



First United Church
 Swift Current, SK
 January 20, 2019

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Leading Worship: Rev. Annette Taylor
 Reader: Eva Molyneux
 Pianist: Mary Anderson
 Organist: Patti McCleary

GATHERING

Moment for Reflection

*Come Jesus grace our feasting and do not pass us by
 for at the global wedding where all of us have place,
 we'd celebrate your presence 'til earth has owned your grace.*
 - Walter Farquharson "The Wine of Life"

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing of Peace/Prelude

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Gathering Hymn: MV #21 Open Our Hearts
(please remain seated)

Call to Worship

ONE: Everyone love's a wedding
ALL: and, in many ways, worship is like a wedding:
 ONE: a time to celebrate love;
ALL: a time to build community;
 ONE: a time to enjoy laughter, good food and dance;
ALL: a time to reconnect
with those we haven't seen in a long time;
 ONE: a time to remember those who are not able to come
 and to hold them in our hearts;
ALL: a time to focus on what is important in our lives.

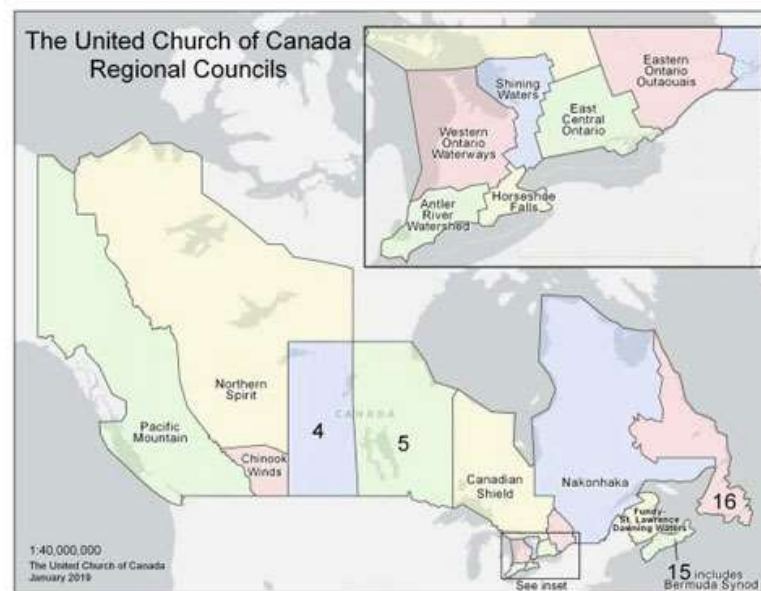
Worship Schedule

Jan 27	On the Margins (with communion)	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Feb 3	The Problem with Prophets	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Feb 10	Following Jesus	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Feb 17	Deep Roots	- Rev. Annette Taylor

Recent Events

Saturday, January 19th - Shirley Murchie Memorial Service

New United Church Organizational Structure



The new organizational structure of The United Church of Canada became official on January 1, 2019. [Find out more](#) about the new changes, including names of the regional councils, on the United Church website.

ONE: Here we are at this feast of abundance

ALL: so let us celebrate God's presence. Let us worship!

Adapted from: Gord Dunbar, *Gathering A/C/E* 2018-2019, page 48.

Opening Hymn: MV #37 Each Blade of Grass

(please stand as you are able)

Opening Prayer and Jesus' Prayer

Holy Mystery,

Ground of our Being,

**we come to this celebration of love
full of the questions, the doubts and
the concerns of our daily lives.**

May our hearts and our minds

be open to receive

your gift of abundant life and

the healing power of your amazing grace.

WORD

Hymn: The Wine of Life *(verses 1,2 & 3) (please remain seated)*

- Ron Klusmeier & Walter Farquharson

Community Learning Time

- Melanie Davis

Hymn: The Wine of Life *(verse 3 again) (please remain seated)*

- Ron Klusmeier & Walter Farquharson

Scripture: John 2:1-11

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: Sacred Feasting

Choral Offering: Come to the Banquet

- Joseph M. Martin

RESPONSE

Minute for Mission: LGBTQ Two-Spirit Global Consultation

Offering

Offertory Hymn: VU #545 You Nourish Us

(please stand as you are able)

Prayer of Dedication

Ground of our Being, Source of all Life

we bring our gifts to you.

Here is the work of our hands,

and the love of our hearts.

May they be accepted and used

for your work in the world. Amen.

Adapted from: Celebrate God's Presence, page 50.

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn: MV #138 My Love Colours Outside the Lines

(please stand as you are able)

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Closing: MV #220 Hope Shines as the Solitary Star

(sing twice)

Grace for Lunch: VU #552 For Food in a World

Postlude

Lectionary Readings for January 27, 2019

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalm 19 (VU pp.740-741)

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Luke 4:14-21

Called to Serve?



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THROUGH THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF
THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Are you or somebody you know [called to serve](#) as on a United Church committee or as an overseas volunteer? There are a number of great opportunities open, including Pension Board Member at Large, Roman Catholic-United Church Dialogue, Ecumenical Accompanier Palestine-Israel, Amity Young Adult Program in China, and many more. [Check out the opportunities.](#)