Chilliwack United Church
25th Sunday After Pentecost
10:30 a.m.

We Gather to Celebrate God's Presence

Prelude

Welcoming Our Neighbours

Gathering Song & Lighting the Christ Candle
No. 356 VU
“Seek Ye First”
Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and God's righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Hallelu, hallelujah.

Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Hallelujah
Hallelu, hallelujah.

Call to Worship
God is present among us this morning.

The power of God fills us with strength,
the love of God fills us with hope.
In God's presence there is fullness of joy – so rejoice, because God
is present among us this day.

Hymn No. 288 VU
“Great is They Faithfulness”
Opening Prayer

(In Unison)

Timeless God, we praise you for the love you have shown us in Jesus Christ. For a few moments this morning, our restless hearts find their rest in you. Open our hearts to hear your word, that we might learn the path of life and be drawn always closer to you. Amen.

Anthem

“Ezekiel Saw a Wheel”

Hearing God's Word

Hebrew Scripture

Daniel 12:1-3

‘At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

Responsive Psalm No. 16

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Gospel

Mark 13:1-8

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!’ Then Jesus asked him, ‘Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.’

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ‘Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?’ Then Jesus began to say to them, ‘Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, “I am he!” and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For
nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Reflection

Hymn No. 92 MV

“Like a Rock”

Responding to God's Word

The Life & Work of the Church

Presentation of Our Offering

Sung Response No. 542 VU

We give you but your own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.

Prayer of Dedication (In Unison)

Breathe into us, Holy Spirit, so our thoughts and actions may reflect your own priorities and the ways of Jesus. Let our offerings be used to address the real concerns of people in need, both locally and around the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

The Lord's Prayer (Sung) No. 959 VU

Hymn No. 660 VU “How Firm a Foundation”
Commissioning & Blessing

Sung Blessing No. 211 MV

- Sing Twice -
(You are invited to join hands with those around you to form a “blessings circle”)

Go now in peace
guided by the light of Christ,
so you may be
nourished by the Word of Life.

Postlude

The church has a supply of hearing units for improved sound in the sanctuary. If you wish to use a set for the Sunday service, please pick one up from the sound booth at the back of the sanctuary.

Announcements

Leading the Service Today:
Clergy; Rev. Heather Anderson
Musician; Lynda Mundstock
Music Director; Marilyn Taves
Scripture Reader; Trevor Rollins

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Sincerest sympathies and prayers are extended to the friends and family of Beth McCutcheon. A memorial celebration will be planned in the new year.

Sincerest sympathies and prayers are extended to the friends and family of Pat Johnson who passed away in hospice this past week. A memorial celebration will be held in our church. Date to be announced.
**Budget Summary**

Average Weekly Revenue Required to Service our 2015 Operating Budget $3,492.00

Average Weekly Revenue to October 31, 2015 $2,959.00

**Deficit as of October 31, 2015** (19,342.00)

**Deficit as of October 31, 2014** (23,149.00)

Average Mission & Service Weekly Revenue Required to Service our 2015 Objective $211.00

Average Mission & Service Weekly Revenue Received to October 31, 2015 212.00

**Mission & Service Funds Received to Date – October 31, 2015** 9,226.00

**Mission & Service Funds Received to Date – October 31, 2014** 9,159.00

For your information, complete regular Monthly Financial Statements are posted in the Narthex on the bulletin board next to the ramp.

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*Keep on top of the latest news!* Be sure to contact the church office at 604-792-4634 or email chwkuc@shaw.ca, and add your name to our email list!

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**Do you enjoy jigsaw puzzles?** Bring your old puzzles to church on Sunday, November 15 and trade them for something new and challenging. For more information call Nora, 604-792-4420.

The **2016 Church Calendars** are now available for only $6.00! They will be available at church or contact Sandra to reserve one 604-792-9459.

Catalogues for **Gifts With Vision** are now available in the Narthex and at the church office. This is a great way to honour your family and friends and help a worthy cause abroad or at home.

**Remembering Our Veterans – Recognizing our Sto:lo Veterans.**

Saturday, November 28, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (Salmon and bannock appetizers by donation). All are welcome to the Cultural Experience Series. Each event is meant to inspire, motivate and build community across cultures. Sto:lo Resource Centre, Building 10-7201 Vedder Rd.
Sponsoring Syrian Refugees – Thursday, November 19, 10:00 a.m., Carman United Church, 7258 Vedder Rd. The United Church is a long time Sponsorship Agreement Holder with the federal government, which allows us to move quickly on sponsorship action. On November 19 we will hear what the United Church has been doing to support and sponsor Syrian refugees, and we will do some initial planning to sponsor a family here in Chilliwack.

Carman United Church is hosting an Estate Planning Workshop on Tuesday, November 24 at 7:00 p.m. in their sanctuary. The presentation will be about an hour and a half. All are welcome!

“Quiet Christmas” – 6:30 to 6:50 p.m. Mondays in Advent (November 30, December 7, 14, 21). A little oasis from the frenzy and commercialism of the season. Come in for some quiet, some peace, some candlelight, some sacred. The sanctuary will be open until 7:30 for those who wish to remain awhile.

Praying with Scripture – 1:00 p.m. Tuesdays in Advent (December 1, 8, 15, 22). In this kind of prayer, let a few verses of scripture settle into your heart and draw you into “the mind of Christ.” Each gathering will be approximately 40 minutes, and will include a few minutes of teaching; listening to scripture; silent prayer time; a little bit of conversation. It will not include tea, debate, or hard work.

