

Silver Falls United Church

Sunday, January 24, 2010

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Congregational Responses are in **Bold** print.

** Please stand if able.*

Personal Prayer of Preparation

We long for news that is good O God—good for this earth, good for our hearts, good for communities. Teach us to listen for your good news about those ways you have set before us, exemplified for us, and called forth from us, in Jesus the Christ. Amen

Organ Prelude

Introit Arise, Your Light is Come **VU 79, vs 1&4**

Call to Worship (unison)

The Spirit is upon, within, and all around us. With hearts open to receive the good news of God's good ways, let us worship God. Amen

Prayer of Approach (unison)

God who calls, inspire us to share in the fulfillment of your good news as stories of your teaching and your ways flow forth from the page and into our lives. Amen

Opening Hymn How Firm a Foundation VU 660 vs 1, 2, 3 & 5

Call To Confession (responsively)

One: We like to think ourselves open to new ways and new ideas.

All: We tried that once and it didn't work!

One: We claim to be welcoming and hospitable.

All: Who invited that person?

One: And we truly desire help from new members.

All: We have always done it this way.

Prayer of Confession (responsively)

One: Let us pray. In our humanity,

All: we sometimes become set in our ways.

One: In our fear,

All: we can be reluctant to break out of familiar routines.

One: In our complacency,

All: we are not always willing to try new things.

One: God, for all the times when we have cut off the dreams, hopes or imaginings of your reign, we are truly sorry.

Words of Assurance (responsively)

One: Indeed, the Spirit of God is upon you. Therefore the words of your mouth and the meditations of your heart

are acceptable to God, your rock-solid companion and the liberator of your soul.

All: Thanks be to God!

Faith in Action

Life and Work of the Church

Children's Hymn We Are One in the Spirit

We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored

And they'll know we are Christians, by our love, by our love
And they'll know we are Christians by our love

We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land

And they'll know we are Christians, by our love, by our love
And they'll know we are Christians by our love

Theme Conversation

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**

Children's Hymn

We will work with each other, We will work side by side
We will work with each other, We will work side by side
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's
pride

And they'll know we are Christians, by our love, by our love
And they'll know we are Christians by our love

All praise to the Father, From Whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only son,
And all praise to the Spirit, Who makes us one

And they'll know we are Christians, by our love, by our love
And they'll know we are Christians by our love

Introit for the Word

One: Open our eyes and hearts, God of sacred story. Speak
to us through these words. Show us the way and give
us strength to live in faith. Amen

Scripture Readings:

First Reading:

Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Reader: These are our sacred stories

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm: **Psalm 19 VU 740-741**

Epistle: **1 Corinthians 12: 12-31**
 Reader: The Word of the Lord
 All: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Reading: **Luke 4: 14-21**
 Reader: Glory be to you, O God
 All: **Praise be to you, O**

Christ

Ministry of Music Yes, He Did - By F. Ritter

Sermon

Offertory Invitation

One: When Jesus stood in the synagogue in Nazareth and read the scripture, he said, "Today, scripture has been fulfilled in your midst." What does it mean to fulfill something? It means to embody, to incarnate something. Giving our offering is the incarnation of our faith in a God of abundance and promise.

Receiving our Offerings and Par Cards

Offertory Hymn When Heaven's Bright with Mystery VU 93

Dedication of Offering (tune 232)

**Joyful, joyful, Lord, we bring you
 Gifts that you can use today
 Take them, bless them, may your kingdom
 Spread to all the world, we pray.**

**We are here, our time and talents
 We would dedicate as well
 May we show Christ's love within us
 By our lives, our faith to tell.**

***Offertory Prayer** (unison)

**Loving God, help us to remember that living our faith
 doesn't just mean showing up in church on Sunday.
 Show us how to incarnate our faith through the gifts we
 share with others in this offering and in our everyday
 lives. Amen.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Closing Hymn Live Into Hope VU 699

Commissioning and Benediction

One: We have heard God's words and trust that the Spirit is
 upon us. May we be inspired to be a living fulfillment of
 all that is possible with God.

All: Amen

Choral Blessing

Go now in peace, never be afraid
 God will go with you each hour of every day
 Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true
 Know he will guide you in all you do.
 Go now in love, and show you believe

Reach out to others so all the world can see
 God will be there watching from above
 Go now in peace, in faith and in love.
 Amen

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, January 31st – **Marion Sherwood**

Jeremiah 1: 4-10

Psalm 71 part one

1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

Luke 4: 21-30

Greeter for January 31st : **Don Watson**

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.*

Stacie Watson, Shirley Whitebone, Tashia Phillips, Marion Stackhouse

***Happy 98th Birthday
To
Beatrice Smith
May all your birthday wishes come true!***

CHURCH & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2010. “You are witnesses of these things” (Luke 24) – January 24, 2010, 6:30pm, Glenview United Church, 8 Upland Road.

We are looking for folks to sing in a combined church choir – arrive at 6:00pm to go over music. We will be singing “Blessed Assurance”. Fellowship to follow service. All invited – see you there!!

The Church In Action Committee of Saint John Presbytery is holding a **toiletry drive** beginning January 12, 2010 until February 7, 2010. They are looking for everything including razors, toothbrushes, combs, brushes and, face clothes. If you can help out bring your donations to the church-- we can arrange for pick-up in February. Thanks for your generosity. All toiletries will be dispensed to the Clothing Bank, Aids Saint John, Community Chaplaincy and Coverdale.

The **UCW Annual “Potluck” Meeting “*Through the Years*”** is going to be held on **January 25th** in the CE Hall at 6:30pm. It will be a yankee swap and all women of the congregation are invited to attend!! Hope to see everyone there! (Snow date Feb. 1st)

Our annual **Knit-A-Thon** will be held on Saturday, **February 13th**. Please help support our knitters!!

For safety reasons, please do not leave items outside the ministers door or along the little landing at the top of the stairs near the offices. Thank you.

Are you missing glass & metal dessert dishes or plastic storage containers? Perhaps a nice cake-keeper? If you are, please check out the kitchen as these items will be sent to the Food Bank in a few weeks if not taken home. Thanks.

Many Christmas items belonging to different groups in the church are in the little closet adjacent to the kitchen. Please make them disappear!

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.

Attention!! Check out the fresh new web pages for the Maritime Conference United Church Men! The URL is the same as before <http://www.marconf.ca/ucmen.htm>