2:30pm service at the Luxury Estates and 7pm- Vesper Service led by the Explorer's
Please Note: After the MORNING service (next Sunday),

Call for Skates/Helmets*: Davis Elementary is asking for donations of skates/helmets to support its skating program this year. Students will be skating monthly, and to help keep costs down for parents of quickly growing children, Davis is providing free skates/helmets to those in need. If you have any skates/helmets to donate to this worthwhile program - including adult sizes (which may be used by larger children) -

please drop them by the school any time during the school day. If you have any questions, please contact the school at 596-5012. THANK YOU for helping our children learn to skate! (**Helmets must be CSA approved hockey helmets.*)

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR Mission and Service Fund.

Our National Church has contacted Churches asking for a special Appeal.

Put an extra loonie, two-onie, extra change in your envelope for M and S.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Christmas Eve Worship (Dec.24) - 7pm
New Years Eve Worship (Dec. 31) - 11pm

