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Sunday Worship

Westminster United Church

Over 125 years of ministry in the community –
Moving forward in a tradition of service

Sunday, Jan. 19, 2020
Epiphany 2
10:30 am

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

Prelude

Welcome and News

Introit MV 28 God of the Bible (vs.1 and refrain)

**God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,
you are our centre daylight or darkness,
freedom or prison, you are our home.**

Refrain:

**Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.**

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Lighting the Christ Candle*

We light this candle to remind us of the presence of Christ.

The light from this one candle shines for each of us.

We light this candle and remember the love of Christ.

The light from this one candle shines for all the world.

Opening Prayer

Hymn VU 264 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Prayer of Confession**

Faithful God,

you call us to be saints,

but we seem more comfortable

with the role of sinner;

you call us to be your servants,

but we worry that we lack the skills

to do your work;

you show us the work to be tackled,

but we turn away defiant

insisting we have more important things to do.

Put your song on our lips and in our hearts,

and guide us into the light

of your unwavering, never-ending,

and grace-filled love we pray.....

Moment of silence for personal confession.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Words of Assurance

Anthem A Festive Psalm of Praise

by Gilbert Martin

Children's Time

The Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*Following the passing of the peace, the younger crowd is welcome to join Katelyn for **Sunday School** in the Chapel for a time of activity, story, and conversation.*

Scripture Reading: Carol Latter

Isaiah 49: 1-7

John 1: 35-42

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

Thanks be to God.

Hymn VU 563

Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Message

Rev. Sherri McConnell

Solo

Hear My Prayer, O Lord

by Dvorak

given by Fred Simpson

Minute for Mission

Special Days at Camp Whitney!

John Grivell

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 VU 93 When Heaven's Bright with Mystery verse 4

When heaven's bright with mystery

And stars still lead an unknown way,

When love still lights a gentle path

Where courts of power can hold no sway,

There with the Magi, let us kneel,

Our gifts to share, God's world to heal.

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Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (unison)

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 507 Today We All Are Called to Be

Commissioning and Sending Forth

Choral Close VU 626 I Heard the Voice of Jesus (vs. 3)

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise;
and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.

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Postlude

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Lectionary Readings

January 26 – Third Sunday after Epiphany *Worship materials for January 6 to January 26 were contributed by Catherine Tovell, Kilworth U.C., Komoka, Ont.*

Isaiah 9:1–4

The people have seen a great light.

Psalms 27:1, 4–9 (VU pp. 753–755)

God is my light and my salvation.

1 Corinthians 1:10–18

Overcome divisions and find unity.

Matthew 4:12–23

Jesus begins his ministry.

To Ponder

Do we have to answer everyone who calls? How do we discern God's call amid life's many calls to us?