

Silver Falls United Church

Sunday, February 28, 2010

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

Duty Team March: Jean Watters, Jackie Dubee, John Redstone and Lorraine Redstone

Congregational Responses are in **Bold** print.

*** Please stand if able.**

Personal Prayer of Preparation

O God, our light and our salvation, show us the splendour of your promises. Whether we find comfort or discomfort in your ways, send your Spirit to strengthen us as we follow. Amen

Organ Prelude

Introit Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery
VU 121, vs 1&4

Call to Worship

One: Today we gather for worship and work. They go hand in hand. Our financial decisions, our offering to serve the church whether on a working committee or through personal time, treasure and talent, come out of our conviction that Christ has called each of us, all of us, to serve as disciples. Our ministry is rooted in the biblical witness of Jesus' first disciples and inspired by the Holy Spirit leading us on, so let us worship with open hearts and minds and see where God will lead us!

Lenten Candle Liturgy—Lent II

Meditation

One: Let us pray:

All: Loving God, as we journey through this holy season of Lent, may we be open to your presence. Give us the strength to make the changes that are needed in our lives and the courage to take on the work of transforming the world. Amen

Opening Hymn Give to the Winds Your Fears
VU 636 (tune VU 688)

Call To Confession

One: We need forgiveness, God, for we are not the people you would have us be—forgive us and set us free as we say our prayer:

Prayer of Confession (responsively)

In the words of scripture and the rituals of community, we know your desire for us, nurturing God. You yearn for us to make a home in the shelter of your love, but we often resist and push you away.

We find belonging in soul-less places and merely exist in the chaos of our scattered lives.

In still moments when we become aware of our deepest selves again we come to know our own longings to be enfolded in the wings of your love. You hatched us from the heart of your imagination and sustain us with your constant presence. Surround us as we pray and draw near to you. We know ourselves completely in the shadow of your love. Stay with us, we pray.

Words of Assurance

One: The psalmist encourages us to wait for God. For God will hide us in times of trouble and will guard us from all evil. Trust these words of comfort and be sure of God's all encompassing love.

All: Amen

Faith in Action
Life and Work of the Church

Children's Hymn Living Christ, Bring Us Love
VU 599 vs 1, 2 & 3

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 VU 599 vs 4 & 5

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:

Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18

Reader: These are our sacred stories

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm:

Psalm 27 VU 754-755

Epistle:

Philippians 3: 17 to 4:1

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading:

Luke 4: 21-30

Reader: Glory be to you, O God

All: Praise be to you, O Christ**Ministry of Music**

Holy, Holy, Holy

by F. Schubert, arr. by F. Bock

Sermon**Offertory Invitation**

One: the love of God revealed in Christ Jesus renews our mission and guides our ministry. We gather to generously invest our time, our money and our dreams in that adventure. Let us receive our morning offering:

Receiving our Offerings and Par Cards**Offertory Hymn** As the Sun with Longer Journey **VU 111****Dedication of Offering** **VU 541**

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,
 Praise Him, all creatures here below,
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

***Offertory Prayer** (unison)

O God, we cover this offering with gratitude for the ways we experience your care—for the beauty of creation, the warmth of this shelter, and the friendship of loved ones. May our offering of time and resources help to extend the shelter of your loving way in the world. Amen

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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!

Response: Dear God, as a hen covers her chicks with her wings to keep them safe, protect us this day under your golden wings.

Closing Hymn Lead on, O Cloud of Presence **VU 421**

Grace (unison)

As we prepare to share this meal, keep us mindful of the blessings you give to us. Daily we are fed with good things, nourished by family and friends. May we be grateful for the blessings shared around this table, we pray. 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 loved ones.

Scripture for Sunday, March 7th – **Wendy Bennett**

Isaiah 55: 1-9

Psalm 63

1 Corinthians 10: 1-13

Luke 13: 1-9

Greeter for March 7th – **Wendy Watson & Shelly Shillington**

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, and Marion Stackhouse and Jim Morris
Our condolences to Jean Kempster and family in the loss of your mother,
Wilhelmina Lawson (nee Atkinson). Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Birthday wishes being sent out to **Shirley Whitebone** who will be celebrating her **84th Birthday** on March 6th!! Best wishes and we hope you have a great day!!

