



## Melville United Church

Order of Service  
Second after Epiphany  
January 24, 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:** Piano Prelude

**Call to Worship**

The wind tells of the glory of God.

The birds tell of the glory of God.

**The city streets tell of the glory of God.**

**The animals - ants and elephants and cows and kangaroos  
- tell of the glory of God.**

People tell of the glory of God.

The whole universe tells the story of God's goodness.

**Come, let us worship God, and tell the story of God's goodness.**

Hymn VU 402 We Are One

The Band

Opening Prayer

**We gather to hear your story, O God.**

**It is a story of never-ending love.**

**It is a story that includes all people.**

**It is a story of hope, and promise, and peace.**

**It is a story that comes to us in different voices, different faces.**

**It is *our* story. Thank you for letting us be a part of it. AMEN**

### Prayer of Confession

One: God has joined us together, different parts of one body. Yet there are times when we do not work well as one body. Let us confess those times. When we do not value our own gifts and abilities,

**All: Forgive us, God. Make us one body again.**

One: When we do not appreciate the gifts and abilities of others,

**All: Forgive us, God. Make us one body again.**

One: When we fail to recognize that others are part of the same body, because they are different from us, or when we want to reject them, or change them to be like us,

**All: Forgive us, God. Make us one body again.**

One: When we see your law as a burden to bear, and not as a way that leads to new life,

**All: Forgive us, God. Make us one body again.**

One: When we forget that we are loved by you, and called to be your people,

**All: Forgive us, God. Make us one body again.**

*(Silent prayer)*

### Words of Assurance

One: We are the Body of Christ. The one spirit of God is poured out upon all of us. We are forgiven. We are loved.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*(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

Minute for Mission

Song of Praise: Let It Rise *(Big Daddy Weave)*

The Band

Message for Youth

*(Children leave for Kids' Church)*

### WE LISTEN TO GOD THROUGH WORD AND SONG

Anthem: Order My Steps

J. Schrader

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

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

Psalm 19, Refrain 2, 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

Sermon: "GOOD NEWS, GOOD WAYS"

Rev. Shelley Smith

Hymn VU 343 I Love to Tell the Story

### 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)

**O Great Dreamer:**

**inspire us in your ways,**

**that in our imaginings, hopes and prayers,**

**we become the fulfillment of all that is possible**

**in our world, our neighbourhood, this place, and in each of us. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (VU960)

Hymn VU 84 O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word

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: Prelude in d J. S. Bach

**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. James Anglican Church, Fergus  
**Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference** Bloomingdale  
**Prayer Tree Captain:** Alison Rainford

**Welcomers:** Karen Smillie, Richard Wright  
 Ralph Rainford, Bob Foster  
**Ushers/Counters:** Richard Wright, Karen Smillie  
 Robert Mitchell  
**Sound:** Les Frayne  
**Powerpoint:** Hugh Mahoney

**Next Sunday's Scripture Readings:**

Jan 31, 2009 - Fourth after Epiphany  
 Minister: Rev. Shelley Smith  
 Hebrew Lesson: Jeremiah 1:4-10  
 Psalm 71:1-6, pg. 789, Voices United  
 Letters to the Early Church: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13  
 The Gospel According to: Luke 4:21-30  
 Lay Reader: Bunny Russell

**TODAY! Sunday, January 24 the visitors with the Celebration October program** are meeting 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.

**Unit Faith meets Mon. Jan. 25** in the parlour at 2 p.m. Janet and Doreen are in charge. Plan to attend to see what they have in store for you.

**Melville Trustee meeting on Jan. 26** at 1:30 p.m. in the chapel.

**Unit Grace meeting on Tues. Jan. 26** at 2:00 p.m. in the parlour. Guest speaker from Community Living. Everyone is welcome!

**Church Council is meeting on Wed. Jan. 27** at 7:30 p.m. in the parlour.

**There are meat pies available for sale.** The cost is \$3.50 each. Contact the office at 519-843-1781 or Doreen Ecclestone.

**Your Observer magazine needs to be renewed.** If you have not already paid for your renewal, please submit your \$20 for 2010 subscription to the church office as soon as possible.

**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.

**Shrove Tuesday is on February 16th.** Again this year we will hold our annual pancake supper. Mark your calendar and plan to join us. Stay tuned for more details.

**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.

**Beat the Winter Blues Concert on Feb. 24, 2010** at 7:30 p.m. here at Melville United. Join us for coffee/tea, desserts and the blues stylings of SEED. Tickets \$15 each. All proceeds go to support THE DOOR YOUTH CENTRE.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon. Jan. 25 to Sun. Jan. 31, 2010

Mon. 25	2:00	Unit Faith	Parlour
Tues. 26	9:00 am	Quilting	Choir Room
	1:30	Trustees	Chapel
	2:00	Unit Grace	Parlour
Wed. 27	7:30	Church Council	Parlour
Fri. 29	10:00	Coffee Hour	Parlour
Sun. 31	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.