



Sunday Worship **Westminster United Church**

The United Church of Canada
Celebrating over 125 years of ministry in the community

Sunday, March 3, 2019
Transfiguration Sunday &
Annual General Meeting
10:30 am

Words printed in **bold type** are to be spoken by the congregation.

Organ prelude

Christ Candle is lit

Welcome and News

Introit

I am the Light of the World

Refrain



"I am the light of the world! You peo ple come and fol-low me!" If you



fol - low and love you'll learn the mys - te - ry of



what you were meant to do and be.



When the song of the an-gels is stilled, when the star in the sky_ is_ gone, when the



kings_ and the shep - herds have found their way home, the



work_ of_ Christ - mas is be - gun:

Call to Worship*

For over 125 years, hearts have been building this community of faith

For over 125 years, this community has tried to follow the gospel call and live the path of peace and compassion. For over 125 years, we have welcomed change and been fearful of it, all at the same time.

And we come together this morning - to sit in this sacred place, to reconnect with the holy in our midst, to find community, to listen for the spirit in our lives, and to remember we are not alone.

We come to be inspired, encouraged, strengthened and to give thanks.

As so many generations have done before

Let us worship God together. Amen.

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Hymn VU 217 All Creatures of Our God and King

Prayer of Confession

Moment of silence for personal confession.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Words of Assurance

The Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Following the passing of the peace, the younger crowd is welcome to join Katelyn at the **Children's Table** in the Narthex for a time of activity, story, conversation and sometimes even music.

Scripture Reading: Carol Harvey

Luke 9: 28-36

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem Upon This Rock

by Pepper Choplin

Collection of Offerings After the offering is introduced, an offertory will be played and the collection taken. Thank you for your gift, whether given today or through other means of supporting ministry at Westminster Church.

Offertory

Offering Doxology Behold, I Make All Things New

Be - hold, be - hold, I make all things new, be -
gin-ning with you and start - ing from to - day. Be -
hold, be - hold, I make all things new, my
prom-ise is true, for I am Christ, the way.

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn VU 707 For the Faithful Who Have Answered

(If you do not wish to stay for the annual meeting, feel free to sneak out during the singing of the hymn.)

Sermon *The 126th Annual General Meeting – the life and ministry of the congregation of Westminster United Church*

- Call to Order
- Approval of the Agenda
- Motion to make Adherents Corresponding Members
- Approval of the 125th Annual General Meeting Minutes
- Report from the Chair, Carol Latter
- Financial Report for 2018 – Ted Barnett
- Proposed Budget for 2019 – Ted Barnett
- Westminster Foundation Report
- Approval of the Board, Committees and etc. Reports – Annual Report
- Nominating Report
- New Business
- Adjournment

Hymn VU 633 Bless Now O God the Journey

Closing Prayer (*unison*)

Lord, we thank you that we are a family in Christ.

Help us to share his love and legacy with everyone we encounter this week.

May we lavish Christ's abounding goodness upon our families, friends and all we meet.

Holy Spirit, come and equip us in our workplace, guide us in our daily life, and inspire us in our neighbourhood.

May we be your hands and feet to the needy, your words of affirmation to the oppressed and your arms of comfort to the lonely.

Thank you for choosing to use us to bring your kingdom here on earth.

Amen.

Commissioning and Sending Forth

Choral Close *(please remain standing for the choral close, as you are able)*

GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Steve Angrisano and Tom Tomaszek

Refrain

Go make a dif - f'rence. We can make a dif -
- f'rence. Go make a dif - f'rence in the world.
Go make a dif - f'rence. We can make a dif -
- f'rence. Go make a dif - f'rence in the world.

Organ Postlude *If departing before the end of the postlude, please do so quietly for the benefit of those remaining to enjoy the music.*

March 6 – Ash Wednesday

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Joel 2:1–2, 12–17

The Day of God is coming.

or **Isaiah 58:1–12**

A fast that pleases God.

Psalm 51:1–17 (VU pp. 776–777)

Create in me a new heart, O God.

2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

Be reconciled to God.

Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

Concerning almsgiving and fasting.

To Ponder

As we go through the Ash Wednesday doorway that leads to Lent, what do we take with us, and what awaits us on the other side?

March 10 – Lent 1

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Deuteronomy 26:1–11

“My father was a wandering Aramean.”

Psalm 91:1–2, 9–16 (VU pp. 807–809)

I will raise you up on eagle’s wings.

Romans 10:8b–13

Declare with your mouth; believe with your heart.

Luke 4:1–13

Jesus tested in the desert.

To Ponder

How do you join the “great cloud of witnesses” (Hebrews 12:1) and become part of a pilgrim people?