

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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January 27th, 2019 11 am
Third After Epiphany & The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this holy morning! We hope you feel at home in our midst. If you are visiting or new to the congregation please introduce yourself to Rev. Dr. Burke. Grace and peace to you all!

Thought for Meditation:

Stories have to be told or they die, and when they die, we can't remember who we are or why we're here.

Sue Monk Kidd

THE GATHERING

*Please rise in body or in spirit for sections marked with an asterisk.

*WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*Introit: Where Two Or Three Are Gathered (#14 MV)

Where two or three are gathered in my name,
I am there, I am there.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Light of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us worship the Lord together!

*HYMN #315 VU Holy, Holy, Holy

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

On this day of worship, this day of sign and sacrament, of water and word; on this day of faith and family, of promise and praise: may we recognize your presence here O God, with us and amongst us. This we ask in the spirit of Jesus, who taught his friends to pray together, saying:

**Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

***HYMN# 443 VU God, We Pray At This Beginning (alt tune #333)**

Introduction to The Sacrament (From: *A Song of Faith*):

In grateful response to God's abundant love,
we bear in mind our integral connection
to the earth and one another;

we participate in God's work of healing and mending creation.

To point to the presence of the holy in the world,

**the church receives, consecrates, and shares
visible signs of the grace of God.**

In company with the churches
of the Reformed and Methodist traditions,
we celebrate two sacraments as gifts of Christ:
baptism and holy communion.

In these sacraments the ordinary things of life
—water, bread, wine—

point beyond themselves to God and God's love,
teaching us to be alert to the sacred in the midst of life.

**Before conscious thought or action on our part,
we are born into the brokenness of this world.
Before conscious thought or action on our part,
we are surrounded by God's redeeming love.**

Baptism by water in the name of the Holy Trinity
is the means by which we are received, at any age,
into the covenanted community of the church.

**Baptism signifies the nurturing, sustaining,
and transforming power of God's love
and our grateful response to that grace.**

The Presentation of the Candidate – Tina Glenn, the Clerk of Session:
Jesus said: 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is
to them that the kingdom of God belongs. And he took them up in his
arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

On behalf of the congregation of New Maryland United Church, I
present **Caleb Adam Gregory Roberts** for initiation into the body of
Christ through Baptism.

Profession of Faith and Promises

Questions to Parents, Adam and Amanda Roberts:

Do you believe in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit/
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer?

I do, by the grace of God.

Will you proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, in your words
and by your actions?

I will, God being my helper.

Will you live in the knowledge and love of God, resisting evil, living with respect in creation, and loving and serving others?

I will, God being my helper.

Will you continue to grow in faith and love, so that being strengthened by the Holy Spirit, you may go forth to serve God faithfully in the world?

I will, God being my helper.

Question to Godparents, Jennifer Thompson and Matthew Roberts:

Do you commit to honouring the special role you will play in Caleb's life? Will you support him with love, and, as he grows, will you encourage him on his spiritual journey?

I will, God being my helper.

**Question to the Congregation:
(Congregation will stand)**

As the congregation of New Maryland United Church, do you commit yourself to support and nurture **Caleb and his family**, within this community which worships God, loves and serves others, seeks justice, and resists evil?

We do, by the grace of God!

Prayer Of Thanksgiving and the Pouring of Water

The Lord be with you.

And also with you!

We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of creation made known to us in water and word.

Before the world had shape and form, your Spirit moved over the waters. Out of the waters of the deep you formed the firmament and brought forth the earth to sustain all life.

In the time of Moses your people Israel passed through the Red Sea waters from slavery to freedom, and crossed the flowing Jordan to enter the/4

Promised Land.

You have come to us through water in the stories of Jesus, who was nurtured in the water of Mary's womb, baptized by John in the Jordan, and became Living Water to a woman at the Samaritan well. Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, and sent them forth to baptize with water and the Spirit.

By your Holy Spirit O God, bless this water we pray. May it be a sign of new life in Christ. Amen.

