

Selby | Empey Hill
Pastoral Charge



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The United Church of Canada at Selby & Empey Hill

November 12th, 2017

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Selby Music Leader: Andrea Putnam

Empey Hill Music Leader: Marg Winter

We Gather Together

GATHERING SONG: MV#18 – LORD PREPARE ME

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

This is the day that God has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Let us be awake and aware of God's presence.

We look for God's coming.

We await the advent of God into our lives again and again.

Let us worship God today.

Let us worship God, so that we may be prepared by Christ for an unknown tomorrow.

Opening Prayer: (Unison)

Through the week of stress and demands, we come to you this day, O Lord. Awaken us again to your comforting and loving presence in our lives. Help us to be open to the many ways in which you have called to us and sustained us. Make us ready to be of service to you. Amen.

HYMN FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART: MY LIGHTHOUSE

Solo: "Trust in You"

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, there never seems to be enough time to do all the things that are demanded of us. Our schedules become crowded. We live by the clock. We do our best to handle whatever comes our way. But we are rarely ready for you. We would like you to come to us at a planned time so that we can fit you into our busy lives. Forgive us, Lord, for trying to make you a scheduled event. Help us to learn that, with you as our foundation, we can handle anything that comes our way. With you as our focus, all things pale in comparison. Let us look at the priorities in our lives and see where we have placed service to you. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

GREAT HYMN OF THE FAITH: LAS#19 – LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS

The Word Among Us

Our Sacred Scripture:

Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon: "Ready or Not?"

Music for Reflection

**THEME HYMN: VU#333 – LOVE DIVINE, ALL
LOVES EXCELLING**

We Respond to God's Word

Minute for Mission

Invitation to the Offering

Offering Hymn (VU#544)

**In gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life's way.
O God, who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ, your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

**CLOSING HYMN: VU#242 – LET ALL THINGS
NOW LIVING**

Benediction

Choral Blessing (VU#468)

**Jesus calls us in, sends us out,
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) everywhere!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays

We extend happy birthday wishes to the following people, who have or are celebrating birthdays:

Hannah Uens – November 11th
Taylor Lambert – November 12th
Henry Taylor – November 12th
Paul Dudgeon – November 17th



Happy birthday to you! Happy birthday to you
May God's richest blessings abide upon you.

Christmas Study Group – Starting Tuesday November 21st

A remarkable gift can arrive in an unremarkable package. One did in Bethlehem more than 2,000 years ago. No one expected God to come the way he did. Yet the way he came was every bit as important as the coming itself. The manger is the message. In this four-session video Bible study, Max Lucado explores how the One who made everything chose to make himself nothing for us. Because of Bethlehem, we no longer have marks on our record ... just grace. We have the promise that God is always near us, always for us, always within us—and that we have a friend and Savior in heaven. Long after the guests have left, the carolers have gone home, and the lights have come down, these promises endure.

CPR Training – November 30th 6:00 pm – FREE!

Glenda Hudgins has kindly arranged for the CPR Training Course for November 30th at 6:00pm. If you are interested please sign up TODAY on the clipboard at the back of the sanctuary.

Selby/Empey Hill Men's Club

Will be hosting their Ladies Night Dinner on Thursday, November 23rd at 6:00 pm at Selby. Tickets are \$20.00 per person.

Winter Indoor Walking

Once again this year the KFL&A Public Health will be having their Walk On program beginning November 01st and running until March 31st. This free program will run at NDSS on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5 pm – 6pm.

Gifts With Vision

There are booklets at the back of each church entitled 'Gifts with Vision'. This is an additional way to support the work of the United Church of Canada's Mission and Service partners in Canada, Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean and the Middle East. Please take a booklet if you are interested.

EMPEY HILL

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Will meet on Monday, November 13th, 12:15 pm. The hostess is Deb DeVries; Carmel Bell has the devotions and Phyllis Mastin has the program. The roll call is "wear a poppy". Lunch will be potluck with the north group providing a main course dish and the south group providing salad or dessert.

SELBY

Property & Finance Committee

Will meet on Tuesday, November 21st at 9:00 am. Please note time change.

SMILE

Every hour on the hour

Two new deer hunters decided to separate to increase their chances.

"What if we get lost?" says one of them.

"Fire three shots up in the air, every hour on the hour" says the other. "I saw it on TV."

Sure enough, one of the hunters gets lost, so he fires three shots up into the air every hour on the hour.

The next day the other hunter finds his friend with the help of the Forest Ranger.

"Did you do what I said?" asked the hunter. "Yes, I fired three shots up into the air every hour on the hour, until I ran out of arrows."