

Montague Pastoral Charge

Sunday, February 2, 2025

11:00 a.m.

Hillcrest United Church

Ministers: All of Us

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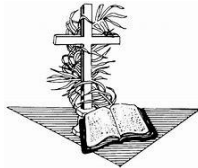
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4rd Sunday After Epiphany



Bulletins are in loving memory of

Mom ~ Annie T

Love Hilda



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WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Bradbury arr. R.R. Peery

"Look, Ye Saints! The Sight Is Glorious" William Owen

"Pastorale in C Major" Sydney Watson

Introit MV #1 verse 1

**Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live.**

**A place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.**

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,

Rock of faith and vault of grace;

Here the love of Christ shall end divisions;

All are welcome, all are welcome,

All are welcome in this place.

Welcome & Acknowledgement

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Candlelighter: Thane LeLacheur

Call to Worship

(written by Rev. John Moses, Trinity U.C., Ch'town)

Sometimes, in the month of February, we are
surprised by robins in the neighbourhood,

**Bright messengers of spring in the depths of
winter.**

We long for news of better days to come.

We long for the end of this bleak, cold season.

Like the robins, we must wait a while longer for the
earth to warm.

**We must endure the hard frost and find food for
our souls.**

That is why we gather today:

To feast on the word of God and rejoice in God's sheltering love.

Come, let us worship.

Opening Hymn VU # 530

“All Beautiful the March of Days”

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Strong and tender God, we praise you for the gift of love: the radiant heat that slowly melts the world's long winter. We thank you for the love that is patient and kind, which rejoices in the truth and never ends. Teach us the ways of active love, so that we too might bear all things, believe all things, hope all things, and endure all things, in the name of Love incarnate, Jesus our Lord, who taught us to pray: **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 MV # 106 “I Am the Dream”

Children's Time

Children's Prayer

Good News

**We celebrate you, in all that you do,
We love you; God bless you.
We celebrate you.**

Passing of the Peace

(Children may go to Sunday School.)

Prayer of Confession

...moment of silence

Forgive us, Lord, when we forget where the strength we need comes from, and in our frailty find we are struggling to hold on to our faith. Remind us, Lord, that you are the strength on whom we can call, the power to endure, the answer we seek, the one in whose arms we can safely rest. Amen.

Words of Assurance

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

O God, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear what you are saying to us today. Amen.

Scripture Readings

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Reader: Melissa Mullen

Psalms 71 (VU #789)

Luke 4:21-30

The Gloria Patri – *Music by Alan Coffin*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.

Senior Choir Anthem “We Have Come to Worship”

Stan Pethel

Sermon “Bears, hopes, believes, endures”

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn VU # 595 “We Are Pilgrims”

Minute for Mission

Reader: Marjory Tattrie

Invitation to Offering

Offering Dedication # 518 verse 3 (544)

**With gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best to you.
Not just to serve your cause,
but share your love with neighbours too.
O God, who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ, your son.
Help us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.**

Offering Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Life & Work of the Church

Closing Hymn VU # 675 "Will Your Anchor Hold?"

Benediction

Closing Blessing VU # 424 – verse 1

**May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace,
Singing, share our joy with all,
Working, for a world that's new,
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

Postlude "Finale in D minor" Eric H. Thiman

***We extend a warm welcome to guests visiting with us
today. Please join us for coffee after church.***

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

Office Hours are Mon. through Thurs. 9 a.m. to noon.

Clergy Visiting - Please let the office (838-2698) or Timothy (905-269-7381) know if anyone in hospital, long-term care or at

home requires a visit or Pastoral Care.

Puzzle Exchange – check out the beautiful puzzles on our Puzzle Shelves by the offices. Please feel free to take one, leave one and/or borrow one.

Lost & Found – the box is overflowing – please take a look to see if you have left something behind – it is probably there. It is located at the front of the church, pulpit side.

THANK-YOU/GOOD NEWS

- *thank you to Kings Co. Construction for salting the parking lot last week and snow removal this week*

THIS WEEK AT HILLCREST

Wednesday

2-4 pm Bridge group – New and experienced players welcome. For more information call Sandra at 388-8844

7 pm Senior Choir invites you to join this great group. Call Anne 838-2681 or just come along.

Thursday

Men's Meditation Group meets in the Shaffelburg Room at 9:30 for a time of contemplative conversation. All welcome.

Friday

Knitting/Craft Group – all welcome with your knitting, crocheting, sewing or other crafts at 10:00 or just come along for some friendship, coffee and conversation.

Sunday

Youth Choir Practice – at 10:00. New youth are most welcome to join. Contact Anne 838-2681 or just join us.

UPCOMING

Lower Montague Ceilidh - Join in the fun at a Toe Tapping Ceilidh which will be held today at the Lower Montague Women's Institute Hall, 88 Lower Montague Road at 2 PM. Tea and coffee, cold drinks, Biscuits and Jam will be served. Admission by donation. Feature performer is Storyteller Alan

Buchanan with Dianne Deagle, Willie Jamieson, Emmett DeCoursey, Marie MacIntyre, and other local talent.

Sturgeon United Church On-line Auction will be held from Feb 5 - Feb 13, 2025. Pick up Friday, Feb 14 at Sturgeon United Church.

Sunday, Feb 9 at 12 noon (after worship) **Hillcrest Annual General Meeting** will be held. We invite you to bring a bag lunch and join us. Hot and cold drinks will be available.

Tuesday, Feb 11 – 1 pm UCW meeting

Hillcrest Afternoon Tea will be **Saturday, Feb 15th from 2 to 4 pm**. You are invited to join us for finger sandwiches, scones, sweets and a selection of teas. It should be a great afternoon with friends enjoying a Valentine themed gathering.

To reserve a seat, please call the church office 838-2698, Elizabeth 838-2203 or Melissa 969-9339. Cost is \$10. Pass the word and bring family or friends.

100th Anniversary Celebration: This June the United Church of Canada celebrates 100 years since church union. This is an occasion to remember. Anyone, lay and/or clergy, who are interested in helping to organize an event for Eastern PEI are invited to a planning meeting at Hillcrest on Tuesday February 18th at 1pm. Let's unite and rejoice together for this special occasion!

Wednesday, Feb 19th at 10 am, Hillcrest Book Club will discuss "The Woo Woo" by Lindsay Wong. There is one copy left on the choir room table if you would like to sign it out.

STEWARDSHIP

FUNDSCRIP FUNDRAISER

Going for Groceries??? – drop into the office and purchase a gift card to pay for your groceries

(3% donation to Hillcrest)

Need to fill the gas tank??? – get your gift card at the office first, then buy your gas

(2% donation to Hillcrest)

Coffee Anyone??? Tim's offers 2%,

McDonalds 2.5%

And many more options for easy donations through Fundscrip. If you have any questions on this, please give Nancy a call.

