



## Melville United Church

Order of Service

Second after Epiphany

January 17, 2010

### WE APPROACH GOD IN CELEBRATION



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*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:** Wie schoen leuchtet der Morgenstern

D. Buxtehude

**Call to Worship**

Your steadfast love, O God, extends to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds,

**Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,  
your judgments are like the great deep;  
you save humans and animals alike, O God.**

How precious is your steadfast love, O God.

All people take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**May we feast on the abundance of your house.**

Hymn VU 98 How Brightly Beams the Morning Star!

Opening Prayer

**Extravagant God,**

**we gather in this sacred space,**

**guests at a feast of your boundless gifts.**

**Stretch out your canopy of grace,**

**your sheltering wings,**

**that we may delight in your love,**

**which never runs out. Amen.**

**Prayer of Confession**

Hospitable God,  
we confess that, from time to time,  
we hold back the very best we have to offer  
of our resources and ourselves.

**We may not want to get involved  
and risk opening our hearts,  
risk giving away too much,  
risk encountering you in both  
the giving and the receiving.**

Encourage us to take a chance –  
to think and dream outside the lines.

**And dare us to reach out our hands  
to both give and receive your outpouring grace.**

**Words of Assurance**

God is the gracious Hostess  
who offers us the very best  
and gives abundantly  
so, not only can we count our blessings,  
but we can share them with all.

(Liturgy taken from “Seasons of the Spirit”)

Sung Response: VU 37 Gloria

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

**Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!**

**Glory to God, glory to God, hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**Welcome/We Share of Joys and Concerns**

Hymn VU 357 Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

Message for Youth

(Children leave for Kids’ Church)

**WE LISTEN TO GOD THROUGH WORD AND SONG**

Anthem: By Gracious Powers

J. Fergusen

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS:**

Hebrew Lesson: Isaiah 62:1–5

Psalm 36:5–10, pg. 762, Voices United

Letters to the Early Church: 1 Corinthians 12:1–11

The Gospel According to: John 2:1–11

Reader: Susan Barth

Sermon: “*EXTRAVAGANT SIGN*”

Rev. Shelley Smith

Hymn VU 224 Sing a Happy Hallelujah

**WE RESPOND TO GOD**

Offertory Music: Improvisation

Offertory Response: VU 55 verse 4

**What can I give him, poor as I am?**

**If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;**

**if I were a wise man, I would do my part;**

**yet what I can I give him - give my heart.**

Offertory Prayer: (in unison)

**Come, one and all, to the banquet of God’s generosity where gestures of  
pure extravagance are encouraged and where God is revealed in an  
overflowing desire to welcome, embrace, and share.**

**Having feasted on the abundance of God’s love  
may this offering enable us**

**to join with God in being feeders of the world. AMEN.**

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Hymn MV 209 Go Make a Difference

Commissioning and Benediction:

Choral Response: VU 35, verse 3  
 Good Christian friends, rejoice  
 with heart and soul and voice!  
 Now ye need not fear the grave: Peace! Peace!  
 Jesus Christ was born to save!  
 Calls you one and calls you all  
 to gain his everlasting hall.  
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Postlude: Wie schoen leuchtet der Morgenstern D. Buxtehude

**We pray for all those in need this day, for those who are either in the hospital or at home:**

Marguerite Martin, Bill Dickie,  
 Ella Broderick, Doug Schieck,  
 Bruce Skeoch, 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.

**Partners in Prayer:** St. John's Anglican Church, Elora  
**Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference** Bethel-Cook's Mills  
**Prayer Tree Captain:** Alison Rainford

**Welcomers:** Graeme Chalmers, Eleanor Brown

Dorothy and George Collin

**Ushers/Counters:** David Gohn, Gwen Swift

Chris Harriott

**Sound:** Ralph Rainford

**Powerpoint:** Ian Johnston

**Nursery:** Marg Frayne

**Next Sunday's Scripture Readings:**

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Minister: Rev. Shelley Smith

Hebrew Lesson: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalms 19, pg. 740, Voices United

Letters to the Early Church: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

The Gospel According to: Luke 4:14-21

Lay Reader: Don Grant

**Finance Committee meeting Monday, Jan 18th** beginning at 7:00 pm in the chapel. Regular business items plus final review of 2010 Budget.

