

# Silver Falls United Church

**Sunday, October 11, 2009**

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Congregational Responses are in **Bold** print.

\* ***Please stand if able.***

## Personal Prayer of Preparation

We celebrate your love and presence, O God. May we trust that love and respond to your presence when your call cuts against our expectations or plans. Open us, then, to your compassion that seeks not what is easy for us, but what is best. Amen

## Organ Prelude

\* Introit      God is Here      **VU 389 verse 1**

## Call to Worship      (responsively)

One: This is a time for giving thanks; a time be to mindful of the good that encircles us.

**All: That you, God for all you have given us!**

One: Friends and family encourage and care, and this community shows us God's loving ways.

**All: That you, God for all you have given us!**

One: We find a home in God's creation and the earth gives us food to make us grow.

**All: That you, God for all you have given us!**

One: The seasons change, sunshine comes and goes, yet your loving care for us is eternal.

**All: That you, God for all you have given us!**

## Prayer of Approach      (unison)

**We gather this morning as God's joyful people, lifting our hearts and voices in song, in prayer, in praise. We gather this morning as God's thankful people, thankful for this place, and the gift of this time, and the gift of one another, here to share our joys and burdens, here to walk the road of faith together. Come and let us worship God. Amen**

Opening Hymn      Come, You Thankful People, Come      **VU 516**

## Call To Confession

One: As we come to God in confession let us create a space to allow the Spirit to move amongst us and refresh our lives. Let us pray together:

## Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Merciful Creator, we breathe in your Spirit. We fill our nostrils with the smell of your creation. We fill our eyes and ears with the sights and sounds of your beauty. We touch the tenderness of those whom you have given us to share life. We give thanks with our breath, our senses, our singing and our silence. Merciful Creator, we also know the sights and sounds of pain. The feeling of anxiety creeping into our joy and our worship, so our deep thanks mingles with our deep longing for Shalom. We bring our thanks and our asking. We wake up in the night worried about our health, our finances, and our children, our ailing family members. We are also deeply concerned for those who lack a sense of hope, love and possibility. Restore within us and between us a focus on your presence. May your delight of our lives influence the way we see our lives and those of others. Amen**

## Words of Assurance      (sing two times)

Don't be afraid, my love is stronger  
my love is stronger than your fear  
Don't be afraid, my love is stronger and  
I have promised, promised to be always near.

## A New Creed      (please see back cover)

## Faith in Action Life and Work of the Church

Children's Hymn      Para, Para, Pitter Pat      **VU 309 vs 1, 2**

## Theme Conversation

Hymn      **VU 309 vs 3 & 4**

## **Introit for the Word**

One: Eternal God, in the reading of the scripture, may your Word be heard; in the meditation of our hearts, may your Word be known; and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your kingdom be known. Amen

## **Scripture Readings:**

First Reading:

Joel 2: 21-27

Reader: These are our sacred stories

**All: Thanks be to God**

\* Psalm Psalm 126 VU 850, Refrain 2

Epistle: 1 Timothy 2: 1-7

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 6: 25-33

Reader: Glory be to you, O God

**All: Praise be to you, O Christ**

**Ministry of Music** We Thank You, Lord - by D. Besig

## **Sermon**

## **Offertory Invitation**

One: God is faithful, generous, creative, and loving. Therefore, let us put our trust in God, offering our gifts of finances, time, prayer, and creative imagination for the joy of ministry here and beyond.

## **Receiving our Offerings and Par Cards**

**Offertory Hymn** For the Fruit of all Creation **VU 227**

**Dedication of Offering** We Praise You, O God **VU 218, vs 1**

**\*Offertory Prayer** (unison)

**Holy and gracious One, grant us imagination that sees your reign more fully realized through this community of faith and the life-giving purpose at our centre. Bless these gifts and those already given through PAR and bless our lives**

**offered to you for the sake of your compelling vision in Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place,  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Send us love, send us power, send us grace!

## **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done,  
On earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil;  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
Forever and ever. Amen**

**Closing Hymn** We Plough the Fields **VU 520**

## **Commissioning and Benediction**

One: In our voices joy,

**All: as we leave this holy place to spread our joy in Christ.**

One: In our hearts, hope,

**All: as we leave this holy place to counter the influence of doom and gloom.**

One: In our minds, determination,

**All: to build community in the way of Jesus Christ.**

One: You will be a force to be reckoned with!

**All: God's love goes with us, God's love is eternally ours.  
Amen!**

## **Choral Blessing**

(tune: vu 402)

*We are one, as we go, now we leave,  
strengthened and renewed.  
We have shared, we have cared,  
We have witnessed God's great love.  
As we go from this place,  
All our fears and cares erase,  
For we know the future is in God's hands.  
Be with us as we journey on our way.*

*(text by Sue McBeath, Humphrey Memorial U.C.,  
Moncton, NB)*

## ***Organ Postlude***

If you are a visitor with us, we give you **special welcome** in the name of the Lord, Jesus Christ. If you are a regular worshipper, do you know the person in front of you, or even beside you? If not, why not introduce yourself?

