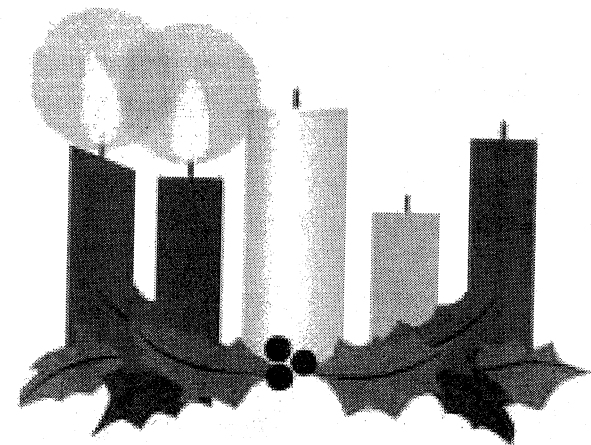


*Selby / Empey Hill
United Churches*



SECOND SUNDAY
OF
Advent

December 08, 2019

Selby Pastoral Charge
The United Church of Canada at Selby & Empey Hill
Second Sunday of Advent
December 8th, 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: LUYH#537 – OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART

Lighting of the Advent Candle –
The Dwyer Family

HYMN: VU#6 A CANDLE IS BURNING (Verse 2)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

This day is a day of preparation.

We come desiring to open our hearts, to be made ready to receive God's gift.

Repentance, changing our attitudes, our lives, is the beginning of our preparation.

Lord, help us!

God will fill us with joy and peace as we become witnesses to God's love.

May we become faithful servants empowered by this Good News!

Opening Prayer: (Unison)

Patient and loving God, we so easily launch ourselves in preparation for the secular festival of giving and parties and the swirl of social events; but we forget that the true preparation is the readiness of our hearts to receive you. Help us look again at our lives and turn them around so that they may be in tune with your will. We ask this in Jesus' Name, Amen.

Anthem: Do You Know The Way To Bethlehem

A HYMN FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART: OH WHAT A GLORIOUS NIGHT

Theme Time with the Kids

Prayer of Confession

Lord of mercy and peace, open our hearts to receive your words of hope. We live far too much in darkness and fear. It seems that this world and its people are more pleased to fight and destroy than they are to have peace and harmony. Forgive us, patient and merciful God. Help us be people who will look at the ways in which we have blocked your presence; ways in which we have truly failed to be your people. Give us courage and strength to change our lives, that your peace may become a reality in this world, right now, this day. For we offer this prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

**GREAT HYMN OF THE FAITH: VU#58 – INFANT
HOLY, INFANT LOWLY**

The Word Among Us

Our Sacred Scripture:
Luke 2:6-10

Sermon: "God in a Manger: The Mystery"

Music for Reflection

**THEME HYMN – VU#75 – WHILE SHEPHERDS
WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS**

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering

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#670 – PRECIOUS LORD,
TAKE MY HAND**

Benediction

GOING OUT SONG (VU#958)

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

Announcements

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

- Emily Chadwick – December 08th
- Judy McCullough – December 10th
- Riley Reynolds – December 11th

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.

Advent Study Group

While spending time studying scripture and thinking about our faith is always an important thing to do, I have decided to cancel the two remaining sessions due to low interest. We will try a different approach in the Spring!

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

Join us for a special Sunday afternoon concert today 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.

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 15th – The Divinity – Luke 2:8-15

Upcoming Worship Services:

Sunday December 22nd – Christmas Pageant

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

Tuesday December 24th – 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 24th – Christmas Eve

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

Sunday December 29th – Wassail Service – 10:30

am – a joint service at Empey Hill led by Rev. Frank Hamper. A casual service of carols, stories and treats.

Cantabile Choirs of Kingston

Will be presenting "Wings Of Angels" on Friday, December 20th at 7:30 pm and Saturday, December 21st at 2:00pm and 7:30 pm at The Spire. These beautiful concerts include holiday music from around the world and carols by candlelight. Tickets are now on sale at Novel Idea, Arden's Music and www.cantabilechoirs.ca

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 15th.

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.

Mitten Tree

We will be accepting donations of mittens, socks, scarves and hats for our mitten tree until December 15th. 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.

EMPEY HILL

Poinsettias

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

Ed Fuller – in memory of his wife
Shirley Fuller

Phyllis Mastin – in memory of her husband Stan
Mastin

Ruth Russett – in memory of her husband Harry
Russett

Helen McRae, John & Lois McGrath, Wayne & Linda
Garrison and Donald McRae and Pam Powell in
memory of George "Max" (Poppy) McRae;
Alvin McRae and Claude and Audrey McRae.

SELBY

Gum Drop Cakes and Gift Baskets

There are a few of the gum drop cakes and gift
baskets left downstairs. If you are interested in any
of these items please see Jane.

Property & Finance Committee

The meeting date has been changed for December to
Monday, December 09th at 7:00 pm.

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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, Kimberly, Caleb, Zachary, Tamara, Dennis,
Jacob and Jessica - in memory of husband, father and
grandfather Dean Nugent

Gary & Susan Jackson Shirley Jackson and Margaret
Nugent and families - in memory of their parents
Dorland and Bernice Jackson and sister Marilyn
Weese

Gary & Susan Jackson and Margaret Nugent and
families - in memory of their brother Doug Jackson.

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

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

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

Arnold & Joan Jerome and Jane Hughes – in memory of their parents Aubrey and Iva Asselstine and sister Judy Jarmin

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

Barb French – in memory of Frank "The Barber" Guczaly and Schuyler (Sky) French

Shirley Jackson, Cheryl, Rob, Michele, Max and families -in memory of Doug Jackson, husband, father and grandfather

Derk & Donna Jonkers – in memory of their parents Bill and Janie Jonkers and Willis Morgan and their brother Tieme

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

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

Bryon & Fern Perry & Family – in memory of their parents Alice & Wilfred Winter and Ruby & Jule (Mike) Perry; their brother Dave Winter; and their niece Nikki Howie

Ruth and Carolyn Pringle – in memory of husband and father Neil Pringle; son and brother John Pringle

Harold & Carolyn Robinson – in memory of their parents George & Ruth Robinson and George & Vida Conboy.

SMILE

Christmas is a baby shower that went totally overboard."