

Melville United Church

Order of Service - Second in Lent and Annual Meeting
February 28, 2010

WE APPROACH GOD IN CELEBRATION

Visiting with Friends

Lighting of the Christ Candle (Time of quiet reflection.)

Please take this time to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

Entrance of Choir and Worship Leaders

Prelude: Improvisation on I Have Called You By Your Name

Call to Worship

We gather in this place

to worship you, living God,

who was, and who is, and who will be forever.

We gather in this place in wonder and confusion,

in hope and longing,

doing the best we can to find our way.

Be with us, God, touch and warm our hearts

that we might be a blessing.

Come, let us worship God.

Opening Prayer

God of memory and hope,

we come together this morning to worship you

and to celebrate our life together over the last year.

Today we also move from remembering the year that was to looking ahead at the years that will be. In our time of reflection and visioning this morning, open our hearts, our minds, and our spirits to your wisdom and guidance. Fill us with a sense of who and how we are called to be the church in the world.

We ask these prayers in Jesus' name. AMEN

Hymn: VU 315 Holy, Holy, Holy

Welcome/Announcements/Joys and Concerns

A New Creed (VU 918)

(Children leave for activities)

Welcoming New Members

Presentation

On behalf of Melville United Congregation,
I present the following persons
whom we welcome into the membership
of this community of faith: Robert and Cathy Foster

Commitment of New Members

Robert and Cathy
will you join with us
as together we celebrate God's presence,
live with respect in creation,
love and serve others,
seek justice and resist evil?

I will, with God's help.

Congregational Commitment

Dear friends in Christ,
let us pledge to Robert and Cathy our support and care.

**As your brothers and sisters in Christ,
we rejoice in the gifts you bring to us.
We pledge to your our love and our support.
With God's help, we will together live out
the mission and ministry of Christ's church.**

Welcome and Blessing

Opening Words of Greeting from the Chairperson of Church Council
David Gohn

Election of Chairperson and Secretary for the Annual Meeting

Motion of acceptance of New Members and a Vote

Approval of Agenda and Voting Privileges

Approval of 2009 Annual Meeting Minutes held February 22, 2009.

Approval of Minutes of Congregation Meeting November 8, 2009.

In Memoriam, Prayer, Moment of Silence

Hymn: VU 705 For All the Saints - Vs. 1, 2 (Hymn tune VU 420)

Scripture Reading: Rev. Shelley Smith

Prayer

Financial Report - 2009 and Motion to accept

Presentation of Budget for 2010

Annual Meeting recessed for J.N.A.C. presentation

Song of Praise: Lord, You Are More Precious Than Silver The Band

Waterloo Presbytery Convenes meeting for Joint Needs Assessment
Committee (J.N.A.C.) to present report to the congregation of Melville
United Church.

Annual meeting reconvened

Approve the proposed 2010 budget

Choir Anthem: *Walking in the Faith of Our Lord* – D. Besig

Melville United appoints members to the Joint Search Committee (J.S.C.)
 (Appointed members: Rhonda Hurst, Janine Mahoney,
 Sandra McLarnon, Robert Foster, Ken McManus and Doreen
 Ecclestone, and one person to be appointed by the congregation

Hymn: VU 120 O Jesus , I Have Promised - Vs. 1, 4

Approval of Committee Reports

Hymn: MV 161 I Have Called You By Your Name - Vs. 1,4

Nominations Report by Stewardship

New Business

Offertory Music: Improvisation

Offertory Response: **For the Gift of Creation (VU 538)** (in unison)
**For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,
 and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
 we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.
 May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we
 give.**

Offertory Prayer: (in unison)

God, you have called us to serve.

We join in the ministry of sharing your love and life in abundance.

May all that we offer here, ourselves, our praise, and our gifts,

help to continue your work of justice and peace in the world.

