

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

Reader: Bud McMartin

Projectionist: Lorne Robertson

Ushers: Pam Zygmunt & Murray Bothwell

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Dixon & Hailey McLeod



EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

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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

Today at Emmanuel

10:30am Worship Service

This Week

Wed. Bible Study at
7:00pm

Fri. "Timmies at 2:00"
group meets

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:

*God of infinite mercy and wisdom, we enter into your
presence,*

**seeking a transformative sign of your life-giving
authority, in our lives and in our collective
witness.**

**You call us to be so much more than merely a sign
of religious institutionalized authority.**

**Surprise us and enliven us with your life-giving
presence.**

To this end we pray together:

PUBLIC MEETING RE: CASINO

Monday January 29, at 5:30pm North Bay City Council will hold a special meeting to consider the application to re-zone a Pinewood Park property to allow a gaming facility. This is the time for the people of the North Bay area to express their opinions. PLEASE COME...it is very important. Just by showing up you will be demonstrating to City Councillors that there is a strong opposition to having a casino. If you wish to speak, even better...there will be time for people to give a verbal opinion on the location or on the casino issue.

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.

TRULY AND HUMBLLY

Trinity United Church is hosting an interchurch study group entitled "Truly and Humbly: Memories of the first apology" on Wed. February 7th from 9:30 - 12pm. This is based on a documentary by Dr. Hoi Cheu. For more information please call Wanda at 705-474-3310 or email trinitynorthbay@gmail.com

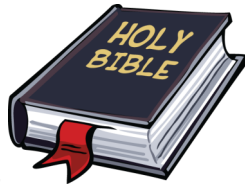
"CANADA'S DARK SECRET"

Is a 1 hr film, partly shot in Chisholm & Powassan, will be shown Fri. Feb 9, 7:00pm at Chisholm United Church. It tells the story of 3 Indian Residential School survivors from Six Nations, and the story of former Powassan resident Ron Shortt, an ex-RCMP officer. Ron Shortt & Karen Labrecque, a second generation IRS survivor will speak briefly after the film & answer questions. All welcome. No admission charge; refreshments by donation. Bring a comfy chair if you wish.

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 outline are available today and in the week. Please contact Rev. Roni for more information.



TIM HORTONS GROUP



This week the group that meets at the Tim Hortons/Wendy's is meeting at 2:00pm. Join Rev. Roni and Lorne for conversations about our faith and how it intersects with our lives and culture.

LADIES LUNCHEON

UCW will be holding a Ladies Luncheon on February 6th in the church hall. Roast chicken dinner by Dianne's Catering - \$30. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex by January 31st or contact Brenda at 474-2607. All ladies welcome.

NOTICE:

It is with great sadness, we announce the peaceful passing of Ken Saunders, a long time friend of Emmanuel. He thanked God for his 89 years and being blessed with a wonderful family. Cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, he has requested donations to Sick Kids.

CONGREGATIONAL LUNCHEON

The CL&W Committee will organize the luncheon for the Congregational Meeting on Sun., Feb. 18th. Our committee along with a few congregation helpers will provide the food of egg, salmon & ham sandwiches along with some veggies, dessert & beverages. Most of the food is provided by donations by the committee and a few others in the past year CL&W has given \$926.20 to the General Fund through the Free-will Offerings collected at the various luncheons.

Opening Prayer:

Transforming God, you touch us with mercy and compassion. All praise and glory is Yours. We gather this day thankful for your life-giving work in our lives and in our world. You indeed are the author of life, and you empower your church to be your life-giving presence in the world. Send your Holy Spirit so that this may be no ordinary Sabbath but one filled with your glorious presence. Inspire us to lift our voices in prayer and praise to you. Amen.

Adapted from The Gathering, A/C/E 2017/18 (Year B)
Prayers for Worship. Laura, Turnbull, Penticton, B.C.

Hymn: "Spirit, Open My Heart" MV #79

Prayer of Confession:

Author of life, we enter into your presence, naming those persons and institutions that influence our decisions, for better or worse. We ponder the sources from which we receive our news: mainstream media and social media. What sources do we trust? Who do we trust? And why? We ponder the impact that all of these voices have on our faith life. We confess that at times, knowingly or unknowingly other voices, alternate sources, seem to possess greater authority in our lives. Re-orient us toward you and your life-giving teaching. Liberate us from the force of unclean motives, unclean thoughts and unclean spirits. In Jesus Name we pray, Amen.

Adapted from The Abingdon Preaching Annual 2018.

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. (x2)**

Children's Time: "What is Authority?"

Hymn: "Holy Spirit, Hear Us" VU #377

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20
(after the reading) *One: Herein is Wisdom.*

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 111 pg.833

Choir Anthem: "God Weeps" MV #78

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:21-28

(after the reading) *One: This is the Good News of Jesus Christ!*

All: Glory to you O Christ.

Sermon: "No Ordinary Sabbath:

He Speaks With Life-giving Authority"

Prayer of Ascription

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: "Like a Healing Stream" MV #144

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: "Lord, Speak to Me" VU #589

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.