

*Selby / Empey Hill
United Churches*



December 22, 2019

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

Advent 4 - Family Service

December 22nd, 2019

Minister: Rev. Mike Putnam

Music Leader: Andrea Putnam

The Rock Program Coordinator – Tricia Cammaart

**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: VU#91 – THE FIRST NOEL

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:13-20

Monologue: "A Shepherd's Joy"

Choir Anthem: "Calypso Lullaby"

The Rock's Christmas Pageant

The Rock's Anthem: "Oh What a Glorious
Night"

HYMN: JOY TO THE WORLD (UNSPEAKABLE JOY)

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory: "Deck the Halls" – 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 MEDLEY – IT'S CHRISTMAS!

Benediction

Going Out Song (VU#958)

Halle, halle, halle-lujah!

Halle, halle, halle-lujah!

Halle, halle, halle-lujah!

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Announcements

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.

Upcoming Worship Services:

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 Candle-light 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.

Photo Directory

If you have not yet sent in your photo or made arrangements to have a photo taken, please do so as soon as possible so that we can start on our new directory.

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

Wow! Well done! Our mitten trees at both Selby and Empey Hill were full to overflowing! The hats, mitts and scarves were delivered this week to: Morningstar Mission, The Salvation Army and Interval House each received a large bag full of mitts, etc from Empey Hill.

Selby delivered 45 pairs of mittens/gloves,
32 toques/hats,
8 scarves
42 pairs of socks.

to New Lagacy (where we had taken them last year). This is the organization that Rev. Patsy Henry was involved with. They were so thankful and delighted to receive them. The Tamworth Lions Club still does the Christmas baskets for people in the area. The Salvation Army in Napanee gives the Lions Club the names of people that need help at Christmas and that way there is no duplication. So the mittens, etc. will be in the baskets that the Lions Club distributes. It was so wonderful to have so many things donated.

Thank you!

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Poinsettias

Thank you to everyone who placed poinsettias at the front of our church. The display is beautiful and helps us to celebrate the wonderful season of Christmas. Please feel free to take your flower home with you after today's service.

Play Group

Selby United Church will be hosting a playgroup starting in January. Parents and caregivers join us Tuesdays from 9:30-11:30 for free play, snacks, coffee, tea and songs! Our first playgroup will be Tuesday January 14th. We would love some volunteers to help out! Please contact Tricia Cammart or Mallory Wionzek if you can spare some time on Tuesday mornings.

Once in a Manger

Once in a manger, a long time ago,
Before there was Santa and reindeer and snow,
A star shone down on humble beginnings below
Of a baby just born who the world would soon know.
Never before had there been such a sight.

Would the Son of a King have to suffer this plight?
Aren't there armies to lead? Aren't there battles to fight?

Shouldn't He conquer the world and demand His birthright?

No, this frail little infant asleep in the hay
Would change the whole world with the words He would say.

Not about power or demanding His way,
But mercy and loving and forgiving God's way.
For only through humbleness would the battle be won
As shown by the actions of God's only true son.
Who gave up His life for the sins of everyone,

Who saved the whole world when His journey was done.

Many years have now passed since that night long ago

And now we have Santa and reindeer and snow
But down in our hearts the true meaning we know,
It is the birth of that child that makes Christmas so.

*Wishing everyone a
Blessed Christmas
And
A happy and Healthy
2020*

