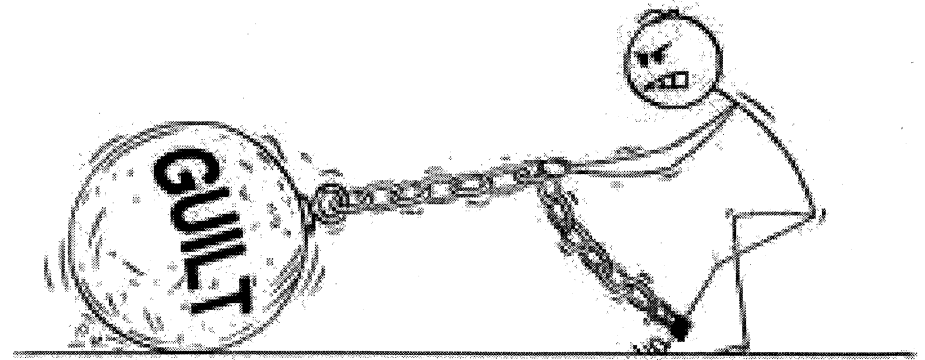


*Selby / Empey Hill  
United Churches*



*November 24, 2019*

**Selby Pastoral Charge**  
**The United Church of Canada at Selby & Empey Hill**  
**November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

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

**We Gather Together**

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**GATHERING SONG: COME PEOPLE OF THE RISEN  
KING**

Lighting the Christ Candle

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Brothers and sisters, the extravagant love of God has  
called us together today.

**For long before we were even aware of it, God  
knew us.**

He had already chosen us to be part of His family—  
God's beloved children!

**And having chosen us, he called us;**  
and having called us, he justified us;

**and having justified us, he gave us his glory!**  
What extravagant love is this!

**So come, let's worship our extravagant God  
together!**

Opening Prayer: (Unison)

**Merciful God, how amazing it is that you have called us into your beloved community today. Broken and hurting though we are, we are made new in your sight. Open our hearts and our minds to your redeeming and healing love today. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.**

Anthem: There Is A Higher Throne

**HYMN FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART: YOUR LOVE AWAKENS ME**

Theme Time with the Kids

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips dare not name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

**GREAT HYMN OF THE FAITH: OLD RUGGED CROSS**

## **The Word Among Us**

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Our Sacred Scripture:

Romans 8:1-6

Sermon: "Let It Go: Guilt"

Music for Reflection

**THEME HYMN – LAS#38 – THERE IS A REDEEMER**

## **We Respond to God's Word**

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Invitation to the Offering

Offering Hymn (VU#537)

**Your work O God, needs many hands to help you everywhere, and some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share. Because we love you and your work, our offering now we make: be pleased to use it as your own, we ask for Jesus sake.**

Prayer of the People and The Lord's Prayer

**CLOSING HYMN: CWGH#74 – BURDENS ARE LIFTED AT CALVARY**

Benediction

### Choral Blessing

**God be with you till we meet again,  
By His counsels guide, uphold you,  
With His sheep securely fold you,  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet;  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.**

### Announcements

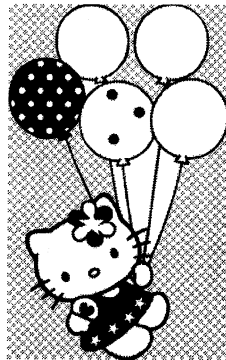
We extended happy birthday wishes to the following people who are celebrating in the upcoming week:

Andrea Putnam – November 26th  
Wayne Chadwick – November 27th

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

### **Office Hours**

Rev. Mike will be in the office Tuesday to Friday, 9:30 am to noon. Please feel free to call, drop in or make an appointment. He can be reached on his cell phone at 613-539-9324. His email is:  
[pastor.mike.putnam@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.mike.putnam@gmail.com).



### **Advent Study Group**

Join us for our Advent study called "The Case for Christmas by Lee Strobel. "Who was in the manger that first Christmas morning? Some say he would become a great moral leader. Others, a social critic. Still others view Jesus as a profound philosopher, a rabbi, a feminist, a prophet, and more. Many are convinced he was the divine Son of God. Who was he really? And how can you know for sure?"

Tuesday November 26th – Selby – 7:00 pm

Tuesday December 3rd – Selby – 7:00 pm

Tuesday December 10th – Selby – 7:00 pm

Tuesday December 17th – Selby – 7:00 pm

### **"Three Chords and the Truth" – A Concert at Selby United Church**

Join us for a special Sunday afternoon concert on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. "Three Chords and the Truth" is Vince Lasher's band and they'll be playing a variety of country gospel with a Christmas flavor! A freewill offering will be collected.

### **Ladies Night**

Sponsored by the Men's Club will be held on Thursday November 28, 2019 starting at 6:00 pm in Selby. The dinner will be catered by Dianna Lloyd followed by a presentation from Duncan & Ruth Hough, on their Iceland Adventure. Everyone is welcome! Admission will be \$20. per person. To confirm your attendance, Selby folks should advise Clarke, and Empey Hill folks should advise Dave.

### **Advent Sermon Series: God In A Manger**

The idea that God became one of us is a scandalous thought. Even more scandalous is that he chose to enter our world not as a mighty ruler but as a gentle and weak baby. Join us for this three-week sermon series exploring this remarkable truth.

December 1<sup>st</sup> – The History – Luke 2:1-3 &

2 Peter 1:16

December 8<sup>th</sup> – The Mystery – Luke 2:4-7

December 15<sup>th</sup> – The Divinity – Luke 2:8-15

### **Upcoming Worship Services:**

#### **Sunday December 22<sup>nd</sup> – Christmas Pageant**

**Family Service** – 10:00 am (Joint Service at Selby United Church – No service at Empey Hill this Sunday).

#### **Tuesday December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Family**

**Service** – 4:30 pm at Selby United Church (A 45-minute service of upbeat carols, drama and light for the whole family).

#### **Tuesday December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve**

**Candlelight Service** – 7:30 pm at Empey Hill United Church (A traditional service of carols, drama and candles!)

### **Photo Directory**

It is time we updated our church photo directory. If you have a photo of your family you want printed in the directory, please email it to the church or put it in an envelope marked accordingly and leave at the back of the church. We also will need your address, phone number and email address. If you do not

have a photo and would like one taken, Brian Hudgins will set aside a date and time to take pictures. We are hoping to have all pictures in by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

To facilitate this process, sections of the existing contact & photo sheets have been placed at the entrance to each church. Please refer to these sheets with instructions on how to confirm any changes or additions for your family.

### **Poinsettias**

If you wish to place a poinsettia at the front of the church (Selby or Empey Hill) during the advent season in memory of a loved one, please let Jane know so it can be included in the bulletin. Advent starts the first Sunday in December (December 01<sup>st</sup>.)

### **Mitten Tree**

We will be accepting donations of mittens, socks, scarves and hats for our mitten tree starting December 01<sup>st</sup>. These items will then be shared with local organizations in our community. At Selby the kids will collect the items before the story time and for Empey Hill, please place your items on the tree before the service.

SMILE



My exercise routine  
consists of doing  
diddly squats!