



**First United Church  
Swift Current, SK  
November 18, 2018**

## **Membership Sunday**

Leading Worship: Rev. Annette Taylor  
Reader: Jim Pratt  
Pianist: Mary Anderson  
Organist: Patti McCleary

### **GATHERING**

#### **Moment for Reflection**

*You're imperfect,  
and you're wired for struggle,  
but you are worthy  
of love and belonging.*  
- Brené Brown

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Sharing of Peace/Prelude**

#### **Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Centering Hymn: MV #12 Come Touch Our Hearts**  
*(verses 1 & 2) (please remain seated)*

#### **Call to Worship**

ONE: Get ready to celebrate God's presence;  
**ALL: we rejoice that we are a part of this faith community.**  
ONE: Prepare to hear God's Word;  
**ALL: we rejoice that scripture still speaks in telling ways.**  
ONE: Be still and know that God is with you;  
**ALL: we rejoice that God is also with us in the silence.**  
*(a moment of silence)*  
ONE: Know that we will be called to act on what we receive;  
**ALL: we rejoice that we can be a part of God's work for good.**  
ONE: Let us celebrate the presence of the sacred in our lives!  
Adapted from: David Sparks, *Gathering Pentecost 2 2018*, page 33.

## **Worship Schedule**

Nov 25	Children's Sunday	- Sunday School & Youth Group
Dec 2	Advent One – Hope (with communion)	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Dec 9	Advent Two – Peace	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Dec 16	Advent Three – Joy (White Gift Sunday)	- Rev. Annette Taylor

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**Opening Hymn: The Whole People of God**

- Jim Strathdee (please stand as you are able)

**Opening Prayer and Jesus' Prayer**

**Creator, Sustainer and Redeemer of all life,  
we come seeking your disturbing presence  
and comforting peace.**

**We praise you for the joy of belonging  
to this faith community.**

**May we become aware of your Loving Spirit  
among us and within us in this place.**

**May our hearts hear your Word,  
and our minds be open  
to the transforming power of your love.**

Adapted from *Celebrate God's Presence*, page 29.

**WORD**

**Hymn: MV #161 I Have Called You by Your Name (verses 1&3)**

(please remain seated)

**Celebration of Baptism & Confirmation**

Confirmands:

Milan Yeo (with baptism)

Nicole Elizabeth Wiebe (with baptism)

Ella Moira Toles

Sophia Mikaelle Orola Ravino

Macy Lila Popick

Marissa Rae Moberg

New Member by Transfer : Dorothy Robertson

**Hymn: MV #161 I Have Called You by Your Name (verse 4)**

(please remain seated)

**Scripture: 1 Samuel 1:1-20**

We read this text so that in it we may find wisdom for life.

**May we be open to the Wisdom we understand and hear.**

**Reflection: Belonging**

**Choral Offering: Family of Faith**

- Valerie MacKenzie

**RESPONSE**

**Minute for Mission : Rendez-vous 2017: Be the Church!**

**Offering**

**Offertory Hymn: MV #182 Grateful**

(please stand as you are able)

**Prayer of Dedication**

**For these gifts, and for all your gracious gifts  
we give thanks, Compassionate God.**

**Turn our offerings into action for good  
in this church, this community  
and all over the world.**

**Amen.**

Adapted from: David Sparks, *Gathering Pentecost 2* 2018, page 43.

**Prayers of the People**

**Closing Hymn: MV #145 Draw the Circle Wide**

(please stand as you are able)

**Commissioning & Benediction**

**Choral Closing: Celtic Blessing**

*Traditional, transcribed by Pete Seeger,*

*Choral Arrangement by James McLauchlan*

**Postlude**

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**Lectionary Readings for November 25, 2018**

2 Samuel 23:1-7

Psalms 132:1-12, (13-18) (VU pp. 854-855 Parts 1&2)

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37