***Today's Service and Bulletin*** are dedicated in loving memory of our loved ones.

**Scripture** for Sunday, October 18th – **Marion Sherwood**

Job 38: 1-7

Psalms 104 parts 1&2 Hebrews 5: 1-10

Mark 10: 35-45

**Greeter** for October 18th : **Jackie Dubee**

*Thank you goes out to last weeks*

*Readers & Greeters for all your help!!*

*\*\*\*please note there are new schedules on the back table for reading and greeting. Please make sure you pick one up.*

*Thanks. If you're interested in adding your name to the list Please let Tammy, in the office, know.*

# Announcements

**Special thanks** to everyone who helped out with decorating the sanctuary for our Thanksgiving holiday. All your help is greatly appreciated!

There will be a **Visitation Meeting** held on Saturday, October 17th at 11:00am. We hope everyone can make it. Anyone who may be interested in finding out more or becoming a member of this team, we hope to see you here as well!!

\*\*Reminder: Next Sunday, **October 18<sup>th</sup>** is **Food Bank Sunday**.

The UCW has a large quantity of **yarn** that was donated. Numerous sizes and colors to choose from. Anyone interested in taking some home, please see a UCW member or call the office at 696-1410.

There is now a binder in the office with information, newsletters, emails, etc. from Maritime Conference and General Council if anyone is interested.

Portland United and Centenary-Queen Square United Churches are co-hosting a **Turkey Dinner** on **Saturday, October 24, 2009**.

The event will be held at **Portland United, 50 Newport Crescent** with two sittings - **4:30 p.m. and 5:45 p.m.**

The cost for tickets is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12.

Take-out orders may be picked up after 5:00 p.m.

There is ample parking and wheelchair accessibility.

For tickets or for more information, please phone **632-4030** or **634-8288**.

Come join **St. Mark's United Church** in a Musical Celebration of our **150th Anniversary** with the St. Mark's Senior Choir, Tracy Friars, Teri-Lynn Russell, and others on October 24 at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary, 50 Dexter Drive. The music will be both sacred and secular. Free will offering. For more information contact the church office at 672-3320.

**Taylor College** invites you to **breakfast**

Saturday October 17, 2009

9:00 - 11:00 am

105 Mountain View Dr.

Join us for coffee and muffins. Enjoy fellowship, and entertainment and find out what we're all about.

**The Continentals in Concert!!!** A contemporary production featuring high-energy music, movement and media for the whole church family. October 15, 2009 at 7:00pm. Forest Hills Baptist Church, 36 Mountain Road. 633-7515. This concert is free, however, a free-will offering will be taken during the concert.

**ANNUAL HIP OF BEEF DINNER** Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 - 6:30 pm at THE HAMPTON UNITED CHURCH, 24 Robb Court This year, the menu includes the regular vegetables, squash, Yorkshire pudding and of course beef. As always there are the great home made pies. Price is Adult \$12, Child 4 - 12 \$6, under 4 - free. Immediate family tickets - \$30. Tickets available at the door. Wheelchair Accessible.

Tracy Friars, Family & Friends are pleased to present "Celebrate Life" - A Musical Concert at the Imperial Theatre on Nov. 23rd at 7:30pm. The show will feature Tracy and many talented artists from the Saint John area including a 90 Voice Choir under the direction of Janet Kidd and accompanied by Terri-Lynn Russell. Tickets are \$20 and available through the Imperial Theatre (the box office, telephone and on-line) starting September 21st . All proceeds from this event will go to the Saint John Learning Exchange.

A concert with Terry Kelly & friends, Fr. Don Savoie, Tracy Friars, Debbie Harrity, Brad & Krista Trecartin, Fr. Clark McAulay and the Saint Joachim's Sat. evening choir. A fundraiser to support Saint Joachim's Community Outreach Programs being held at Saint Joachim's Church, 603 Loch Lomond Road, Wednesday, October 14 at 7:00pm. Tickets adults \$10, children \$5. For more information please call 653-6852 or Jan Small 696-8903.

**Prayer Corner** *This information is given so that you may "Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn." (Rom. 12:15) Please pray for them.*

*Sincere condolences are sent to Daphne (Hanson) (Scott) and her family for the loss of her husband, Robert Blair Reid, who passed away September 26, 2009. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

# FIND THE ANIMAL CONTEST

**Somewhere in the church, there is an animal....do you see it??**

***Shhh....don't tell anyone!***

**For the next 4 weeks an animal is going to be hiding somewhere in the church. Each week you fill out the ballot with your answer and after the 4 weeks are up, we'll announce the winners by drawing names out of the box that is located at the back of the church.**

**So put your eyes into action and start the hunt! Which animal wants you to eat turkey dinner this weekend?? Open to all ages!! Have fun!!**

What kind of animal did you find?

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Where do you see it?

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Your name:

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## **A New Creed**

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.  
We believe in God; who has created and is creating,  
Who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
To reconcile and make new, who works in us and others  
By the Spirit.  
We trust in God.  
We are called to be the Church;  
To celebrate God's presence,  
To live with respect in Creation,  
To love and serve others,  
To seek justice and resist evil,  
To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
Our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.  
We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God.**