
THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Bethany United Church, Carbonear

Guest Preacher: Rev. Wayne Blackwood

Clergy: Rev. Beverly Matthews (Youth and Christian Education)

Rev. Stephen Matthews (Worship and Pastoral Care)

Organist: Leslie Forward **Supply Organists:** Sharon Dean, Ruth Davidge & Louise Drover

Caretaker: Wayne Parsons **Secretary:** Lisa Butt

November 22, 2009 - 11am

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

GATHERING MUSIC: Come to My Heart

Come to my heart, Lord Jesus; teach me to walk in your way.

Come to my heart, Lord Jesus; come to my heart today.

Give me the peace and joy that only you can bring.

Come to my heart, Lord Jesus; give me a song to sing.

CHURCH LIFE AND WORK

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM CO-CHAIR OF COUNCIL

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: You have heard of some of the ministries that we share in together. Let us be enabled to hear the voice of Jesus Christ calling us to be about his life's work.

P: **Through the grace of Christ, we are called. By the Spirit of God, we are enabled.**

L: Through this time of worship, let us be strengthened and our resolve to follow Jesus heightened. Come, Holy Spirit into our midst and may the example of Christ led each one of our lives as we worship.

OPENING PRAYER:

Holy God, many come in eagerness to set Christ as their Hope. For whatever reason I have assembled this morning with my sisters and brothers in faith, I pray that your Spirit will work within me, drawing me closer to your purposes and strengthening me by your love and mercy. O God, I pray: *work within me, in all earnest, that my life may be yours.* In the name of Jesus, I pray. Amen

HYMN - Worship the Lord (401) *During the singing of the hymn, Sunday School goes to their activities and those who have Shoe Boxes may bring forth the Boxes to the front.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison): Almighty God, you love us, but we have not always loved you; you call, but we have sometimes not listened. We have walked away from neighbours in need, and have been wrapped up in our own concerns. God of all mercy, help us to hear the needs in and beyond our community. Help us to hear your voice and with your strength, to respond. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

L: Take comfort in the assurance that even those things that are hidden from memory, or are too deep for our words, are not beyond God's forgiving love. God, who knows us completely, bestows pardon and peace.

P: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE: 2 Samuel 23:1-7 - Sharon Dean
Responsive Psalm 132, Part 1 (page 854)
John 18:33-37 - Betty Priddle

CHOIR ANTHEM: *Go Ye Into All The World*

SERMON

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

OUR OFFERING TO GOD

The Call: Remember the words of Jesus who said: "Freely you have received, freely give." With joy, let us present offerings of commitment and support for the work of Christ's church.*

Praising God in Song:

- 1 We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring. We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.
- 2 We worship you, God of our mothers and fathers, through trial and tempest, companion and guide. When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,

but faithful to your promise, you walk by our side.

** George Allan, Sprucedale Pastoral Charge; Gathering, page 42.*

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3. With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing,
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

Offertory Prayer: The offering we make today has the power
to help others. The offering we make today
demonstrates our love for those in need. The offering
we make today reflects your love, O God. Bless these
gifts we pray, in Jesus' name. AMEN*

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER
BEING SENT ON GOD'S MISSION

HYMN - God of Grace (686)

COMMISSIONING

L: Where Christ walks,	P: we will follow.
L: Where Christ stumbles,	P: we will stop.
L: Where Christ cries,	P: we will listen.
L: Where Christ suffers,	P: we will hurt.
L: When Christ dies,	
P: we will bow our heads in sorrow.	
L: When Christ rises again in glory,	
P: we will share in endless joy.	
L: Take heart, take up your cross, go in peace.	
P: Amen.**	

BENEDICTION

L: May the God of promise shower you with rainbows daily.
May Jesus the Christ colour your life with the
perfection of his love. May the Spirit, your companion
on life's journey take your hand and lead you towards
her peace. May you be blessed by the name of God
today and all days.

CHORAL AMEN

WELCOME

We welcome everyone to our service this morning, with a special welcome to all visitors. We also welcome Rev. Wayne Blackwood to our Church. Please introduce yourselves as you leave.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthday greetings to Frank Forward, whose birthday is on Thursday. Stratford Pike is also celebrating on Saturday!!!

MEMORIALS

A memorial has been received to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

CLARA and ROBERT WAREHAM,
remembered by Elaine Wareham and Family. (Cemetery Fund)
HAZEL and WARRICK FORWARD,
remembered by son Clifford and Joan Forward. (Cemetery Fund)
JOHN N. and MARGARET DUFF MOORES
remembered by Priscilla Earle and Family. (Cemetery Fund)

Reminders

We would like to express our thanks to those who have participated in the Operation Christmas Child.

Advent Camp

We regretfully report that due to the H1N1 virus we felt it was a need to cancel our Advent Camp this year.

THIS WEEK @ BETHANY

Monday	7:30pm- Senior Choir
Tuesday-	10:30am: Bible Study, 6:00pm: Guitar
Wednesday	6:30pm: Songbirds, 7pm: Junior Youth Group
Thursday	8:00pm: Church Chums
Friday	7:00pm -Koinonia Kin
Next Sunday	11:00am: Worship <i>with dedication of the Sound System</i>
Wednesday, Dec 2.	6:30pm Men's Christmas Party
Sunday, Dec 6 th	Confirmation Sunday
Tuesday, Dec. 8	UCW Christmas Party