Christmas Bake Sale on Saturday, December 12 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Mt. Shannon United Church, 46875 Yale Rd., Chilliwack

The December Pot Luck Lunch will be on Sunday, December 13. It will be a perfect time for our church family to gather around favourite Christmas treats. Please plan to attend and bring one of your favourite Christmas dishes to share. Following lunch, we will move into the sanctuary to enjoy our Christmas Concert and Carol Sing Along. Of course we have to sing our traditional Twelve Days of Christmas and it would be wonderful to be able to offer more entertainment as well. So let’s get practicing! If you have a contribution, speak to Carolyn Gaunt please.
Breakfast in Bethlehem

Sunday, November 29 at 9:00 a.m.

Tickets: $3.00/person

Come and enjoy a “Wifesaver” Breakfast and find out what the angels saw in the days leading up to Christmas Day.

Christmas is coming sooner than you think! Now is a good time to start baking the Christmas treats everyone loves for the always popular Cookie Sale & Tea on Saturday, December 5.

Christmas Tea & Cookie Sale

Saturday, December 5

Doors Open at 1:00 p.m.
Tea starts at 1:30 p.m.

Come stock up on Christmas Cake and your favourite cookies, sold by the pound, for the Christmas Season.

Now is the time to sort through your unneeded Christmas decorations and donate them to the Thrift Shop. Shoppers are already looking for festive decorating items.

The 6th Chilliwack Guides, that meet here in our building, are having a Holiday Inspired Craft and Bake Sale on Saturday, November 28, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in our church hall. Proceeds will help raise funds to purchase a couple of much needed easy-up tents to be used for various events such as cookie selling, camping and other outdoor activities. There will be home based businesses and a Trash & Treasures section as well as their yummy chocolate mint cookies for sale.
The Mission Ministry Unit continues to collect food items for the Cyrus Centre for their House on Wellington Ave. They provide shelter and services for “at Risk Teens” and require items for lunches. Specifically, we are collecting peanut butter, Cheese Whiz and margarine. They also need breakfast cereal. Bring your donations to church for delivery to their house.

Hi Ho Come to the Fayre at Trinity Memorial United Church, 33737 George Ferguson Way, Abbotsford on Saturday, November 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Start with a pancake breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Enjoy a Cookie Walk, Bake Table, Crafts/ Gifts and much more.

Food Bank Cupboards Are Getting Bare
The Chilliwack Food Bank (Salvation Army) shelves are getting bare. Consider bringing a donation of nonperishable food and dropping it in our collection bin in the Narthex.

Chilliwack United Church
Monday, November 15 to Sunday, November 22

Monday, November 16
No meetings scheduled for today

Tuesday, November 17
1:00 Thrift Shop Open
7:30 Choir Practice – Come make a joyful noise!

Wednesday, November 18
10:00 Thrift Shop Open
10:30 Drop In Bible Study

Thursday, November 19
10:00 Thrift Shop Open
10:00 Refugee Sponsorship Meeting at Carman United Church, 7258 Vedder Rd., Chilliwack

Friday, November 13
10:30 Mission Ministry Unit Meeting
10:00 Thrift Shop Open
**Saturday, November 14**
Fraser Presbytery Meeting at Carman United Church, 7258 Vedder Rd.
10:00   Thrift Shop Open
12:00   Kiwanis Soup Kitchen

**Sunday, November 15**
*Deadline for Purdy’s Chocolate orders.*
10:30   All Ages Worship Service
11:45   Jig Saw Puzzle Exchange

**Upcoming Opportunities During Advent**

*Donations of mitts, toques, scarves, socks, underwear, toiletries and oral hygiene items* will be collected Sunday, December 6 and 13 and distributed to folks attending our Saturday Manna Lunch on Saturday, December 19.

Information about the *Salvation Army Adopt-A-Family Program* will be available very soon. We will be sponsoring two families.

**Advent Praise: Sunday, December 6** must be put on your calendar! The service, Advent Praise, will be held that day in our church sanctuary at 2:00 p.m. Admission for this wonderful afternoon of music is a nonperishable food item to help fill the Food Bank cupboards. Listen to seven choirs perform their own special Advent songs, and then hear them all together in the Mass Choir, directed by Debora Soutar. There will be a sing-a-long of Christmas Carols to get you into the Christmas Spirit.

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Minute for Mission
Morogoro Midwives

An ambitious three-way partnership has made a significant change in the lives of women living in remote areas of Tanzania. Supported by The United Church of Canada, and in particular by United Church Women, the Morogoro Women’s Training Centre and the Tanzanian Ministry of Health are training maternal health care workers in an effort to improve infant and maternal health. The women are trained in pre- and postnatal care as well as birthing techniques and recognizing negative indicators for a safe birth. With the knowledge gained from courses, these midwives do their best for mother and child, often in difficult circumstances.

Early in the development of its courses, the Morogoro Centre realized it could reach more women by delivering programs closer to the communities they hoped to serve. The centre has been able to extend the reach of the program, training 45–50 women at a time in regions across Tanzania. The women also receive a practical birthing kit at the end of their training.

As the reach of the program expands, course material has been adapted to include women who can neither read nor write but who bring life skills they are glad to share with fellow health care workers. Five courses in 2014 trained more than 300 midwives. The impact of this program will be felt long after in the women and infants alive today because of the training received.

The 50th anniversary of the UCW made this special project possible. Our ongoing gifts for Mission and Service enable core support for the Morogoro Women’s Training Centre. Families in Tanzania thank us for this support. Please join me and give generously.

Mighty and tender God, through our gifts for Mission and Service
we respond to your call to mend the world.