

# Plymouth-Trinity United Church

The United Church of Canada

Fourth after Epiphany

January 29, 2012

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

\* the congregation standing, as able

VU: Voices United  
OT: Old Testament

MV: More Voices  
NT: New Testament



Plymouth-Trinity  
Est. 1835

### Prelude

### Welcome

**Announcements**—Life and Work of the Church

(a time of silence and centering)

### Candle-lighting

- \* **Introit** *(VU 647)* Travel on, travel on, there's a spirit that is flowing,  
a spirit that is flowing night and day.  
Travel on, travel on, with the spirit that is flowing,  
the spirit will be with us all the way.  
Travel on, travel on, with the river that is flowing,  
the Spirit will be with us all the way.

### \* Call to Worship

### \* Opening Prayer

- \* **Sing** I've got a voice to sing out loud  
I've got a voice to praise our God  
I've got a voice to sing out loud  
I've got a voice for praising

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| * <b>Hymn</b> | Eternal, Unchanging, We Sing | VU 223 |
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### Prayer of Confession

### Words of Affirmation

- \* **Doxology** *(VU 381)* Spirit of Life, come unto me.  
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.  
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;  
Move in the land, giving life the shape of justice.  
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;  
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

## Children's Time

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| <b>Hymn</b> | The Church Is Wherever God's People | VU 579 |
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### WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

**Reading** Deuteronomy 18:15-20 OT 174  
*A New Prophet Like Moses.*  
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm** Psalm 111 VU 833  
*Praise for God's Wonderful Works.*

**Epistle** 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 NT 171  
*Food Offered to Idols.*  
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**Reading** – With Authority

**Meditation** –What's Your Authority? Let Go of Our Egos!

**Personal Reflection** (in silence, followed by organ)

### WE GO FORTH IN PRAYER AND HOPE

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| * <b>Hymn</b> | Holy Spirit, Truth Divine (vs. 1-4) | VU 368 |
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#### Minute for Mission Offering

\* **Offertory** Jesus, teacher, brave and bold,  
(VU 605) let us serve  
you, young and old.  
Let us faith-filled workers be,  
all around, your wisdom see.  
Let us play and dance and sing,  
your goodness find in everything.

\* **Prayer of Dedication** (in unison)

Christ's body we are.  
Christ's body we seek to be.  
Christ's body, Christ's healing, Christ's message  
of love to the world.  
We dedicate the money we have offered,  
and the offerings of ourselves, in service  
of Christ's body, Christ's healing and Christ's message of love  
to the world.  
Amen.

**Prayer Hymn**

VU 19

Kindle a Flame to Lighten the Dark  
and take all fear away. (x3)

**Prayers of the People**  
**The Lord's Prayer**

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| * <b>Hymn</b> | Now Thank We All Our God<br>vs. 1, 2 en français; vs. 3 in English | VU 236 |
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\* **Commissioning and Blessing**

\* **Choral Amen**

**Postlude**

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A **warm welcome** to all who are worshipping with us! May the gentle winds of the Spirit fill you with peace and hope.

**Bienvenue** à l'Eglise Unie Plymouth-Trinity! Il y a des **Bibles en français** disponibles sur la table à l'entrée pour ceux qui en désirent.

If you are a visitor please make yourself known to those around you, sign our guest book and join us for a cup of **Fair Trade** coffee or glass of juice at the front of the church after the service. Visitors, please take a peace candle back to your congregation.

### **We thank our volunteers**

**Reader:** Jack Eby

**Ushers:** Michael Eby & Hazel Innes

**Sexton:** Dave Fowlis



**Leftover bulletins:** Please take one to P-T members in your neighbourhood who did not get to church this morning. If you do not use your bulletin after you leave worship on Sunday, please leave it on the back table or give it to Inge for distribution to our shut-ins in homes and residences.

**Secretary:** Michael is in the office on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Please have all bulletin items to the office by email [plymouthtrinitychurch@gmail.com](mailto:plymouthtrinitychurch@gmail.com) (or by mail or phone) by Thursday.

**Mitten tree:** We once again have an outlet for idle fingers this winter! Mental Health Estrie prepares festive “HUGS” packages (Hats, Underwear, Gloves, Socks) at this time of year for residents at the homeless shelter Accueil Poirier and the residence for the 18-30 age group, Source Soleil. The gift bags contain knitted hats, gloves, scarves and socks in adult sizes (especially for men, since 80% of the homeless are men), either hand-made or bought. Our “mitten tree” is ready to receive any “fruit” you can provide.

We extend our **prayers and sympathy** to the family of Ellean “Johnnie” Palmer, who died peacefully on January 18 at the age of 94. A memorial service will be held in the spring and details will be available at Cass Funeral Homes, 3006 College St., Sherbrooke (Lennoxville), QC. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Wales Home Foundation in memory of Johnnie would be appreciated.

**Chairs for sale!** A number of finely crafted wooden Sunday School chairs are available for \$10 apiece. There are 4 small round-backed chairs, 11 larger round-backed chairs and 3 straight-backed chairs. They are sturdily constructed and in good condition. Contact Lois Deagle for more information.



### **THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday, January 31:** Worship & Pastoral Oversight will meet in the parlour at 10:00 AM.

**Wednesday, February 1:** Weekly prayer group in the chapel at 1:30 PM.

### **NEXT WEEK**

**Next Sunday, February 05** – Fifth after Epiphany

**Tuesday, February 07:** Presbytery meeting from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Emmanuel United, 203 Principale, Cowansville, 450-263-0204. Registration begins at 9:00 AM.

**Wednesday, February 08:** Weekly Bible study gatherings will resume, led by Carol Gosselin before the prayer group.

## IN THE COMMUNITY

**Jammin’:** Weekly Student Hospitality Dinners on Fridays from 5:30-7:00 PM. Good food, good music. Bring your musical instruments and join us jamming! The meal is free and we’ll be gathering at Lennoxville United on Church Street in Lennoxville.

**Brunch:** Fraternité des Trois Anneaux/Three Link Fraternity, Unity Lodge #8 IOOF will be holding an all you can eat Brunch **today** at 4150 Rte 147, Waterville (Huntingville). We will be serving eggs, bacon, sausage, ham, pancakes, beans, home fries, coffee, tea and juice from 10:30 AM until 1:00 PM. This is a great opportunity to help support our community projects. New prices. Discount on price of brunch with CJMQ membership card. Information: [unity8ioof@yahoo.ca](mailto:unity8ioof@yahoo.ca) or 819-340-0391.