

Selby / Empey Hill
Pastoral Charge



December 16, 2018

Selby Pastoral Charge
The United Church of Canada at Selby & Empey Hill
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 16th, 2018

Minister: Rev. Mike Putnam
Selby Music Leader: Andrea Putnam
Empey Hill Music Leader: Marg Winter

We Gather Together

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GATHERING SONG: MV#18 – LORD PREPARE ME

Lighting of the Advent Candle – The Wionzek
Family (Selby) & The Stapley's (Empey Hill)

HYMN: VU#6 A CANDLE IS BURNING (Verse 3)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Come and rejoice in God!

**Sing praise to God who continually blesses our
lives!**

In the midst of troubles and stress, God is near, offer-
ing compassion.

Our hope is in the Lord.

Let all the people praise God.

Hallelujah! Praise our sovereign Lord!

Opening Prayer: (Unison)

**Lord, we have come from a world of demands
and schedules. We have sought hope and peace
and have found them here. Now we seek the**

inner joy that only your presence can bring to our lives. Open our hearts and our spirits to your love. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Choir Anthem: "Can You See The Light"

A HYMN FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART: MARY'S BOY CHILD, O MY LORD

Theme Time with the Kids

Prayer of Confession

It is getting more and more difficult, Lord, for us to keep our attention on the holy things. Our lives are caught up in other concerns. We get side-tracked too easily and exhausted, we fall into restless sleep. Heal our hearts and spirits, Lord. cause us to rejoice in the wondrous things that you have done. Teach us to use our gifts for the common good, and that in helping, we find great and abundant joy. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

GREAT HYMN OF THE FAITH: VU#44 – IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR

The Word Among Us

Our Sacred Scripture:
Luke 2:22-35

Sermon: "Christmas Playlist" – "Simeon's Song"

Music for Reflection

THEME HYMN: VU#62 – ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory: "O Holy Night" – Jane Hughes

Offering Hymn (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 and The Lord's Prayer

CLOSING HYMN: VU#59 – JOY TO THE WORLD

Benediction

GOING OUT SONG (VU#958)

**Halle, halle, halle-lujah!
Halle, halle, halle-lujah!
Halle, halle, halle-lujah!
Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

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Announcements

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

Paige Keirstead – December 21st

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



Office Hours:

As we draw close to the busy Christmas season Rev. Mike will be in and out of the office from time to time. Please call ahead to make sure that he is there before you come.

His email is pastor.mike.putnam@gmail.com and his cell phone number is 613-539-9324.

Upcoming Services:

December 21st – Longest Night Service at Newburgh United Church. 7:00pm.

December 23rd – Christmas Pageant Service 10:30 am at Selby (No service at Empey Hill this Sunday).

December 24th – Christmas Eve Service 7:30 pm at Empey Hill United Church.

December 30th – Wassail Service 10:30 am at Empey Hill (No Service at Selby this Sunday) (Rev. Frank Hamper leading worship this Sunday).

January 7th – Communion Sunday – 9:45 am at Selby and 11:15 at Empey Hill.

Longest Night Service – December 21st

For many, the Christmas season is especially challenging. If you are experiencing a time of grief, depression or loss, all the holiday hubbub can be particularly stressful. The Longest night service is quiet and contemplative service just for you. You will be invited to light a candle, to listen to some gentle music and to be enfolded in prayer. 7:00 pm at Newburgh United Church – Rev. Mike officiating.

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

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

Bruce and Betty O'Brien – in memory of their parents Dorothy and Albert O'Brien and Isabelle and Russell Saunders and their sons, Russell and Eric O'Brien

Christmas Puddings, Gum Drop Cakes and Baskets

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

Mitten Tree

Thank you to all who made this year's tree such a blessing to so many people."

In 2017 our church donated:

- 56 pairs of mittens
- 32 pairs of socks
- 26 hats
- 13 scarves
- 2 pairs of slippers

In 2018 our church donated:

- 78 pairs of mittens
- 11 pairs of socks
- 34 hats
- 8 scarves

SMILE

Sarah new young bride calls her mother in tears. She sobs, 'Richard doesn't appreciate what I do for him.'

'Now, now,' her mother comforted, 'I am sure it was all just a misunderstanding.'

'No, mother, you don't understand. I bought a frozen turkey roll and he yelled and screamed at me about the price.'

'Well, the nerve of that lousy cheapskate,' says her

"No, mother it wasn't the price of the turkey. It was the aeroplane ticket.' "Aeroplane ticket...." What did you need an airplane ticket for?'

'Well mother, when I went to fix it, I looked at the directions on the package and it said: "Prepare from a frozen state," so I flew to Alaska.'