**Ministry & Personnel will be meeting on Monday, January 18th** at 7:30 offsite.

**The next UCW Unit Joy meeting is Tuesday, January 19,** at 7:30 pm, in the parlour. All are welcome to come and hear guest speaker Mary Young, from the Canadian Hearing Society.

**Can. Bible Society Meeting** on Thurs. Jan. 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel.

**Your Observer magazine needs to be renewed.** Please submit your \$20 for 2010 subscription to the church office as soon as possible.

**On Sunday, January 24 the visitors with the Celebration October program** are invited to meet after church for a short debriefing time. Bring your coffee and snack into the chapel. Babysitting will be arranged. Also, please bring a brief written report of any information that needs to be share.

**Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat - Musical!** In preparation for our Musical Production in May and as our first get together we will watch the video of the that Musical on Friday, January 22 at 6.30 in the Lower Auditorium. We will start with a Pot Luck Meal. So please bring a Main Dish, Salad or Desert. For further questions please contact Matthias or Jen.

**If you would like to participate in a small study group with a variety of faith topics,** please let Rev. Shelley or Gerri know when you are available (Tues, Wed, Thurs) (am, afternoon or evening). We will begin these groups in early March!

**Please wear your button.** Name buttons are still available in order for us to learn everyone's name. Order forms are on the bulletin board in the photo copy room across from the office.

**Coffee please.** Volunteers are needed to set up and serve coffee after the worship service. If you are able to help, please sign the paper on the easel in the parlour.

**Welcome to Melville.** If you are interested in being a Welcomer on Sunday mornings and have not been asked, please speak to Ralph Rainford.

**Sounds fine to me!** Helpers are needed to do sound on Sunday mornings. If you think you would like to get involved with this, please speak to one of the men presently working the sound system. Free training is available.

**Faith FM Shining Star - Semi Finals - Friday January 29th** - Creekside Church, Erbsville - Saturday January 30th - Waterloo Pentecostal Assembly, Waterloo and Sunday January 31st - Koinonia Christian Fellowship, Bloomingdale All events start at 7:00 PM. Admission is free, and there will be a free will offering taken. Finals Tickets for the final on February 5th are now available at Centre In The Square. This will be a great event so get your tickets early! Questions - call Mary Lloyd 519-843-1314.

**2009 Angel Memory Tree:** This was our 7th year of having our Sanctuary decorated with handmade paper/wallpaper Angels on the 2 Christmas Trees, either "In Memory Of" or "Thinking Of" our loved ones. The trees held 159 Angels and \$1204.00 was raised through a free-will offering, which was forwarded to our "Raise The Roof" Campaign, to pay down the debt for our new windows. Watch Fergus/Elora News Express for promotional ad.

**2010 Calendars:** Calendars were sold among the Congregation, in 2009, to help off-set our costs to our Shut-Ins. Pastoral Care was provided with 34 Calendars, for our staff and Shut-Ins. A surplus of ordered calendars (13) were donated to Houligan's Restaurant, to hand out at their Christmas Day Dinner for the public, as our goodwill gesture. Also, a balance of \$90.25 was forwarded to our General Fund. Thank you for your participation!!!

**March Break Kid's Fun** - Monday to Friday from 8:45 - 11:45 a.m during March Break. The program is geared towards 5-10 yr. olds. 11 and 12 yr. olds are invited to participate as junior leaders. Cost is \$10 per student. Please email Jen at [jen@melvilleunited.org](mailto:jen@melvilleunited.org) for a registration form.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon. Jan. 18 to Sun. Jan. 24, 2010

Mon. 18	7:00	Finance Committee	Choir Room
	7:30	Ministry and Personnel	Offsite
Tues. 19	9:00 am	Quilting	Choir Room
	7:30	Unit Joy	Parlour
Thurs. 21	7:30	Canadian Bible Society	Chapel
Fri. 22	10:00	Coffee Hour	Parlour
Sun. 24	9:30	Senior Choir Practice	Sanctuary
	10:30	Sunday Service	Sanctuary

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Bulletin Deadline: Please remember, deadline for articles in the bulletin is Thursday noon! The bulletin will be printed out Thursday afternoons.