The Act of Baptism

Baptism in the name of the Triune God

Marking with the sign of the cross

Invocation of the Spirit

Aaronic Blessing

Declaration and Presenting to the Congregation

Presentation of Certificate and Candle

A Song For The Newly Baptized: *Caleb, Caleb, God Claims You*

T H E W O R D O F G O D

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

ANTHEM: *Bright Morning Star*

SERMON: *Worship Deconstructed!*

***HYMN #402 VU We Are One**

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY: (#81 VU As With Gladness Men of Old, v.3)

**As they offered gifts most rare, at the manger crude and bare,
so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ to you our heavenly King!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN #232 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You**

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BLESSING: (#81 VU As With Gladness Men of Old, v.5)**

In the heavenly country bright, none shall need created light;

**You its light, its joy, its crown, you its sun which goes not down;
there forever may we sing hallelujah to our king!**

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Today we joyfully welcome Caleb Adam Gregory Roberts, as he is baptized into this community of faith. Caleb is the son of Amanda and Adam Roberts, and the grandson of Anthony and Deborah Roberts, Colleen and Greg Ward, and Robert and Sandy Thompson. We also welcome the Rev. Brian MacDonald to our service this morning. Blessings abound!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

E-Mail: nmuc@nb.aibn.com

Website: www.newmarylandunited.ca

If you know of someone in hospital please notify the Church. Please forward items of prayer and celebration to the Minister. For emergencies, you may call Rev. Dr. Kelly Burke at 470-9634.

Greeter This Week: Keith Ball

Trustees On Duty (Jan): Lloyd Penney and David Ward

Tellers On Duty: Merlin Tracy and Tina Glenn

Sunday School Teachers: Krista and Jessica Tupling

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sun., Jan. 27th - 11:00 am - Worship Service

Wed., Jan. 30th - 1:30 pm - CPR Course (see below)

Sun., Feb. 10th - 12:00 noon –Annual Congregational Meeting (storm date: Feb. 24)

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – 12:00 noon

Sunday, February 10th, 2019

Plan to attend our Annual Congregational Meeting and stay for a potluck luncheon between the service and meeting. If you would like to bring some fingerfood to share for lunch, that would be most appreciated: for instance, sandwiches, cheese & crackers, fruit or veggie tray, etc. Coffee, tea and juice will be provided. **(Open to all members & adherents of NMUC.)**

NOMINATING COMMITTEE would like to encourage all members of the congregation to consider offering their time and talent to a committee of NMUC. In particular, we are looking for people to help on C.D. and Outreach Committees. Please advise Dave Ward at 455-8208.

C.P.R. COURSE - NMUC will be offering a 2 hour CPR course on **Wednesday, January 30th from 1:30 pm -3:30 pm** here at the church. The cost is \$15. if you are interested, please contact **Sue Morrison** at **458-8150**. Spaces are limited.

2019 Church envelopes are available for pick up in the foyer at the main door. If anyone would like church envelopes, please contact Lloyd Penney at 450-4342 or e-mail lloydpenney2@gmail.com or see Lorna in the church office.

GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE - For the month of **January**, we will focus on **canned beans**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated. We are always looking for plastic grocery bags as well as we use them for packing our food hampers.

M & S SPARE CHANGE JARS are now being collected. We are hoping to have all jars returned by **Sunday, February 3rd**, with funds raised going to the Mission and Service. **Please include your name and envelope number for a tax receipt.** Funds will gratefully be accepted in any manner you prefer - coins, bills or cheque, (payable to New Maryland United Church). If you have questions, please contact Sheila Power at 472-9824. Thank you for supporting this Sunday school's fundraiser.

STORM NOTICE

In the event that Church service is cancelled due to inclement weather, you will be informed in the various manners, but **not before 8:30 am.**

1. E-mail notification: If you have e-mail, this is the most direct method.
2. Radio Stations: CBC, JOY-FM, CAPITAL
3. Website: <http://www.newmarylandunited.ca/> It will be on the Home Page.
4. The answering machine on the church telephone (459-3313).