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### Vision Statement

**A vibrant, inclusive community of faith striving to live Jesus' message of love and hope and promise of new life.**

### THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

(▲ indicates standing if you are able)

Gathering Music

The Life and Work of the Faith Community

Lighting the Christ Candle

Sung Meditation      ***Come and Find the Quiet Centre #374***

***Come and find the quiet centre in the crowded life we lead;  
Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:  
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see  
all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.***

▲ Call to Worship

L: The Lord be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: **It is good to give God thanks and praise.**

All: **Come, let us worship God.**

▲ Opening Hymn      ***Rejoice the Lord is King #213***

Opening Prayer (together):

**Eternal God, we come to you with hungry hearts, waiting to be filled:  
with a sense of your presence;  
with the touch of your spirit;  
with new energy for service.**

**Come to us, we pray.**

**Be with us.**

**Touch us.**

**Empower us as your people,**

**that we might act in the world for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

*(Celebrate God's Presence)*

### HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

A Time for All Ages

▲ Hymn

***Shout for God #246***

Scripture

Mark 1:21-28

Reflection

Whose Authority?

Reflective Music

Ministry of Music

*Just Two Words (Frombach/arr. Lau)*

### RESPONDING TO GOD IN LOVE

▲ A New Creed

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▲ Hymn

***How Clear is Our Vocation Lord #504***

Minute for Mission

The Offering and ▲ Offering Song:

***Grant us God, the grace of giving  
with a spirit large and free  
that ourselves and all our living  
we may offer faithfully.***

▲ Prayer of Dedication

***Lord, Listen to your Children Praying #400***

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### GOING OUT IN CHRIST'S SPIRIT

▲ Closing Hymn

***Jesus Christ is Waiting #117***

▲ Commissioning and Benediction

▲ Song of Dismissal

***Go make a diff'ence, we can make a diff'ence  
Go make a diff'ence in the world.  
Go make a diff'ence, we can make a diff'ence  
Go make a diff'ence in the world.***

Postlude

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The sanctuary is equipped with a **Hearing Aid Loop System.**  
You may need to **set your hearing aid to T** to take advantage.

There are **Children's Activity Bags** under the Welcome Table  
at the back of the sanctuary to keep little ones occupied during the service.

**Today's bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of Morris Moore  
(born January 29, 1915) from wife Alice and sons Glenn & Bruce.**

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**Welcome** to all who are worshipping with us this morning. Please **sign the book** in the foyer, visit our **Welcome Table**, and join us for refreshments in the Social Room after service.

**Office hours are Monday to Thursday 9 - noon. (454-0508)**

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**In Our Thoughts and Prayers:** Ken & Bernice Peach, Nancy Russell, Gwendolyn Daine, Gerald Harpell, Rev Jim Martell, Chris Amirault, Myra Freeborne, Shirley Daisley, Bruce Nickerson, John & Zita Murphy, Ron Herold, Marjorie Grant, Carla Gauvin, Beth Ralston, Nancy Hayter

**Congratulations to Gerald (Bud) & Grace MacDonnell who celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012.**

### **The Life and Work of our Faith Community – January 29, 2012**

**Just Us coffee and chocolate for sale in the Social Room after service today.** Do remember that I can do special orders of coffee - ground and beans too. For you lovebirds don't forget that Valentine's Day is just around the corner.....Fair trade chocolate makes the perfect gift for those concerned about the wellbeing of all people across the globe. Contact Brenda Woolner at 490.4268. [Bmwinhalifax@gmail.com](mailto:Bmwinhalifax@gmail.com)

**Committee Chairs: Annual Reports are now due.** Please submit to the church office by **January 31<sup>st</sup>** so the report can be collated, sent to the printer, and distributed by mid-February. Annual Meeting is February 26.

**UCW Leadership Team: Wednesday February 1, 7pm** Session Room.

**Outreach Team: Wednesday February 1 at 7 pm** in Catherine's office.

Catherine is contemplating an '**Eat and Explore**' group on the 6 Mondays in Lent, **Feb 27<sup>th</sup> – April 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Are there folks who would be interested? My general plan would be to gather at 5:30 or so for a simple supper of homemade soup; then spend about an hour on study/reflection, finishing up by about 7pm or so. There are a variety of study/reflection resources out for Lent, I haven't chosen one yet. I thought I would see if there was sufficient interest first. There would need to be 5 participants to go ahead; if you could let me know by the end of this month it would give me sufficient time to order whatever resources we would need.

**41<sup>st</sup> General Council – August 11-18 at Carleton University in Ottawa:** Youth at General Council – you can be elected by your Conference to serve as a commissioner or chosen by your presbytery. **Applications are due by Feb.1<sup>st</sup>**

**Maritime Conference – May 31 to June 3:** Anyone interested in participating in **Youth Forum** or **Intermediates at Conference** please speak to Catherine.

**Camp Kidston 2012:** information on Camp Kidston registration, job postings and fundraisers is available on the United Memorial Bulletin Board in the Social Room or at [www.campkidston.com](http://www.campkidston.com)

### **News from the Worship Committee**

**Learning** - We continue to study Eager for Worship, a United Church resource on worship and music.

**Chair** - Wilfred Dillman resigned as Chair of Worship effective Dec 31, 2011. He served in this capacity for several years and we thank him for his valuable contribution and for continuing to get greeters. Gail Logie has assumed the position for one year. Thank you Gail!

**Responsibilities** - We reviewed roles and responsibilities for the worship committee; these will be publicized soon in order to invite others to join us. If you have feedback on worship, please direct it to Gail Logie.

**Choir Gowns** – We purchased 'gently used' choir gowns from a UCC church in NB which closed.

**Pulpit Supply** - Needed for Feb 19th as Rev Catherine is away for one of her three weeks of Study Leave.

**Youth Group** - On March 18<sup>th</sup> our new Youth Group is leading worship with guidance from Rev. Catherine.