

A special thank you to all participants in today's service.

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Ushers: Al and Anne Garret
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Emmanuel United Church is a caring, welcoming faith community, nurturing spiritual life and sharing God's love and grace as experienced in Jesus Christ.

We are glad that you are here today! If you are new to Emmanuel, we hope that you will feel welcome and join us for coffee fellowship after the worship service. Please introduce yourself to our minister, Rev. Roni Beharry and sign the Guest Book before you leave. We hope that you have been enriched through the worship today and that you will come again.

Minister: Rev. Roni Beharry
Organist: John Henderson
Administration: Laura Martin

Celebrating the Baptism of Jesus

Today at Emmanuel

10:30am Worship Service

This Week

Mon. Reports are due
Wed. Council Meeting at
7:00pm

WE GATHER

Welcome
Announcements
Greeting:

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

WE ENTER INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Call to Worship:

You gather us in as your beloved.

You love us in our uniqueness.

You love us at our best, and in our weaker moments.

You are compassionate toward us.

You give us courage to live more fully into our identity as your beloved ones.

Empower us, through the Power of the Holy Spirit, to live out the norms of beloved community.

May your reign of peace be established.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

READING BIBLICAL LITERATURE: PART 3 - THE NEW TESTAMENT
St. Andrews Church in North Bay is going through a new DVD series on the New Testament. The sessions will be on Monday nights from 7:00pm - 9:00pm starting on February 5th for 13 weeks. Registration fee is \$20, for more information or to register please contact Margaret Reid at (705) 476-3917.

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH:



Truly and Humbly
memories of the first apology

In 1986, the United Church of Canada apologised to the Indigenous Peoples of Canada. This documentary, from Dr. Hoi Cheu (Lutheran University, Department of English), traces the memories of those involved with the apology, including Alberta Billy who requested it and Right Rev. Bob Smith who led the General Council to vote for it.

Following the one hour film, there will be snacks and an opportunity for an informal conversation around where we've been, where we are, and where we're headed. There is no charge to attend and all are welcome!

The Interchurch Study Group
of Trinity United Church (North Bay) Presents

Truly and Humbly
memories of the first apology
a documentary by Dr. Hoi Cheu (2017, 61 min)

Wednesday, February 7, 2018
9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Trinity United Church, Fireside Room
111 McIntyre Street East, North Bay, Ontario
(Please Use McIntyre Street Entrance)

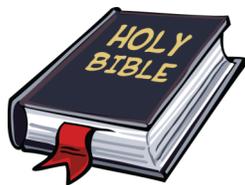
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE STUDY

The next Bible Study happens on Wednesdays January 24th, at 7:00pm - 8:00pm in the Board Room. Our Study is based on the previous Sunday's Readings. Sermon outlines are available today and in the week. Please contact Rev. Roni for more information.



NEWSLETTER ARTICLES WANTED

 Now accepting articles for the upcoming newsletter. If you have an item of interest you would like placed in the newsletter, please send it to carmichl@efni.com or place in the *Newsletter* slot in the church office, on or before **4:00 p.m. January 21st**. We hope to distribute the newsletter on January 28th. Thank you in advance.

COUNCIL MEETING

There is a Council Meeting scheduled for January 17th, chairs please have your reports in by tomorrow!

TIM HORTONS GROUP

This week the group that meets at the Tim Hortons/Wendy's is meeting at 3:00pm. Join Rev. Roni and Lorne for conversations about our faith and how it intersects with our lives and culture.

WEST FERRIS COMMUNITY BRUNCH

The West Ferris Brunch organizers are asking for food donations. Suggested items include: canned soups, canned fruit, canned veggies, canned pork and beans, small cans of juices, individual small boxes of cereal, tea bags and coffee, as well as hotel lotions, shampoos, and conditioner.

Opening Prayer:

God of Life

Prepare our hands for a touch

A new and different touch

Prepare our hands for a touch

a touch of encounter

a touch of awakening

a touch of hope

a touch of feeling

Many are the worn-out gestures

many are the movements frozen in time

Many are the useless excuses just to repeat attitudes...

Give us vision to create new titles of community

New links of affection

Breaking away from old ways of relating.

Encouraging true, meaningful ways to move into closeness.

O God, form us into your Beloved Community. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

By Ernesto Barros Cardoso, Brazil in "Gifts of Many Cultures: Worship Resources for the Global Community, 1995.

Hymn: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" VU #333

Prayer of Confession:

Loving God, forgive us when we unknowingly reject the identity you give us.

We sometimes try to find significance in our own merit, hoping that a job well done makes us worthy. At other times, we are harsh toward ourselves and others for the mistakes we make.

We name those moments when we try to find our worth in our accumulation of resources, our social status and even our toys.

Carried away with our own pursuits of power and status, we reject our true selves 'your beloved'. At other times our ascribed worldly worth can be a barrier, preventing us from seeing the beloved in our neighbour.
Transform us through the power of your grace.
Help us to ponder the sign of Jesus's Baptism.
Amen.

Words of Assurance

Choral Assurance of Forgiveness:

**How deep the peace, the confidence,
of those whose wrongs are forgiven.
How deep the peace, the confidence,
of those whose hearts are healed. Amen.**

Children's Time: "The Sign of the Dove"

Hymn: "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry" VU #644

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 1:1-5
(after the reading) *One: Herein is Wisdom.*
All: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: Acts 19:1-7
(after the reading) *One: Herein is Wisdom.*
All: Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem: "Gentle Jesus"
By: Anna Laura Page

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:4-11
(after the reading) *One: This is the Good News of Jesus Christ!*
All: Glory to you O Christ.

Sermon: "Called Beloved"

Prayer of Ascription

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: "I am a Child of God" MV #157, vs.1-4

Offering

Offertory:

**Praise God from who all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Offertory Blessing

Pastoral Prayer

SENT TO SHOW CHRIST'S LOVE

Hymn: "Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart" VU #378

Benediction

Choral Benediction:

**Go now in peace, never be afraid
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.**

Please join us for a time of fellowship after our service.
Our gathering will be in Bert Passmore Hall. Just follow everyone else as we head to the hall and our time together.