CHURCH & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The congregation is called to meet on Sunday, February 28th following the service for our **Congregational Annual Meeting**. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Lunch will be provided.

"Words That Last Forever!" A series of special services for our Lenten Season. Join us each Wednesday during Lent at 11:00am beginning Wednesday, February 24, 2010. Service dates are March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31.

The **UCW** will be holding their meeting on **Tuesday, March 2nd** in the Parlour. This is an important meeting to discuss the upcoming ham dinner, so we are encouraging all members to attend.

Renewals for **The Observer** are being taken now. Cost is \$20 for the year. If you'd like to renew your subscription, or if anyone would like to have a subscription for the 2010 year, please let Tammy in the office know as soon as possible. 696-1410

Come and join us for our Youth Retreat, "**Risk Taking Faith Retreat**". It will be held on May 14 to 16 at Camp Wegesegum (Chipman NB) This retreat is open to youth grades 9 – 12 of all denominations. We look forward to exploring the theme "Risk Taking Faith" in many ways; worship, games, reflection and discussion Come and enjoy a weekend full of "F" words. Fun, Friends, Faith, Food and Fellowship, that is. See Victoria or Andrew for more information or visit www.risktakingfaith.webs.com

On **Sunday March 7th** the youth group is hosting a **cake walk** and congregation lunch after church.

It will be \$2 to enter a round. We hope that everyone will come and enjoy a time of fun and fellowship. I am looking for people to donate decorated cakes for this event. If you are able to donate a cake please see me between now and March 7th so that I know how many cakes we will have. The proceeds from this event will help pay for the youth retreat that we are holding in May.

Ham! Beans! Scallops! O My!.....**April 17th**.....stay tuned...more info to come!

Youth group is looking for donations of **china tea cups** for the Mother's Day Tea. Donations can be given to Victoria/Andrew or left in the youth group room.

Word Day of Prayer – "Let everything that has breath praise God". Saint James Lakewood Anglican Church, 2000 Loch Lomond Road, is hosting this years World Day of Prayer service, Friday, March 5th at 7:00pm. This years focus is on the women of Cameroon, with special speaker Rev. Ellen Curtis. Reception to follow. Anyone in the congregation or choir who would like to participate, please see Gwen Young.

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.

St. Mark's Annual Shamrock Supper will be held on March 13th from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Please come and enjoy the Roast Beef Dinner and Irish Music. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12. Tickets can be reserved by calling 672-3320 or purchased at the door.

Students of Music from the Heart present

A BIT OF BROADWAY

March 26th - 7:30PM

Main St. Baptist Church

Admission: \$10; 10 and under: FREE

Tickets available from Music from the Heart 651-0579, Veronica's Music 657-2790

Tracy Friars & Steve Bell invite you to join them for an afternoon of Christian and Inspirational music at the Imperial Theatre on April 11th at 2:30pm. Both Tracy & Steve share a deep rooted faith and have been privileged to share that faith through music for many years. **Tickets go on sale March 8th at the Imperial and on their website** and range in price from \$30 - \$25 - \$20. It is anticipated that tickets will sell quickly so don't miss out.

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>

"Thank you to all the charges that took part in the Presbytery wide toiletry drive. A special thanks to the Carleton Kirk Seniors complex! Coverdale, AIDS Saint John, Saint John Community Chaplaincy and the Clothing Depot were all very appreciative of your donations."

Found: A silver watch with blue face. If anyone is missing this, please see Tammy in the office or call 696-1410. Thanks.

Congratulations!!

John and Lorraine Redstone are pleased to announce the upcoming marriage of their son, Mark to Melissa Jones, daughter of Michael and Francis Jones of Saint John. The wedding will take place in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic on March 3, 2010.

John and Lorraine are proud grandparents for the second time!!! Erin Alexandra was born on February 24, 2010 at the IWK weighing in at 4lbs, 9oz. A little sister for Claire and proud parents, Leigh and Adam Chambers.