

# First United Church

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## Office Hours

**Monday & Tuesday:** closed  
**Wednesday & Thursday:** 9 am – 3.30 pm  
**Friday:** 8 am – 12 noon

We're able to receive bulletin info until **Thurs at 2**

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## Washrooms

**Upstairs:** through the door to the right of the stage

**Downstairs:** through the exit between the coat racks

First United strives to be a **scent free** facility

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## Christmas Eve

2024



**First United Church, Corner Brook**  
**December 24, 2024 Christmas Eve**

Welcome to First United Church as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. May you feel God's blessing here tonight, and also throughout this coming year.  
(The service will proceed unannounced.)

Prelude

Message: Not long now...

L: For centuries prophets foretold the coming of the Messiah: Emmanuel, which means 'God with us.'

**P: For centuries people waited in expectant hope.**

L: But now our time of waiting is over! On this night we celebrate with shepherds and angels, peasants and kings, old and young, friends and family, and brothers and sisters in the faith.

**All: Amen!**

Hymn: *Go Tell it on the Mountain* VU 43

Proclamation: (Isaiah 9: 2)  
The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. For those living in darkness, light is dawning!

Lighting the Candles of Hope, Peace, Joy, Love

Choir: *Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming*

Proclamation: (Isaiah 9: 6-7)  
A child is born to us! He will be named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. There will be vast authority and endless peace for David's throne and kingdom, establishing and sustaining it with justice and righteousness, now and forever.

Solo: *O Holy Night*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Hymn: *O Come, All Ye Faithful* VU 60 (v.1-4)

Reading: Luke 2: 1-5

Hymn: *O Little Town of Bethlehem* VU 64

Reading: Luke 2: 6, 7

Jesus in the manger

Hymn: *What Child is This?* VU 74

Reading: Luke 2: 8-12

Hymn: *While Shepherds Watched...* VU 75

Reading: Luke 2: 13-14

Hymn: *Angels We Have Heard on High* VU 38

Reading: Luke 2: 15-20

Choir: *Come on, Ring Those Bells*

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion** (insert)

Hymn: *Silent Night* VU 67

(sung during communion)

Hymn: *Joy to the World!* VU 59

Blessing

In a letter to the Church in Corinth the Apostle Paul said that God has provided us with more than enough of every kind of grace so that we will have more than enough of every kind of good work. If you feel blessed to be with us tonight offering plates are at the back of the Church to help keep this ministry active in the years to come.

**Thank you** to Miriam Major, and to all our readers this evening: Kara & Grace Pye, Randall Hobbs, Judy Spracklin, Roy Warren, Catherine Allen-Westby, and Charles Cameron.

**Thank you** to our Communion servers: Randall Hobbs, Lexi Hedderson, Sasha Hedderson-Pike, Joan Rowe, Anderine Gillard, Judy Wiltshire, Donna Hollett and Judy Spracklin.

And **thank you** to Jennifer Billard, Kate Sanders and the First United Church Choir for your wonderful gift of song – tonight and throughout the year.

**2025 Offering envelopes** were held up by the postal strike. At the time of bulletin printing they hadn't arrived yet, but they might be here now - so be sure to check the back table.

**2025 United Church calendars** are available at the church office for \$10.

## **Redevelopment Fund: In loving memory of...**

- ... parents Gerald & Mae Penney by son Jerry, Linda & family
- ... parents Gerald & Mae Penney by son Bruce, Sharon & family
- ... parents Gerald & Mae Penney by son Brian, Janice & family
- ... parents Gerald & Mae Penney by daughter Aune & Fred Colbourne & family
- ... Fred & Jean Hawkins by Kim, Rich and family
- ... Wilhemina Osmond by son Doug
- ... Wilhemina Osmond by Dorothy & Terry Simms
- ... Wilhemina Osmond by Craig Bugden

## **Organ Fund: In loving memory of...**

- ... Gary Graham by Leslie

## **Memorials**

**Flowers:** In loving memory of loved ones by the Allen Family

## **Local Fund: In loving memory of...**

- ... my wife Shirley by husband Roy, daughter Gail & sons Sean & Ryan
- ... my mother-in-law Nellie Rose & father-in-law Clarence Rose by Roy & family
- ... my parents Edgar & Maude Warren by son Roy & family
- ... our parents & grandparents Wilfred and Lillian Penney, William and Miriam Wiltshire by Judy, Winston, Kara, Ryan & families
- ... our son & brother Bradley by mom, dad, Kara, Ryan & families
- ... our dear friend Ron Bennett by Wince & Judy
- ... Elaine & Edward Bailey by Irene, Phyllis, Ted, Joan & families
- ... a dear friend Brenda Giles love Joan Rowe
- ... Arthur & Olive French and sons Bruce & Edward by the Ardley family
- ... Ernest & Junia Langins and children Janis & Liga by the Ardley family

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## Local Fund: In loving memory of

... Fay Hiscock by Kara Pye & family  
... loved ones by Kara, Terence, Alexander & Grace Pye  
... members of the Cross & Herdman families by Leslie  
... Larry Luscombe & wife Nancy  
... Larry Luscombe by Lauren & Kelly and Lee, Stacey, Nicholas & Juliette  
... wife Helen & daughter Gail by Henry Anderson  
... mother Helen Anderson by Pauline  
... dad, mom, brothers, sister, extended family & Sylvia Keeping by Margaret, Austin & families  
... parents & grandparents Henry & Mary Follett by Jeff, Emeline, Jason, Matthew & families  
... parents & grandparents Boyd & Rosemary Crewe by Emeline, Jeff, Jason, Matthew & families  
... brothers & uncles Bob (Robert) & Derek Follett by Jeff, Emeline, Jason, Matthew & families  
... brother & uncle Allan Crewe by Emeline, Jeff, Jason, Matthew & families  
... Willie & Tom Moulton and Ross Bartlett by Tim & Sherry Moulton & family  
... parents & grandparents Joseph & Eve Rowsell by Robert, Jeanette & Joseph

... parents & grandparents Captain Harold & Elizabeth Laite by Jeanette, Robert & Joseph  
... parents Mary & Ches Taylor, sister Peggy and all loved ones by Bert & Sandra  
... parents David & Enid Stevenson and brother Roger by Joyce & family  
... as we remember Josie Butt & Baron at this special time of year by Glenda, Judi & Pix  
... of loving family members by Marjorie Bennett & family  
... husband Dean Spracklin & parents Ruby & Robert Stevenson by Judy  
... dad Dean Spracklin by Tracy & Lori  
... my Aunt Enid Stevenson by Judy & family  
... loved ones by Cliff & Louise Stone  
... parents Phonse & Mima Penney by Sharon, Graham & family  
... Ramona Woolridge by Sharon, Graham & family  
... Mary & Ben Rowsell by the Rowsell family  
... mother Irene Simms by Christine & family  
... wife Irene Simms by Harvey

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