
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)

November 29, 2009 - 11:00am

GATHERING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

INTROIT:

- 1 God, we praise you for the morning;
hope springs forth with each new day,
new beginning, prayer, and promise,
joy in work and in play.
- 2 God, we praise you for your Spirit,
Comforter and daily friend,
restless searcher, gentle teacher,
strength and courage you send.
- 3 Hallelujah, hallelujah,
hallelujah, hallelujah!
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
Christ is Lord of our days!

WELCOME AND LIFE & WORK OF OUR CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP -OPENING PRAYER -

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

P: And also with you

L: Let all people and all nations turn to the source of their salvation.
Let them bow together in praise and seek the blessing of God.

P: Here we will seek the light God offers us; here we will prepare to walk in God's path.

L: Christ is the light of the world, his way the path for our feet.

P: We await his coming in glory and in power.

L: We wait with a holy hope for the time when he will redeem the world and vindicate all of those who have lived by faith in him. We come to this time of worship with a great Advent Hope.

HYMN: Rejoice, The Lord is King (213)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (see insert)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:29-36

SINGING- "Dreaming Mary" - HARMONY

SERMON: *Standing Firm - Living Forward*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN: Come Though Long Expected Jesus (2)

DEDICATION OF SOUND SYSTEM

-Presentation By The Penney Family -

In memory of our dear mother, Ina Penney and on behalf of the Penney Family we present this Sound System to be received for the sacred use in this place of prayer & to be dedicated to the glory & praise of God.

-Reception of the Gift by Council Officer -

Many of us here remember your mother. She was a life member of the UCW and is remembered for her kindness, devotion to family and her unassuming presence. We receive this gift given in her memory and for the use of Christ's ministry in this place. We promise to use it for the glory of God and for the extending of God's realm.

-Act of Dedication -

L; In the name of the holy and triune God: Creator, Christ, and Spirit, we dedicate this Sound System to the glory of God.

ALL: With gratitude and reverence, we dedicate this gift to the glory of God & for the sake of all God's people.

L: In remembrance of Mrs. Ina Penney (her life of service, her love for and love received from her family) we dedicate this gift to the glory of God and pray by its use, this worship space becomes evermore a place where the Word of God is spoken, heard, celebrated and followed.

-Prayer-

God of the whole human family, we thank you for all that was beautiful and good in the life of Ina Penney and how her love enriched her family. We thank you for the quiet, unassuming and yet powerful example of faith, hope and Christian charity that was found in her living. We thank you for her dedication to the church as an expression of your Son in our World. We pray that by the use of this gift, that many will come to know the love and grace of your Word and accepted by Ina Penney. We pray that Mrs. Penney's family in this moment of remembering, receive comfort and assurance. Gift them and all who remember loved ones, your

hope and gracious love. In the name of Jesus, the Christ, we pray.
AMEN

PRAYERS and THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING - A Call to Share:

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: whoever contributes, with generosity; whoever gives help, with enthusiasm; whoever does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. [Romans](#)

- Hymn: O Come, O Come Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lowly exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

2. O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who orders all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go. R

3. O come, O come, great God of might,
who to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times once gave the law
in cloud, and majesty, and awe. R

4. O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
O bid our sad divisions cease,
and be for us the Prince of Peace. R

- Offertory Prayer-

O God who stirs the human soul
and brings life out of emptiness
and hope out of the voids of our existence,
we pray to you as we never have before.

We pray to be a people of anticipation
of the outpouring of your Spirit
and a holy community living out and
for the ministry of your Son and our Savior,
Jesus the Messiah.

We pray you see this offering as part of our
decision

to follow Jesus and to live for him.

We thank you that he lived and died
and lives again for us and for all. AMEN

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

HYMN: Take My Life (506)

CLOSING PRAYER

Memorials

Two flower arrangements have been donated in loving memory of husband **Claude Hancock**.

A donation has been received to the Cemetery Fund in loving memory of father **William Parsons** from his two daughters Glenda & Mary and his two sons Royden & Berkley.

And

In loving memory of **Lillian Taylor** from Susanne Howell and Family.

A donation has also been received in loving memory of **Edward Kelloway** from wife Betty Kelloway.

And

In loving memory of **Dorothy Swain** from Cheryl & Byron Briggs & Family and from Carolyn & Sean Murphy.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO.....J. Stratford Pike who is celebrating his birthday tomorrow (Nov. 28). Best wishes from your family and friends here at Bethany!

Reminders

Wednesday, December 2nd, 6:30pm- Men's Christmas Party
Friday, December 4th, 7pm- "Candle of Love", Noels Funeral Home
Remembrance Service.

Saturday, December 6th- 12pm- Songbirds Closing and at
6pm- Songbirds Supper!

Tuesday, December 8th, 6:30pm- UCW Christmas Party

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Monday- 7:30pm- Senior Choir

Tuesday- 10:30am- Bible Study, 6pm- Guitar Closing,
7pm- Songbirds, 7:30pm- Joint Needs Assessment
meeting

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Friday- 7pm- Noels Funeral Home Remembrance Service
7pm- Explorer's at the manse

Saturday- 12pm- Songbirds Closing 6pm-Songbirds Supper

STELLA BURRY COMMUNITY SERVICES CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

-Dishes

Single Sheets

-Pots and Pans
-Forks, Knives, Spoons
-Utensils
-Knives
-Cutting Board
-Kettle
-toaster

Cups, Mugs and glasses
Dish Racks
Blankets and Pillows
Frying pans
Bath towels and face cloths etc.

*all items due by the 8th of Dec.

The following memorials have been received to the glory of God and in loving memory of Yvonne Davis from:

Sharon Dean
Charlie & Daphne Piercey
Shirley Lake
Frank & Betty Pike

Patsy Rodgers
Florence Swain
Peter Moore
Paul & Betty Priddle
Herman & Daphne Greening
Lorne & Doreen Squires
Bernice & Joe Hogan
Louise & David
Bert Parsons
Barbara and Carl Penney
Beatrice & Cecil Oates
Clara & Irving Wareham
Kurt & Mabel Peyer
Hudson Davis
Warrick & Clara Wareham
Ches and Marie Ash
Ronald Howell
Edwina Suley
Vera Penney
Karen & John Comerford

June & Bruce Davis
Georgie & Eric Eddy
Arthur W. & Loretta Oates
Gordon & Sandra
Saunders
Milton & Joan Peach
Anthony Moores
Callie Clarke
Lewis & Pearl Cole
Leslie & Bruce Forward
Carter Powers & Judy
Margaret & Kevin Earle
Bible Study
Mary & George Power
Gerry & Shari Strong
Glenys & Chris Baird
Bethany Senior Choir
Minnie Snow
Alliston Champion
George & Francis Earle
Tina & Carl Batten
Heber, Harriett & Bary
Carbonear Collegiate
Miriam Moore
Don & Peggy Brown