We ask this in Jesus' name. AMEN

Prayers of the People and Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Hymn: MV 154 Deep in Our Hearts - Vs. 1, 2

Presentations

Introduction of Chairperson 2010/2011

Adjournment of Annual Meeting

Hymn: VU 424 May the God of Hope Go with Us

**Commissioning and Benediction and
 Blessing of the food we are about to receive**

Responsive Benediction

For the vision that has endured,

We give Thee thanks,

For the vision that will be revealed,

We give Thee thanks.

For the life, work, and vision that fills our church,

We praise Your Holy Name.

Choral Response: **Go Now in Peace**

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know He 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 within, around, above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Amen, Amen, Amen

Postlude: J. H. Schein - Allemande

**We pray for all those in need this day, for those who are either in the
 hospital or at home:** Marguerite Martin, Bill Dickie, Ann House
 Ella Broderick, Brenda Falk (Beckham)

Hospitals: If you or someone you know from Melville United is in
 hospital, please call 1-519-277-3030. Also, if you don't request a
 minister to visit at the hospital, your name will not appear on the
 Visiting List at the hospital.

Welcomers: Richard Wright, Bob Foster
Ken McManus, Graeme Chalmers

Sound: Ralph Rainford

Powerpoint: Ian Johnston

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings:

Mar. 7, 2010 - Third in Lent
Minister: Rev. Shelley Smith
Hebrew Lesson: Isaiah 55:1-9
Psalm 63:1-8 pg., Voices United
Letters to the Early Church: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
The Gospel According to: Luke 13:1-9

Our sympathies are extended to Ilene Moore and family on the passing of her daughter, Bettie on Feb. 19. Funeral services were held at the Thomson Funeral Home on Mon. Feb. 22. 2010.

Worship, Music and Comm. meet Tues. Mar. 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the parlour.

Stewardship meeting on Wed. Mar. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the parlour.

2009 Donation Receipts are at the back of the church. You can pick them up this Sunday. Any that are still there on Mon. Mar. 1 will be mailed.

Thank You, Thank You, to our many volunteers and guests who helped to make our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper a success! We served about one hundred people and made a profit of \$347.00. Well Done everyone!

Plan to attend World Day of Prayer at Melville United Church on Friday March 5 at 2:00 p.m. "Let everything that has breath praise God." written by the women of Cameroon.

Canadian Bible Society Annual Roast Beef Dinner - March 6, 2010 at 6:30 in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Speaker Bob Coghill-- Report on Bob and Ruth's Mission in Asia. Ticket \$15.00 (Advance only).

Waterloo Presbyterial - 47th Annual Meeting - Mon. Apr. 12 at St. James' / Rosemount United Church in Kitchener from 8:30 a.m to 3:30 p.m. Theme: "Honour the Heritage; Claim the Inheritance". For more info contact Bev Anticknap or Unit Leader. Must know before March 1/10.

The Joint Needs Assessment Committee has completed a report recommending that Waterloo Presbytery declare a vacancy for a continuing full-time Ordered Minister for Melville United Church and authorize the formation of a Joint Search Committee. Council and Presbytery's Ministry and Personnel Committee have reviewed the report and members will be asked to approve it on February 28.. A limited number of paper copies of the 18 page report are available at the back of the church. Those who wish, and who are able to receive the report as an e-mail attachment, are encouraged to inform the Church Secretary. Summaries of responses to the Congregational Questionnaire are also available upon request.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon. Mar. 1 to Sun. Mar 7, 2010

Tues. 2	9:00 am	Quilting	Choir Room
	7:00	Worship, Music & Communication	Parlour
Wed. 3	7:30	Stewardship	Parlour
Thur. 4	6:00	Junior Choir	Parlour
	7:00	The Band	Parlour
Fri. 5	10:00	Coffee Hour	Parlour
Sun. 7	9:30	Senior Choir Practice	Sanctuary
	10:30	Sunday Service	Sanctuary
		Youth Group	Upper Auditorium and Youth Rm