

**July 18, 2010**  
**Baptism**

<b>Clergy</b>	Rev. Blair Lewis	<b>Organists</b>	Martha Vickers
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<b>Custodian</b>	Alan Wilcox	<b>Greeters</b>	Chesley Eddy & Gary Branch

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<u>Lectionary for today</u>	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u>
<i>Amos 8:1-12</i> <i>Psalm 15</i> <i>Colossians 1:15-28</i> <i>Luke 10:38-42</i>	<i>Hosea 1:12-10</i> <i>Psalm 138</i> <i>Colossians 2:6-15</i> <i>Luke 11:1-13</i>

### THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

*The asterisk \* identifies those times in the service where the congregation is invited to stand as able.*

#### Organ Prelude:

**\*Choral Opening:** 'Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness' #375 VU  
*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness*  
*Blow thro' the wilderness*  
*Calling and free*  
*Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,*  
*Stir me from placidness,*  
*Wind, Wind on the sea.*

#### Welcoming:

Ever-present God, this day enfolds us and surrounds us:  
 Be in our speaking and in our thinking;  
 Be in our life and on our lips;  
 Be in our hearts and in our souls,  
 Today and forever. Amen.

**Welcoming One Another:**  
**Welcoming Friends Worshipping by Tape/CD:**  
**Announcements:**

#### Lighting of the Christ Candle:

One: Greeting to our brothers and sisters in the faith.  
**All: We come to celebrate God's presence,**  
 One: and God's love expressed through Jesus Christ.  
**All: We come remembering Christ's life, ministry and the importance that he placed on the role of children in worship.**  
 One: We celebrate the life we are called to live.  
**All: We come as a pilgrim people at this our service of Baptism.**  
 One: We come seeking the strength and insight on our journey.  
**All: Let us rejoice and open our lives to God!**

#### Call to Worship:

One: O come let us sing to God;  
**All: let us shout with joy to the rock of our salvation.**  
 One: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;  
**All: let us joyously shout to God with songs of praise.**  
*Psalm 95: 1,2*

#### Prayer of Approach:

(in unison)

**We feel your welcome, gracious God, in this time of worship. You welcome young and old, all seeking peace, and all brimming over with energy. You welcome newcomers and long-time members; all seeking a familiar expression of praise and prayer, and all seeking a startlingly new celebration of faith. You welcome us all, welcoming God. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn:** 'God Reveal Your Presence' #391 VU

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism:** (see insert)

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

**Prayer for Understanding:** (in unison)  
**In our struggle to hear your Word, O God, bless even our doubts, our wonderings, our wanderings, our soul-struggles, life's deep questions, and deeper mysteries. Teach us to love our questions as well as our answers. Amen.**

**New Testament Reading:** Colossians 1:15-28

**\*Responsive Psalm:** Psalm 15 #736 VU

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 10:38-42

**Hymn:** *'Love Divine, All Loves Excelling'* #333 VU

**Message:** "Belief and Baptism"

**Anthem:**

## THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS

**Presentation of Gifts and Self to God:**

**\*Choral Response:**  
*'Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow'* #541 VU  
***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures high and low,  
Give thanks to God in love made known,  
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.***

**\*Prayer of Dedication:** (in unison)  
**We bring our gifts to you, God. Here is the work of our hands, and here is the love of our hearts. Accept them and use them, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Prayer of Confession:**

One: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

**All: have mercy on us.**

One: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

**All: have mercy on us.**

One: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

**All: grant us peace.**

**We repent of our misdoings;**

**The remembrance of them is a grief to us;**

**The burden of them is great.**

**Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful One;**

**For Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve and please you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

*BCP 16<sup>th</sup> Century*

**Choral Response:** *'How Deep the Peace'* #95 MV

*How deep the peace, the confidence,*

*Of those whose wrongs are forgiven.*

*How deep the peace, the confidence*

*Of those whose hearts are healed.*

**Words of Assurance:**

No matter where we are, God is there.

No matter what we have done, God forgives.

No matter our reluctance to accept God, God has accepted us.

With that assurance, receive forgiveness, and live in fullness and in hope.

**Reflective Music:**

**Silent Prayer:**

**Pastoral Prayer:**

One: We do not pray that we may change God.

