

First United Church

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

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Washrooms

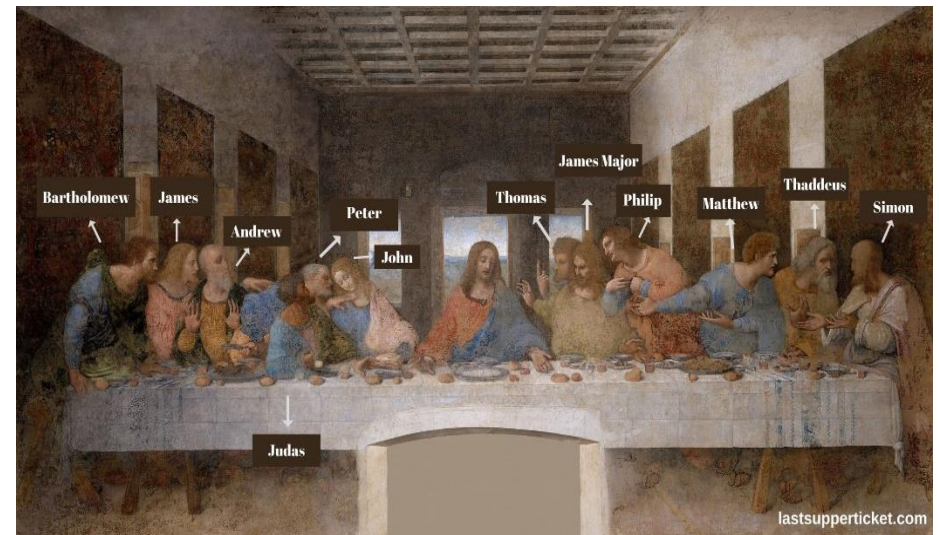
Upstairs: through the door to the right of the stage

Downstairs: the exit between the two coat racks

First United strives to be a scent free facility.

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In *Da Vinci's* famous painting John is, in fact, seated on Jesus' right hand, and his brother James is seated on Jesus' left (although Thomas is pictured barging in from behind).

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Welcome and Announcements

Silent Prayer

Introit

Call to Worship: (from Romans 12)

L: Love should be shown without pretending.

P: Hate evil, and hold on to what is good.

L: Love each other like the members of your family.

P: Be the best at showing honour to each other.

L: Consider everyone as equal, and don't think that you're better than anyone else.

P: Instead, freely associate with those who have no social status.

L: And don't go around thinking that you're so smart.

Hymn: *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* VU 560

Prayer of Thanksgiving for God's Presence

Anthem

Readings: Mark 10: 35-45

Message: What do you mean, "Tell no one"?

Hymn: *The Church of Christ in Every Age* VU 601

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

Offertory Prayer

Community Prayer/ LORD's Prayer

Hymn: *Draw the Circle Wide*

MV 145

Blessing

Choral Blessing

Postlude

There is no coffee hour this week, but next week is Birthday Sunday!

There's an open house this afternoon for Corner Brook's first (and thus far *only*) female mayor. Friends and family of Priscilla Boutcher invite the public to join them at the City Hall Atrium from 2-4 to celebrate her 90th birthday. Official remarks at 2 pm.

Next Sunday night (7 pm, Oct. 27th) there's an Uncommon Praise Concert at Oakland United Church. Everyone welcome. Admission \$10.

Windows

There has been some renewed interest in the window project and we think it's a good time to make a push to finish the last few. There are two in the well-travelled hallway to the right of the stage that we'd especially like to replace, and also one in the West Street entrance.

We want to stress that we don't want anyone to donate to this project in lieu of their usual givings. It's important to keep the budget up. But if you are able to give a bit more than usual and would like to see it go to a specific project, please consider a donation to the window fund.

\$200, \$500, \$1000, \$2000 or more – it all helps. As before, we'll put up small window plaques for the larger donations.

Please make your cheques out to First United Church, and add **Windows** to the memo line.

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The Messianic Secret in the Gospel of Mark

William Wrede was a German theologian who, in 1901, proposed the theory of the “Messianic Secret” – which attempted to account for the strange sayings in Mark's gospel when Jesus tells his followers to “tell no one what they had seen.” If Jesus was the Messiah why would he actively downplay his identity?

Wrede claimed that Jesus never believed himself to be the Messiah, and that Mark inserted these words into Jesus teachings to forestall having to make any clear claim to divinity.

There is no doubt that Mark's gospel account does indeed contain some strange turns of phrase. Further, there's also no debate that the Christian church spent the better part of five centuries trying to sort out Jesus' sense of divinity. But virtually all biblical scholars have dispensed with Wrede's theory and have come up with much clearer explanations of why Jesus told his disciples to “not tell anyone.”

Probably the most plausible of these counter theories is that Jesus didn't want his growing celebrity status to overshadow his ministry.

Despite his main theory being debunked Wrede's name of “Messianic Secret” remains attached to these enigmatic lines in Mark.