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ALL SAINTS DAY

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY SACRAMENT OF 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. Burke. Grace and peace to you all!

Thought for Meditation:

*You can trust us to stick to you through thick and thin - to the bitter end.
And you can trust us to keep any secret of yours - closer than you yourself
keep it. But you cannot trust us to let you face trouble alone, and go off
without a word. We are your friends. Anyway: there it is.*

*J.R. Tolkien, *The Fellowship of the Ring**

THE GATHERING

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

***WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

***INTROIT: Spirit of Life (#381 VU)**

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.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The joy of the Lord be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord together!

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER:

On 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.

And now we pray in the way of our brother Jesus, 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 BAPTISM

***HYMN#161 MV I Have Called You By Your Name**

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.
It is the ritual that signifies our rebirth in faith
and cleansing by the power of God.

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

The Presentation of the Candidate – Sue Harris, 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 **Alexander William MacGillivray** for initiation into the body of Christ through Baptism.

Profession of Faith and Promises

Questions to Parents:

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, so that being strengthened
by the Holy Spirit and nurtured at the Table of the Lord, you may
go forth to serve God faithfully in the world?

I will, God being my helper.

(Congregation will stand)

As the congregation of New Maryland United Church, do you commit
yourself to support and nurture **Alex 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 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 them to the Congregation

Presentation of Certificate and Candle

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

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

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Ruth 1:16

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Colossians 1:1-3a

ANTHEM: *Come To The Water*

P. Choplin

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SERMON: *Coming From a Long Line of Love*

***HYMN# 333 VU Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY All That We Have (From *Gather*)

**All that we have and all that we offer,
Comes from a heart both frightened and free.
Take what we bring now and give what we need.
All done in his name.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: A LITANY FOR ALL SAINTS:

L. Praise the Lord, all you saints!

P. Praise him all you heavenly hosts!

L. Abraham, Isaac and Jacob:

P. Isaiah, Jeremiah and all you Patriarchs and Prophets!

L. Miriam, Ruth and Naomi:

P. Elizabeth, Mary and all you Holy Women!

L. Matthew, Mark and Luke:

P. James and John and all you Apostles!

L. Stephen, Thomas, Peter and Paul:

P. Philip, Bartholomew and all you Holy Martyrs!

L. These are the saints of God.

P: And *we* are the saints who are the living body of Christ, the Church.

L: God of the generations, when we set our hands to labour,
thinking we work alone, remind us that we carry:

P: on our lips: the words of prophets,

L: in our veins: the blood of martyrs,

P: in our eyes: the mystics' visions,

L: in our hands: the strength of thousands. And so together with the great
cloud of witnesses, let all God's people proclaim:

P. AMEN!

***HYMN # 703 VU In The Bulb There is A Flower**

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BLESSING: May God's Sheltering Wings (#214 MV)

May God's sheltering wings, her gathering wings protect you.

**May God's nurturing arms, her cradling arms sustain you,
and hold you in her love, and hold you in her love.**

*The bulletin today is dedicated by Dorothy Webster, in honour of the
baptism of her grandson, Alex and in loving memory of Stuart's Mom,
Nancy Hamilton and Joanne's Dad, Bill Webster.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*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. Burke at 470-9634.*

Greeters This Week: Nancy Jenkins and Lorna Ball

Tellers This Week: David and Loraine Ward

Trustees On Duty (Nov): Jim Merrill and Allen Parlee

Sunday School: Sheila Power and Sarah Loftus **Nursery:** Lorna Ball

LOOKING AHEAD:

Mon., Nov. 2nd - 7:00 pm - Men's Club Meeting
Wed., Nov. 4th - 1:00 pm - Quilters
Sun., Nov. 8th - 11:00 am - Remembrance Day Service
Tue., Nov. 17th - 7:00 pm - Board of Trustees Meeting
Wed., Nov. 18th - 7:00 pm - U.C.W. Meeting
Sun., Nov. 22nd - 11:00 am - 128th Anniversary Service
Tue., Nov. 24th - 7:30 pm - Official Board Meeting

FOOD BANK - For the month of **November**, we will focus on **macaroni and cheese**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.

GREEN TIP: Old house shutters are the perfect size for making a raised garden bed (4 ft. x 1 ft). Enclose the end with scraps of lumber.

The "**OBSERVER**" is constantly in touch with people from all over the United Church of Canada. The cost of a subscription to the "Observer" has increased, effective January 2016, from \$20 to \$25 and can be ordered by putting your money in your regular envelope and marking it under **Other as "Observer"** or contact Sharon Noël at 459-5976. **Please note that your money must be received by the end of November in order to be submitted in time for 2016.**

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY – The 2015 Christmas ornament is available (\$12 each). Contact Allen or Marilyn Parlee @ **459-8007**.

Get Some Joy from the World!

Ten Thousand Villages is coming to **WILMOT UNITED CHURCH!** Fredericton Mennonites is hosting a sale of beautiful, fairly-traded gifts benefiting artisans from more than 30 Developing countries. Ten Thousand Villages is a project of Mennonite Central Committee, the outreach arm of the Mennonite and Brethren in Christ churches in North America.

The Festival Sale will be held Friday, November 13th, from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM and Saturday, November 14th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Wilmot United Church, 473 King St., Fredericton. Admission is free.

