
BETHANY UNITED CHURCH

OF THE EAST DISTRICT, NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR CONFERENCE

Organist for Today: Leslie Forward

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October 25, 2009 - 11:00am

GATHERING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

INTROIT:

WELCOME AND LIFE & WORK OF OUR CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: O God, you are righteous and right are your ways.
Your teachings are just and you come again and
again to rectify that which is need of correction.

P: Your justice is everlasting and worthy to be pursued.
Your Word is life, truth and our way for true living.

L: Come into our midst by the Word and the Spirit. As
your people here, we come to worship you in awe
and wonder and thanksgiving.

OPENING PRAYER: God of truth and giver of everlasting life,
enable our hearts to be wholly remade in this time of
worship. Renew all that is worn in our souls and re-invigor
all that is weary in our lives. Touch us with your Spirit and
Word that we may become more like the people you long for
us to be as servants and fellow sisters and brothers of your
Son. In his name, we pray. AMEN

HYMN: Open My Eyes (371)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE: Responsive Psalm 34 (pg. 761)

Mark 10: 46 - 52 - Peggy Brown

SERMON: *Taste and See.....*

SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM - *Headed for the Promised Land*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING - A Call to Share:

- Hymn: 1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!

O what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God,

born of the Spirit, washed in Christ's blood.

This is my story, this is my song,

praising my Saviour all the day long;

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praising my Saviour all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight!

Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;

angels descending, bring from above

echoes of mercy, whispers of love. R

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest,

I in my Saviour am happy and blessed;

watching and waiting, looking above,

filled with God's goodness, lost in Christ's love. R

- Offertory Prayer

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN: *Here, O My Lord (459, verses 1-3)*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, gracious
and

holy Creator, always and everywhere to give you thanks.
In the beginning your Spirit swept across the face of the
waters, bringing order and beauty out of chaos. You
formed us in your own image and breathed into us the
breath of life. Though we turned away from you, your
love remained steadfast, and you sent your only Son
Jesus Christ to be the Saviour of the world. At his

Baptism in the Jordan he was anointed by your Spirit and revealed as your beloved Son. In the power of the Spirit he was sent to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. Sharing our human nature, he died on the cross. Raised again in glory, he lives for ever to pray for us. By the gift of the Spirit, whom you have sent in his name, you bring to completion the work of your Son, leading us into all truth, making us a people for your praise and giving us power to proclaim the Gospel in all the world. And so, with all the faithful of every time and place, we join with choirs of angels in the eternal hymn:
P: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

L: On the night before he died, the Lord Jesus took bread and gave you thanks. He broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me'. After supper, he took the cup of wine. He gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me'. And so, in remembrance of all his mighty acts, we offer you these gifts, and with them ourselves as a holy, living sacrifice.

P: You send forth your Spirit. You bind us in love. You renew the face of the earth.

L: Pour out your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us the body and blood of Christ. Unite us with him and with one another in mission to all the world; and bring us with the whole creation to your heavenly kingdom. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE CUP

SHARING THE GIFTS OF CHRIST

PRAYER: God of glory, you nourish us with the bread of

life

and the cup of salvation. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

HYMN: *Here, O My Lord (459, verses 4-5)*

COMMISSIONING BENEDICTION

WELCOME

A donation has been received to the **Cemetery Fund** to the glory of God and in loving memory of parents

Mabel & Matthew Dean and husband **Lloyd Piercey** from Frances Piercey.

Memorials have been received to the glory of God and in loving memory of **James Slade** from Jerry Mercer and Ruth Mercer.

A memorial has been received to the glory of God and in loving memory of husband, father & grandfather **Mark Butt** from wife Drucella Butt, 3 daughters: Debbie, Carolyn & Gina & six grandchildren: Christopher, Mark, Shayne, Harry, Susannah, and Clarabeth.

Reminders

Joint Needs Assessment Committee Meeting on Tuesday Oct. 27th @ 7:30pm.

Youth Group Wednesday night @ 7pm. (Halloween Party)

Explorers Friday night @ 7pm. (Halloween Party)

Men's Fellowship Club are invited to The Salvation Army (Carbonear) for a time of Fellowship with some gospel singing followed by refreshments. Tomorrow Night (Oct. 26th) @ 7:30pm.

Please Note: Davis Elementary is currently looking for some volunteers for there BREAKFAST program, if your interested in helping or would like some more info please contact

Davis Elementary (596-5012) Thank You!

Please Note: On Tuesday November 3rd, Carbonear & Harbour Grace Women Institutes will be hosting the **Annual Shower in support of the Gift Shops** at the Carbonear Hospital & Harbour Lodge Senior Citizens Home.

This shower will be held at the St. James Anglican Church Hall in Carbonear beginning at 7:30. Come along and bring a friend!!!!!!

Bethany's Back on the Worldwide Web! www.bethanyunitedchurch.com

Thanks to one of our Council co-chairs, Keith Thomas, and our

Communications Committee Chair, Bert Parsons, our church website is up-and-running nicely! We have updated graphics and information, a counter, and interesting new links that include announcements, bulletins and sermons, as well as committee and group information! Lots of info is there for our young people as well! This is a *great* way to find out what's happening and help members keep in touch, especially when they are unable to attend. Its also a great way to outreach to people who may be searching online for a church family to call home! Why not spread the word and check it out for yourselves? Also, if you have any comments/suggestions, please let us know! Updates will be occurring regularly, so keep your eyes open!

Welcome Packages Available: Our church family warmly welcomes any newcomers into our midst, and now has welcome packages available for your information and (we hope) enjoyment! Please introduce yourself to one of our ushers/greeters/clergy, and we would be happy to provide a welcome package for you!

Delegates Needed: Our Council is seeking people to represent our congregation at the Fall/Spring meetings of East District! We need people to volunteer as *delegates* (with voting privileges), as well as *alternates* (who attend, with voting privileges, when a delegate is unable to attend). As a pastoral charge, we are privileged to send *four* delegates to each meeting, in addition to our clergy. That means that we are allowed to have *four* delegates PLUS *four* alternates (in case the delegates are unable to attend).

When/Where are the meetings? The Fall meeting is held at Burry Heights, while the Spring meeting is usually held at the home pastoral charge of a person being ordained for ministry. Each meeting is held from a Friday evening through to Sunday morning.

What would be your duties? Delegates/Alternates are asked to attend as *much as possible* of each meeting. (For example, some delegates are only able to attend for the Saturday.) During the meetings, they are invited to share in table group listening/discussing, and to vote on any matters that arise. (They also have opportunities to meet new people, experience meaningful worship and have loads of fun!) Following each meeting, they are asked to share something of their experience, especially any pertinent news, with members of the pastoral charge/congregation. (This *may* be done orally, *or in note form*, in a bulletin insert, etc.)

What might being a delegate cost? Nothing. All expenses for both delgates and alternates are covered.

Who would be best suited? If you are interested in experiencing and learning more about the wider church, in sharing in fellowship with others who also care about the church, and in growing in your faith through the sharing of faith-filled experiences, then *this may be your opportunity* to contribute in a special way to the ministry we share!

How do I get involved? Please contact one of our Council co-chairs, Jackson

Butt and Keith Thomas, or one of your clergy! Both clergy are also delegates to District, and would love to welcome you to this exciting opportunity to share in the ministry of the wider church!

THIS WEEK @ BETHANY

Monday - 7:30pm- Senior Choir

Tuesday-6pm Guitar 7:30-Joint Needs Assessment Meeting

Wednesday - 7pm- Youth Group

Friday - 7pm- Explorers

Next Sunday - 11am-Worship