We pray that God may change us,  
*Attributed to C.S. Lewis*

**All: Lord of all being and source of every blessing, we thank you for all good things;  
For life and love,  
For health and food,  
For work and home,  
For nature's beauty and comfort,  
For human skills and laughter,  
For memory and hope,  
For everything which gives us pleasure,  
nourishment and strength.  
Almighty and merciful God, from whom comes all that is good  
We praise you for all your mercies;  
For your goodness that has created us,  
Your grace that has sustained us,  
Your wisdom that has challenged us,  
Your patience that has borne with us,  
And your love that has redeemed us.  
Help us to love you and all your children, and to be thankful for all your gifts.  
May the parents who have requested baptism for their children this morning be guided by your loving support as they travel the journey of parenthood.  
May we serve you and delighting to do your will.  
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer:**

**THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH**

**\*Closing Hymn:** *'We are Pilgrims on a Journey'* #595 VU

**\*Commissioning:** (in unison)  
Living God, we put our trust in you – risking disappointment, risking failure, working and waiting expectantly.

**\*Blessing:**  
May the road rise to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
May the rains fall soft upon your fields,  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.  
*Gaelic*

**\*Choral Closing**  
*When you walk from here,  
When you walk from here,  
Walk with justice, walk with mercy,  
And with God's humble care.*

**Organ Postlude:**

*Blessings*

*Blessings come in many shapes,  
In sizes large and small,  
But a brand new little baby  
is the sweetest of them all*

## Church News

### This Week at First United – July 19-July 24

Fri-Sun	July 23-25	Elm Tree Camp Reunion

### Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre

Commitment December 31, 2010 **900**

Total to Date **593**

To meet our obligation, we will need to collect 14-15 jars of peanut butter per week.

The Upper Room for July and August are in the Narthex. Please feel free to take one.

### ELM TREE CAMP REUNION

The Elm Tree Camp Reunion is almost here- join us for a weekend of camp fun from July 23-25- deadline for Registration July 19th. Join us for one event on the entire weekend. A registration table will be set up after church in the Narthex or you can visit the website at [www.elmtreecampreunion.com](http://www.elmtreecampreunion.com).

Friday, July 23

7-9 pm **Registration and reception** (Bathurst Marina)

Saturday, July 24

9-11 am **Tour of original camp** (on your own)

1-7 pm **Camp Day** (Lions Club Camp)

Sunday, July 25

7:00 am **Polar Bear Dip** (Youghall Beach- location TBD)

8 - 9:30 am **Camp breakfast** (Donald Eddy Hall)

10 am **Camp themed church service** (First United Church)- Presided by Rev. Bev Daley with Guest Speaker Sally Armstrong

## Upcoming Community Events

**Vacation Bible School:** St. Luke's Presbyterian Church from July 26-July 30 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. The Theme for this years VBS is "High Seas Expedition". We invite all children ages 5 - 12 to set sail with us as we embark on a high seas adventure exploring God's Word. Children will experience God's love as we enjoy Bible adventure, games, snacks, movies, skits and music. There is no cost to this and all children are welcome. For more information or to register, contact Pastor Glen Sampson or Jon Sampson (Children's Ministry) at 546-4645 or 549-1189.

**Strawberry Social & Bake Sale:** Wednesday July 21, 2010 6pm – 8pm, Christ Church Hall, 6992 Route 11, Clifton. Come enjoy a delicious Strawberry Shortcake Dessert and coffee or tea for \$5.00

**Bathurst Christian Women's Club** invites you to join us at Danny's Inn and Conference Center, Wednesday, **July 28 at 11:15am** for our "Garden Party" Luncheon, **\$14.00**. Fun in the sun with Pianist, Hwang Lee, a Mount A student. Don your sun hats, enjoy the punch, after the music, it's indoors for lunch. Mary Coats of Shediac, guest speaker, will deliver her message, "Gifts." Call Wanetta at 548-5083 or Edith at 548-3924 for necessary reservations.

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

### Introduction to the Sacrament of Baptism

**Minister:** Parents, Family, Relatives, Friends in Christ, we gather now around this font to celebrate the gift of grace in the Sacrament of Baptism.

They were bringing children to Jesus that he might touch them, and bless them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it he was indignant and said to them.

*"Let the children come to me, do not hinder them, for to such belongs the realm of God. Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the realm of God like a child shall not enter it."*

And then Jesus took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

### \*Baptismal Hymn:

*'Out of Deep, Unordered Water'* #453 VU

### Baptismal Prayer:

One: Sisters and Brothers, let us celebrate God's gift of grace given to us in the sacrament of baptism.

**All: There is one body and one Spirit; we have one hope in Christ.**

One: There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God, Creator of us all.

**All: Out of the water of baptism we rise with new life, forgiven, renewed, and one with Christ, members of Christ's body.**

*Ephesians 4:4-6*

The Sacrament of Baptism proclaims and celebrates the Grace of God. Therefore, we gather at this font to proclaim for \_\_\_\_\_ the gift of God's Grace and Call in Jesus Christ, and to celebrate their welcome into the Family of Faith.

