

*Selby / Empey Hill
Pastoral Charge*



Selby Pastoral Charge
The United Church of Canada at Selby & Empey Hill

Advent 4 - Family Service

December 23rd, 2018

Minister: Rev. Mike Putnam

Music Leader: Andrea Putnam

The Rock Program Coordinator - Tricia Cammaat

**GATHERING SONG: COME, THOU LONG
EXPECTED JESUS**

Lighting the Advent Candles -
The Sexsmith Family

HYMN: VU#6 - A CANDLE IS BURNING (Verse 4)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

It's almost here! How quickly this time has come!

We are breathless. Still so much to be done.

Calm your spirits. Take time to hear the wondrous news.

Open our ears to God's amazing story.

But don't only listen to it, take on your role in it.

**We are all actors in God's great drama, we are
all called to participate! Let us worship God!**

Opening Prayer:

O God, in this time together may we be open to experiencing your coming again for the first time. May we be surprised, may we astounded, may we encounter Emanuel – God with us. And may we never be the same again. Amen.

HYMN: MARY'S BOY CHILD, O MY LORD

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Monologue: "The Great One"

Special Music: - Vince Lasher

The Rock's Christmas Pageant

Scene 1: Mary and Joseph

THE ROCK CHOIR: O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

Scene 2: Born in a Stable

THE ROCK CHOIR: AWAY IN A MANGER

Scene 3: Angels and Shepherd's Appear

THE ROCK CHOIR: WHAT A GLORIOUS NIGHT

Scene 4: The Magi

THE ROCK CHOIR: WE THREE KINGS

HYMN: VU#48 - HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory: "The First Noel" – Max Putnam

Dedication of the Offering: VU#55

What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;

If I were a wise man, I would do my part;

Yet what I can I give him – give my heart.

Prayer of the People & The Lord's Prayer

CLOSING HYMN – IT'S CHRISTMAS

Benediction

GOING OUT SONG (VU#958)

Halle, halle, halle-lujah!

Halle, halle, halle-lujah!

Halle, halle, halle-lujah!

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Announcements

Birthdays

We extended happy birthday wishes to the following people who are celebrating in the upcoming week:

Emma Perry – December 31st

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



Office Hours:

Rev. Mike will be taking some vacation time beginning after the Christmas Eve service. Office hours will resume on January 2nd. Should a pastoral care emergency arise please call his cell phone 613-539-9324.

Church Offering Envelopes

Our 2019 Envelopes have arrived. Would you like church offering envelopes? Church offerings are tax deductible, so the advantage to using envelopes is that at the end of the year you will receive a tax receipt for the total of your offering. If you would like envelopes, please speak to either Rev. Mike or Lorraine Martin and they will get you a box!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Join us on Christmas Eve for our traditional service of carols, story, drama and of course candles! 7:30 pm at Empey Hill United Church.

Wassail Service

On the Sunday after Christmas (Dec. 30th) we have a low-key service at Empey Hill Church. This is where we share some left-over Christmas goodies, sing some carols and enjoy a relaxed service led by Rev. Frank Hamper.

Communion Sunday

Sunday, January 7th communion will be served at both churches 9:45 am at Selby and 11:15 at Empey Hill.

Selby / Empey Hill Men's Club

The date of the next meeting has been advanced and will be held at Empey Hill on Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019 at 7:30 pm. This will be the program planning meeting for 2019, so get your thinking caps on.

EMPEY HILL

Poinsettias

Anyone who would like to place a poinsettia in the church in memory of a loved one, please let Jane know so that your name can be included in the bulletin.

This morning flowers are placed at the front of the church by:

Bernice Thompson and family – in memory of Frank Thompson and Charlie and Winnifred Akey

The Chadwick Family – in memory of Marjorie Chadwick

SELBY

Poinsettias

Poinsettias have been placed at the front of the church by the following people:

Doug and Barb McConnell - in memory of our parents Birdie and Fred McConnell and Bernice and Harold Bell

Margaret, Kim and Tammy Nugent and families - in memory of Dean Nugent

Douglas & Shirley Jackson, Gary & Susan Jackson and Margaret Nugent and families - in memory of Dorland and Bernice Jackson and Marilyn Weese

Barbara Brookfield and family - in memory of Wray Brookfield

Glenda, Tricia, Jeff, Owen, Gabby, Forster; Jason, Shelley, Andrew, Ashley, Addyson - in memory of husband, father and grandfather Carl Hudgins

Mildred Milligan and family - in memory of Albert Milligan, husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather

Lorne and Donna Jackson - in memory of their Grandson Owen Kevin Jackson and their parents Homer and Mary Jackson and Ronald Lakins

Jane Hughes and family - in memory of Aubrey and Iva Asselstine and Judy Jarmin

Clarke and Lorraine Martin - in memory of their parents Claude and Helen Martin and Elvin and Marjorie Holland

Tim and Wendy Hart - in memory of their parents Ken and Lil Hart and Cecil Smith

Bonnie Winter and family- in memory of David Winter husband, father and grandfather

Brian Hudgins - in memory of his parents Ralph and Mary Hudgins

John and Linda Williams - in memory of their parents Stan and Florence Williams and Claude and Helen Martin

Byron and Fern Perry and Family - in loving memory of parents Alice and Wilfred Winter and brother Dave Winter

Please feel free to take your poinsettia home after the service today.

U.C.W.

Will meet on Thursday, January 03rd at noon. This will be the installation of officers and financial reports Will be given. Rev. Mike has the worship. The program will be a pot luck lunch.

Christmas Puddings and Baskets

There are a few of the puddings and Christmas baskets left downstairs. If you are interested in purchasing any of these items please see Lorraine Martin.

Just a Little Donkey

Author Unknown

Just a little donkey,
but on my back I bore
the one and only Saviour
the world was waiting for.

Just a little donkey,
but I was strong and proud;
I gladly carried Mary
through the chaos of the crowd.

I brought her to a stable
where she made a tiny bed...
A place for Baby Jesus
to lay His little head.

I pray the world remembers
that special Christmas night,
when just a little donkey
carried Heaven's precious light.

