

First United Church

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Fridays 8-12 noon.

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

Rev van Vliet's email is 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: the exit between the two coat racks

First United strives to be a scent free facility.

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December 29, 2024



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Prelude

Introit: *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* VU 43

Welcome and Announcements

Silent Prayer

Call to Worship:

L: Praise the Living God! Praise God from the heavens:

P: Sun and moon and shining stars, praise the Living God!

L: O God, our light, our beauty, our rest: With the appearance of your Son you have brought us into your new creation.

P: Form us into your people, and root our lives in you; through Christ, the Living Light. Amen.

Hymn: *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* VU 36

Prayer of Thanksgiving for God's Presence

Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

Solo : *Still, Still, Still*

Hymn : *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* VU 35

Message:

Hymn: *Jesus, Our Brother* VU 56

Offertory Hymn: *Praise God from Whom...* VU 541

Offertory Prayer: **In the gifts of word and song, we hear the story of your gift of life, O God. Here, we offer what we can of ourselves, we who are part of that same story. Receive these gifts, God of All, for the work of your kingdom. May our words become witness, and our witness become work, for your people, in your world. Amen.**

Hymn: *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child* VU 46

Community Prayer/LORD's Prayer

Hymn: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* VU 48

Blessing

Postlude

Memorial

Local: In loving memory of Bill & Marie Matthews by George & Yvonne and Brian, Lori, Maria & Families

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 or Mimajoan Saunders at 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)