

**SILVER FALLS**



**UNITED CHURCH**

**Sunday Service**  
**December 27, 2009**

# Silver Falls United Church

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Minister: Rev. Angela Cory, BA M.Div

Director of Music: Ann McAllister, B. Mus, B.Ed

**Duty Team December:** Sharon Maguire, Donna Melanson,  
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Congregational Responses are in **Bold** print.

*\* Please stand if able.*

## **Personal Prayer of Preparation**

We seek you, Jesus. Open our eyes and minds, our ears and hearts, to your presence among us in infancy's wonder, in childhood's growth, in youthful searching, and in adulthood's stature. Guide our seeking, that it may lead to wisdom's source and path. Amen

## **Organ Prelude**

**Introit**      Go, Tell It On the Mountain    VU 43

Refrain, Verse 3, repeat refrain

## **Call to Worship**    (responsively)

(Psalm 148 VU pg. 871 + refrain)

One: From the heavens, praise God—all the angels, sun, moon and stars! Let them praise God's name for they were created at God's command, and established for ever and ever.

**All Sing—Let the whole creation cry, “Glory be to God on high.”**

One: From the earth, praise God—sea monsters, fire and hail, snow and frost, and stormy winds, all fulfilling God’s command. Mountains and hills, fruit trees and cedars, wild animals, cattle, creeping things, and flying birds.

**All Sing-- Let the whole creation cry, “Glory be to God on high.”**

One: Rulers of the earth and all peoples, young men and women, old and young together, let them praise the name of God. Let us praise the name of God.

**All Sing— Let the whole creation cry, “Glory be to God on high.”**

### **Prayer of Approach (responsively)**

One: We welcome the good news of your presence in Jesus the Christ who revealed the way of hope, peace, joy and love.

**All: May your way shine through us.**

### **Opening Hymn Angels, We Have Heard on High VU 38**

### **Call To Confession**

One: Set us free to become blessed ones, living in the light of your presence, using the gifts we have been given and blessing the world with those gifts. Let us pray

### **Prayer of Confession**

One: Father of us all, with our sacred imaginations we bask in the glow of one who, like every child, came to us tender and filled with promise. We marvel at every gurgle and coo and wonder about the future of this little one: What will you become? How will your life unfold? How can we protect you and cherish you and help you to grow?

You look at us with wisdom's eyes unsettling our souls with your intense gaze. What, now, are we to become? How will our life continue to unfold? How will you help us to grow?

## **Words of Assurance**

One: As Jesus increased in wisdom and years, in divine and human favour may we, God's people, grow with Jesus.

**All: Amen**

## **Faith in Action**

### **Life and Work of the Church**

**Solo:** Mary, Did You Know – M. Lowry and B. Greene

Solo: Signa Love, Mezzo Soprano

## **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:

1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26

Reader: These are our sacred stories

**All: Thanks be to God**

Epistle:

Colossians 3: 12-17

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

Gospel Reading:

Luke 2: 41-52

Reader: Glory be to you, O God

**Ministry of Music**

A Little Child - by Flemish Carol  
Senior Choir

**Sermon****Offertory Invitation**

One: We have heard the story of Christmas—we have been reminded of our role to be the hands and feet, eyes and ears of Christ for those around us. Let us fulfill that commitment with faith as we present our gifts for the ministry of this church here and elsewhere. Let us receive our morning offering.

**Receiving our Offerings and Par Cards**

**Offertory Hymn** Infant Holy, Infant Lowly **VU 58**

**Dedication of Offering** **VU 55 (vs 4)**

What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part,  
Yet what I can I give him, give my heart.

**\*Offertory Prayer** (unison)

**All-encompassing God, as heaven and nature sing and all creation rejoices, as earth and sky touch and we raise our voices, we give back to you all you have given us. Amen**

**Prayers of Intercession & Thanksgiving**

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** Unto Us a Boy is Born **VU 54 vs 1, 2, 4 & 5**

### **Commissioning and Benediction**

One: May we go forth wearing God's love and bearing Christ's name.

**All: Amen**

### **Choral Blessing**

Christmas isn't Christmas till it happens in your heart  
 Somewhere deep inside you is where Christmas  
 really starts

So give your heart to Jesus, you'll discover when you do

That it's Christmas, really Christmas, for you.

*\*\*A special thank you to Diane Janes, who is serving as our guest organist this morning. Ann McAllister will return on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.*

### **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 Thomas, Grace and Earl Shillington by Reta Moore*

**Scripture** for Sunday, January 3rd – **Shelly Shillington**

**Jeremiah 31: 7-14**

**Psalm 147**

**Ephesians 1: 3-14**

**John 1: 10-18**

**Greeter** for January 3rd : **Joan Shillington & Peggy Bradshaw**

*Thank you goes out to last weeks*

*Readers & Greeters for all your help!!*

**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.*

*Shirley Whitebone, Tashia Phillips, Marion Stackhouse  
& John Kilpatrick*

## CHURCH & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Unified Board** is looking for **new board members** for the 2010 year. If anyone is interested in serving on this board or would like more information, please see Rosemary Day for details.

**To all Committee Chairs**—If you have not submitted your budget requests for 2010, please do so asap. Please submit to office and remember to be good stewards of our finances. Thanks a bunch!

We are looking to add **email addresses** to our office computer system. If you have an email address could you please submit it to the office by calling Tammy at 696-1410 or email her at **silverfalls@nb.aibn.com**, so that she can add it to the system. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Anyone interested in becoming a Junior Youth Group Leader?? We’re looking for someone to take on the role in leading a Junior Youth Group, grades 5-8. If you’re interested in finding out more information, please see Andrew & Victoria Cory or call the office at 696-1410.

**L'Arche Saint John** will be holding its **5th Annual Epiphany Concert** at Trinity Church, 115 Charlotte Street on Sunday January 3rd at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$15 and will be available at the door or by calling L'Arche Saint John at 672-6504

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*May your holidays be happy days  
Filled with love and laughter  
And may each day bring joy your way*  
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*In the year that follows after*