

# First United Church

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**Ministers Emeritus:** Rev Clayton Parsons  
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**Music Director:** Jennifer Billard  
**Office Manager:** Trixie Robertson

## 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**

Rev van Vliet's email is [firstministercb@gmail.com](mailto:firstministercb@gmail.com)  
His phone is **632-7129**. He tries to take Fridays off

## 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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## Advent IV

December 22, 2024



## December 22, 2024 – Advent IV

Prelude

Introit

Welcome and Announcements

Silent Prayer

Call to Worship: (from Isaiah 40)

L: A voice is crying out: “Clear the LORD’s way in the desert! Make a level highway in the wilderness for our God!

**P: Uneven ground will become level, and rough terrain will be made a valley plain.**

L: The LORD’s glory will appear, and all humanity will see it together.

Choir: *Prepare the Way of the Lord* VU 10

Lighting the Candles of Hope, Peace, Joy, Love

Hymn: *Hope Is a Star* VU 7

Prayer of Thanksgiving for God’s Presence

Anthem: *Christmas is a Feeling*

Reading: Luke 3: 1-14

Message: A few things we’re reminded of...

Hymn: *On Jordan’s Bank* VU 20

Offertory Hymn: *We Give You But Your Own* VU 542

Offertory Prayer

Community Prayer/ LORD’s Prayer

Hymn: *There’s a Voice in the Wilderness* VU 18

Blessing

*A Bach Merry Christmas*

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Join us for **Coffee Hour** after the service in the lower hall. Today is Birthday Sunday for December.

First United’s annual Christmas Eve service is set for this Tuesday, December 24, at 7 pm.

### **This week’s office hours:**

Monday, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> 9 am – 3:30 pm

Tuesday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 8 am – 12 noon

Friday, Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> 8 am – 12 noon

**Windows:** Depending on where you sit – you might not have noticed that the last few windows have been installed. Thank you very much to Charles Cameron who spearheaded this final push.

At this time of year we usually have boxes of **Offering Envelopes** on the back table for pick-up. Due to the postal strike they haven’t arrived yet. They’ll be out as soon as we get them.

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

## Memorials

**Bulletin:** In loving memory of brother Ed Churchill  
by Sandra & Calvin

**Local:** In memory of parents Gord & Eileen Hiscock,  
daughter Darlene Dunphy, twin brother Sandy  
Hiscock & friend Margaret Rabbits, loved and  
remembered by Sandra Ryan & family

**Local:** In loving memory of mother & grandmother  
Mary Follett by Jeff, Emeline, Jason, Matthew  
& families

**Local:** In loving memory of sister & aunt, Mary Follett  
by Marjorie, Donna, David & Don

## Clergy Work Schedule for 2025

On January 1, 2025 First and Humber United Churches will officially amalgamate to create **Corner Brook United Church**. In addition to a larger congregation we will also be blessed to have two ministers who will enrich our church community.

Obviously, some changes will be required to adjust to two clergy. Rev van Vliet will move to  $\frac{3}{4}$  time, and Rev Cook will be  $\frac{1}{2}$  time. Rev Cook also serves half-time at Humber Valley United in Pasadena, where she leads worship on a monthly rotation of 9:30 or 11:00. As a result, she cannot be here at exactly 11:00, so the time of her services here will move to 11:30.

There's a schedule of services for 2025 on the back. Please note that the rotation is roughly on a month-to-month schedule – although it's not exact. So be sure to consult the schedule.

We know and fully understand that this is somewhat unsettled in regard to worship times and overall scheduling, but this is the best we can do for 2025. In the fall of 2025 we will see how things are working out and make possible adjustments for 2026.

Undoubtedly, there will also be a few other things we'll have to resolve along the way, but we feel that the main things are taken care of until we get to the Annual Meeting, sometime around late February.

Questions? Contact Jeff Follett at [jefffollett@icloud.com](mailto:jefffollett@icloud.com) or Mimajoan Saunders at [mimajoan@hotmail.com](mailto:mimajoan@hotmail.com)

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**Rev van Vliet at 11:00**    **Rev Cook at 11:30**

**January 1 – February 5**

(Jan 5, 12, 19, 26, Feb 2)

**February 5 – February 26**

(Feb 9, 16, 23)

**February 26 – April 2**

(March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30)

**April 2 – April 30**

(April 6, 13, Holy Week: MT, GF, Easter Sunday, April 27)

**April 30 – June 4**

(May 4, 11, 18, 25, June 1)

**June 4 – July 2**

(June 8, 15, 22, 29)

**July 2 – August 6**

(July 6, 13, 20, 27, Aug 3)

**August 6 – September 3**

(Aug 10, 17, 24, 31)

**September 3 – October 1**

(Sept 7, 14, 21, 28)

**October 1 – October 29**

(Oct 5, 12, 19, 26)

**October 29 – December 17**

(Nov 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Dec 7, 14)

**December 17 – December 31**

(Dec 21, Christmas Eve, Dec 28)