

Montague Pastoral Charge

Sunday, February 16, 2025

11:00 a.m.

Hillcrest United Church

Ministers: All of Us

Minister: Timothy Wisnicki BSc. MDiv.

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6th Sunday After Epiphany

Baptism

Bulletins are in loving memory of

Husband ~ Steve Clarkson

From Joan Clarkson and family



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WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude “I Love to Tell The Story” Fischer arr. Rogers
“They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love” arr. Hayes
Pastorale on “He Leadeth Me” William Bradbury arr. Young

Introit VU # 646

We are singing in the light of God.

Welcome & Acknowledgement

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Candlelighter: Helen Lockerby

Youth Choir Anthem “One Light, One Sun”

Call to Worship

When we are thirsty,

God is a river to drink from.

When we are blown and battered,

God is a root to ground us.

When we are frozen,

God is the sap flowing in our veins.

Blessed are we when we delight in God's ways.

Then we are like trees, planted by streams of water.

Opening Hymn VU # 444

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation of Candidates

William George McGee, son of Paul McGee & Caitlin
VanKeymeulen

Luke Nolan McGuirk, son of Bayley & Nolan McGuirk

Promises of the Parents

Do you believe in God, who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, and who works in us and by others by the Spirit?

Response: I do, by the grace of God.

Desiring the freedom of new life in Christ, do you seek to resist evil and to live in love and justice?

Response: I do, God being my helper.

Will you proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, in your words and actions?

Response: I will, God being my helper.

Will you join with your brothers and sisters in this community of faith to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation, and to love and serve others?

Response: I will, God being my helper.

Promises of Family & Friends

Recognizing that many persons nurture and influence the life of a child, will you support William and Luke and their parents as they grow in faith and love?

Response: I will, God being my helper.

Promises of the Congregation (*Please stand as able)

Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer God's gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to these children about to be baptized, as they live and grow in Christ?

Response: We do, by the grace of God.

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed (VU #918)

**We believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son,
our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven;
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Blessing of the Water

The Act of Baptism

Presentation of Bible and Candle

Prayer after Baptism

Presentation of New Christians to the Congregation

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

**...We pray as Jesus taught: 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 "Love" Round

Please follow the lead of our choir members.

**Love, love, love, love,
Christians, this is our song.
Love our neighbours as ourselves,
For God loves us all!**

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

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Eternal God, in the reading of scripture, may your Word be heard. In the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known. In the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.

Scripture Readings

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Reader: Melva O'Connor Rafuse

Psalms 1 (VU #724)

Luke 6:17-26

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 “Shine the Light of Your Love”

Mark Patterson

Sermon “And Now We Rise”

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn MV # 87 “Water Flowing From the Mountains”

Minute for Mission

Reader: Carol Blum

Invitation to Offering

Offering Dedication

Offering Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Life & Work of the Church

Closing Hymn VU # 242 “Let All Things Now Living”

Benediction

Closing Blessing VU # 556 – verse 4

**Let us reach beyond the boundaries
of our daily thought and care**

Till the family you have chosen

spills its love out everywhere.

Help us learn to love each other

With a love that constant stays;

Teach us when we face our troubles,

Love’s expressed in many ways.

Postlude “Let Us Now in Youth Rejoice” Mansfield

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 Tues. 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.

Anniversary Mugs – there are two 100th Anniversary mugs available in the office for sale. Cost is \$20 each

Tax Receipts have been issued – either passed out in church or mailed. If you did not receive yours, please let the office know.

THANK-YOU/GOOD NEWS

-thank you to those who came along to enjoy yesterday's "Afternoon Tea" and to all who baked and helped make it happen
-thank you to members of our Youth Choir for sharing their singing today – we always appreciate your music

THIS WEEK AT HILLCREST

Tuesday

100th Anniversary Organizing meeting – for Eastern Kings area - will be held in the Shaffelburg Room at 2 pm. All welcome to attend.

Wednesday

10 am – Book Club – all welcome to attend and discuss "The Woo Woo" by Lindsay Wong.

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

Food Bank Sunday is next Sunday – February 23. Thank you for your kind donations to the SKQ Food Bank.

Worship Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday February 25 at 9:30 am.

Congregational Care Committee Meeting – will be held on Wednesday February 26 at 9:30 am in the Shaffelburg Room. If you would be interested in joining this committee,

please see Carol Blum or the office.

Community Luncheon will be held on Thursday February 27 from 11:30-1:00. All welcome and bring a friend.

UCW Online Auction – March 31 to April 11 Encouraged by the support and success last year, the UCW will be holding another online auction this spring. Please keep the auction in mind if you are sorting through cupboards & closets this winter. Donations of new products, gently used vintage items and handcrafts are most welcome. Items can be dropped off in the office.

Camp Abby – registrations have begun and staff hiring & fundraising ideas have been started. This year rather than food items, Camp Abby is looking to have churches ‘sponsor a lunch’. More details on this venture to come, but please keep Camp Abby in mind for donations in the near future.

CNIB Activities in Montague – if you are interested or know of anyone who would be interested in CNIB activities, or if you might be interested in volunteering, please message/phone Rick Beck at 902-969-7573

Communion Survey

We will be celebrating Holy Communion on March 9th, the first Sunday of Lent. Session would like your input on how we celebrate Communion. Do you prefer to:

1. be served in your pews by the elders?
2. come (as you are able) to the front of the church to receive the bread and cup separately?
3. come (as you are able) to the front to dip bread in the cup (intinction)?
4. another way? (please specify):

Do you have any questions, concerns, or requests about how we celebrate Communion? What does the Lord's Supper mean to you? Please offer any thoughts below: