



“can you spot the Inukshuks?” photo – Nathan J. Poole

Sunday Worship

Westminster Church

The United Church of Canada

Celebrating over 125 years of ministry in the community

Sunday, Nov. 4, 2018

**Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost and
the Sacrament of Baptism**

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

Organ prelude

Lighting the Christ Candle

Welcome and news

Centering Music

Call to Worship/Approach

We come to this place to experience the presence of God.

We come to this place to be inspired for the week ahead.

We come to this place to find community and find out lives transformed by the Spirit.

We gather here to feel the winds of God, sense the power of the Spirit, and experience the peace of Christ in our lives.

Come, let us worship God....

Hymn VU 240 Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

Prayer of Confession

Listen carefully, Jesus said, *God is One,*

Yet sometimes we are tempted to serve other gods: the god of money, the god of self-interest, the god of work.

....so, love your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength,

Yet sometimes we forget God in the rush of the day, in our unforeseen worries, in the demands of over busy lives.

...and love your neighbour as yourself,

Yet sometimes we neglect our neighbours: we do not say the caring word, we don't take the time to listen, we are reluctant to forgive.

....love your neighbour as yourself.

**Yet sometimes we neglect ourselves: we are reluctant to celebrate our gifts,
we make light of praise, and we do not take time to breathe, be still or
pray...**

Silence

Moment of silence for personal confession.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Words of Assurance

Anthem Prayer of St. Patrick by Richard Voorhaar

The Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Amelia Donna Margaret Cassidy

Parents – Ashley and Kelly Cassidy

Godparents - Mike and Debbie Renaud

THE CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

THE PRESENTATION

Liz Witjkamp, a representative of the church, will introduce the baptism family.

THE TEACHING "The Sacrament of Baptism"

The sacrament of baptism proclaims and celebrates the grace of God.

By water and the Spirit, we are called, claimed and commissioned:

we are called God's own, welcomed as children of God;

we are claimed by Christ, united with Christ, with one another and the Christian community of every time and place;

we are commissioned to Christ's ministry of love, peace and justice, and strengthened by the Holy Spirit for the work of the church in the world.

PROFESSION OF FAITH AND PROMISES

Do you believe in God, Source of love;
in Jesus Christ, love incarnate;
and in the Holy Spirit, love's power?

Parents/representative of church Respond:

I DO, BY THE GRACE OF GOD.

Will you share your faith with your child, growing with him/her in faith, hope and love, encouraging him/her by your words and actions in the way of Jesus Christ?

Parents/representative of church Respond:

I WILL, GOD BEING MY HELPER.

CONGREGATIONAL COMMITMENT *(stand as you are able)*

Let us pledge to these persons our support and care:

AS A BAPTIZED AND BAPTIZING PEOPLE, WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO SUPPORT AND UPHOLD YOU WITHIN THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH.

May God grant us all the grace to live our baptism.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, A NEW CREED

**We are not alone; we live in God's world.
We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND POURING OF WATER

Gracious and Holy God,
we bless you for the gift of life, and within it, the gift of water.
Over its unshaped promise, your Spirit hovered at Creation.
By water, comes the growth of the earth.

Through water, you led the children of Israel to freedom.
In the waters of the Jordan, your Child Jesus was baptized.
Now may your Spirit be upon us and what we do,
that this water may be a sign for all of new life in Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.



PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE

THE BLESSING (*VU 965, sung by all*)

**The Lord bless thee, and keep thee:
the Lord make his face shine upon thee,
and be gracious unto thee:
the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee,
and give thee peace. Amen.**

**Children will go to the Children's Table following the Baptism.*

Scripture Readings Janice Anderson

Ruth 1: 1-18

Mark 12: 28-34

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

Thanks be to God.

Message

Hymn MV 216 Wherever You May Go

Collection of Offerings and Offertory

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

Offering Doxology MV 36 Glory to God

One: Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

All: Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

One: To God be glory forever!

All: To God be glory forever!

One: Alleluya, amen!

All: Alleluya, amen! x 4

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Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

**Gracious God, we offer our gifts
from the work of our hands to the work of your church,
for the encouragement of all people and creation,
and with the love of Christ in our hearts.**

Bless these gifts, and our lives, Amen

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (Spoken)

**Our Father/Mother, 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, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn VU 602 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Commissioning and Sending Forth

Choral Response VU 623 Dear Weaver of Our Lives' Design

**Let eyes that in the plainest cloth
a hidden beauty see
discern in us our richest hues,
show us the patterns we may use
to set our spirits free,
to set our spirits free.**

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Organ Postlude

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

***Written by John van de Laar (adapted); found on www.sacredise.com*

Lectionary readings November 11

- Twenty-fifth after Pentecost and Remembrance Day

Proper 27

Worship materials for the Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost to Reign of Christ Sunday were contributed by Éric Hébert-Daly, Quyon P.C., Quyon, Que.

Ruth 3:1–5; 4:13–17 - Ruth marries Boaz and restores the family line.

Psalm 127 (VU p. 851) - Unless God builds the house.

Hebrews 9:24–28 - Christ, the once-and-for-all sacrifice for sin.

Mark 12:38–44 - The widow offers two small copper coins.

To Ponder

Based on what characteristics are you most likely to mistakenly judge people? Why?