### Presentation of children for Baptism:

**Sarah Elizabeth Stymiest-Kelly**

Daughter of

Lisa Stymiest & Michael Kelly

Faith Witnesses

Shannon Stymiest Tatchell  
Ben Glendenning

**Brooke Elizabeth McLellan**

Daughter Of

Sylvie & Brad McLellan

On behalf of the Worship Team of the Bathurst Pastoral Charge, a congregation of the United Church of Canada, I present \_\_\_\_\_ to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

### Questions of the Parents

Minister: Do you desire to have your children baptized into the Family of Faith of Jesus Christ?

**Answer:** We do!

Minister: Therefore, I ask you before God, and your families and friends, do you profess your faith in God your Heavenly Father, in Jesus Christ your Saviour and Lord, and in the Holy Spirit your teacher and guide?

**Answer:** We do!

Minister: Will you bring up your children in the knowledge and love of God, teaching them the truths and duties of the Christian Faith, that they may be led to profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour?

**Answer:** We will, God being our helper!

Minister: Will you join with your brothers and sisters in the mission and ministry of Christ's Church?

**Answer:** We will!

Minister: Will you share with your children the Christian Life, and seek to grow with them in faith, hope and love?

**Answer:** We will!

### Questions of the Faith Witnesses

Minister: Do you, chosen friends, promise to assist Lisa and Michael in the Christian development of Sarah?

**Answer:** We do.

### \*A New Creed

We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.

We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God. Amen

### \*Church Family Commitment

Minister: We pledge to these children and their parents  
our support and care.

**All:** As a baptized and baptizing Church, we  
commit ourselves to support and uphold  
these children, and their parents, within  
the Community of Faith. May God grant us  
the Grace to live out our Baptism.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving and Pouring of Water

Minister: God be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts

**All:** We lift them up to God

Minister: Let us give thanks to God

**All:** It is good to give God thanks and praise

Minister: *(As Water is being poured).*

Eternal and present God, we thank you for the Water  
with which you bless us. Pour out, O God, Your Holy  
Spirit upon us, and upon this water, that this font may  
become our font of blessing and your gift of peace.

**All:** Gracious and Holy God, we bless you for the gift  
of life, and, within it, the gift of water. Over its  
unshaped promise your Spirit hovered at  
creation. By water, comes the growth of the  
earth. Through water, you led the children of  
Israel to freedom. In the waters of the Jordan  
your Child Jesus was baptized. Now may your  
Spirit be upon us and what we do, that this  
water may be a sign for all of new life in Christ,  
in whose name we pray. Amen.

### The Baptism

\_\_\_\_\_, I baptize you in the name of the Father and the  
Son and the Holy Spirit. I sign you with the Cross.

### Welcome by the Congregation

Minister: We welcome \_\_\_\_\_ into the Household of  
Faith. We welcome you with joy and  
thanksgiving.

**All:** We are members of the Body of Christ.  
We are inheritors of God's promise. So, in  
the Name of Christ, we welcome these  
children into the family of faith.

### Choral Response:

*'A Little Child the Saviour Came'* #445 VU  
(tune – Hamburg)

### Placement of Banner Sheep

### Presentation of Stole, Certificate, Candle, and Bible

### Blessing

The Grace of Christ attend you, the love of God surround  
you and the Holy Spirit keep you. Amen.

All who are united in the Covenant of Baptism are the  
Body of Christ in the world. Go now in peace, and  
remember always who you are and whose you are!

### ***Colossians 1:15-28 (New International Version)***

<sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup>For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. <sup>19</sup>For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, <sup>20</sup>and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

<sup>21</sup>Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of <sup>[a]</sup> your evil behavior. <sup>22</sup>But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— <sup>23</sup>if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

#### ***Paul's Labor for the Church***

<sup>24</sup>Now I rejoice in what was suffered for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. <sup>25</sup>I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness— <sup>26</sup>the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the saints. <sup>27</sup>To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

<sup>28</sup>We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.

### **Psalm 15**

<sup>1</sup> LORD, who may dwell in your sanctuary?  
Who may live on your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup> He whose walk is blameless  
and who does what is righteous,  
who speaks the truth from his heart

<sup>3</sup> and has no slander on his tongue,  
who does his neighbor no wrong  
and casts no slur on his fellowman,

<sup>4</sup> who despises a vile man  
but honors those who fear the LORD,  
who keeps his oath  
even when it hurts,

<sup>5</sup> who lends his money without usury  
and does not accept a bribe against the innocent.  
He who does these things  
will never be shaken.

### ***Luke 10:38-42 (New International Version)***

<sup>38</sup>As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. <sup>39</sup>She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

<sup>41</sup>"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, <sup>42</sup>but only one thing is needed. <sup>[a]</sup> Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."