

# PARKMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 2019



**Reflection: “Wisdom and Fear”**

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**LARGE PRINT** Bulletins, Voices United Hymn Books and Bibles are available from the ushers.

**BULLETIN NOTATIONS:**

★ Signal to stand, for those who are able.

**VU**~Voices United Hymn book **MV**~More Voices Hymn book

*Welcome Visitors! We're glad to have you worshipping with us at Parkminster and would like to make sure you feel connected. Please take a few minutes to fill out one of the white information envelopes found in the pews and place it on the offering plate, or put it in the mail slot outside the office. Whether you'd like more information about Parkminster's programs, want to request offering envelopes, or have a question about becoming a member – or whatever else is important to you, we'd love to hear from you! Welcome!*

**GATHERING**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Statement of Welcome**

**One:** In gratitude and with respect we begin by recognizing the First Nations on whose traditional land we make our spiritual home, the Anishnawbe (A-nish-NA-bay) the Haudenosaunee (Ho-di-no-SHOW-nay), and the Neutral. We acknowledge, with regret, that this history has rarely been respectful. We commit to just relationship in the present.

**All:** **Seeking true community, we welcome all who have no church home, need strength, and are seeking deep meaning. Welcome to those who have doubts or who do not believe. Welcome to**

**those whose faith is sure, and to those who believe, but who are asking large questions.**

**One:** Welcome to visitors and to familiar friends. Welcome to grandparents, to mothers, fathers, youth and children, couples, and single people.

**All:** **Welcome to people of all colours, gender identities, abilities, and sexual orientations.**

**One:** Welcome to each who is searching for meaning, who is seeking an understanding of community and what it means to accompany one another.

**All:** **As we come together as church, we turn to one another with gratitude and pray that we will be strong together, faithful together, and loving together. We seek blessing as we welcome the great gift of spirit in us, through us, and among us.**

## Joys and Concerns

### Call into Silence

### Call into Community

★ **Introit**      “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”      🎵 VU #264

## Passing of the Peace

**One:** God is the source of peace within us.

**All:** **In humility and surrender let us claim it.**

**One:** Jesus is the way of peace among us.

**All:** **With courage and faith let us live it.**

**One:** The Holy Spirit is the unity of peace between us.

**All:** **With generosity and joy let us share it.**

**One:** May the peace of Jesus, the Christ be with you...

**All:** **And also with you.**



*Adapted—Rex A. Hunt Adapted—Rex A. Hunt*

*[www.rexaehuntprogressive.com/liturgy\\_collection/year\\_b\\_liturgy\\_collection/year\\_b\\_pentecostafter/pentecostb2452015.html](http://www.rexaehuntprogressive.com/liturgy_collection/year_b_liturgy_collection/year_b_pentecostafter/pentecostb2452015.html) One:*

*Following the passing of the peace, children and youth will leave for Sunday School activities!*

*For babies and toddlers, there is the Family Worship Space at the back of the sanctuary. Each week, there will be an adult present so that the children can play and be cared for while parents worship. Parents are free to come and go from that space, according to the needs of their children.*

## PREPARING

**Prayer of Confession** (2x) ♪ MV#85

**Take, O take me as I am;  
summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

### **Words of Assurance**

**Lord's Prayer** (from our faith tradition) ♪ VU #959

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive  
those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil  
for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.**

## EXPLORING

### **Prayer of Preparation**

**All: Holy One,  
your Wisdom is a lamp to our feet,  
and a light to our path.  
Give us the courage  
to seek your light. Amen.**

 **Scripture** — Matthew 2: 3-8 (NT page 2)

## Acclamation

One: This is the Good News of Jesus.

**All: Thanks be for this grace.**

### Questions for Reflection:

\*Can you remember a time when wisdom provoked fear in you?

\*What has life taught you about faith and fear?

**Matthew**— Three gospels<sup>†</sup> (the good news) in the New Testament portion of the bible offer similar portraits of the life of Jesus. This gospel is the first in the New Testament, but it was probably the second to be written. Scholars recognize that it borrows material from Mark, and from a *sayings* source containing sayings of Jesus and known as Q (for *Quelle*, German for *source*). The author shows an understanding of Jewish culture and religion not found in the other gospels. It was probably written about 60 to 70 AD, possibly for a largely Jewish audience.

<sup>†</sup> *The stories of Jesus—Mark and Luke being the others.*

*Chris Haslam- [www.montreal.anglican.org/comments/aadv1m.shtml](http://www.montreal.anglican.org/comments/aadv1m.shtml)*

**Matthew 2: 2-12**— The magi from afar were astrologers who studied the stars for meaningful signs of significant events. Despite the many legends and fictitious stories about them, we can only speculate, rather unprofitably, who they were and whence they came. In Matthew's original narrative their search for a new-born king of the Jews had great meaning for both Herod, then ruling Israel, and for Matthew's world at large two generations later. The gifts the magi offered were intended only as gifts fit for a king, as Matthew believed so long after the resurrection and exaltation of Jesus. *John Shearman-<http://seemslikegod.org/lectionary/>*

**Ministry of Music**                      “O Source of All”                      *by Brian Tate*  
(Voices United Choir)

### Reflection                      “Wisdom and Fear”

*(My reflections often contain material from other sources that are awkward to acknowledge when speaking. Please pick up a copy of the sermon or check the website if you would like more information.)*

★ **Hymn:**                      “God of Grace and God of Glory”                      🎵 VU #686

## RESPONDING

### Moment for Mission

## Offering Invitation

### Offertory

★ **Dedication:** “Christ Has No Body Now but Yours” 🎵 MV #171

**Christ has no body now but yours,  
no hands but yours.  
Here on this earth, yours is the work,  
to serve with the joy of compassion.**

### ★ Offering Prayer

**Prayers of the People** “Spirit, Open My Heart” 🎵 MV #79

**Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living,  
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,  
Spirit, open my heart.**

## RETURNING

★ **Hymn:** “A Light Is Gleaming” 🎵 VU #82

### ★ Commissioning and Blessing

★ **Sung Alleluia** “Alleluia” 🎵 MV #52

**Alle, alle, alleluia!  
Alle, alle, allelu, alle, alleluia!**

### Postlude

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**Thank you to everyone who has offered their gift of time to volunteer in various ways this Sunday:**

**Greeters:**.....Roberta Hickey & Rob Vanderlinden

**Ushers:** .....Terry Ridgway, Scott Waywell,

.....Rob & Sue MacQueen

**Lay Reader:** .....Kathleen Vanderlinden

**Sunday Activity Leaders:**....Rob Vanderlinden, Franceen Wagner,

.....Lynn Harper & Rev. Heather Power

**Counters:**.....Jack & Mary Reynolds

**A/V Coordinator:**.....Sandy Quehl

**A/V Operator:** .....Marilyn Hill

**Chancel Arrangement:** ..... Chancel Committee  
**Coffee Hour:** ..... Wendy Ridgway & Roberta Hickey  
**Coffee Hour Desserts:** ..... Roberta Hickey

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**The Ministry of Parkminster:** .... All of us  
**Ministers:** ..... Rev. Joe Gaspar (ext. 23)  
 ..... Rev. Heather Power (ext. 22)  
**Music Director:** ..... Neil Murray (ext. 25)  
**Office Administrator:** ..... Melanie Chisholm (ext. 21)  
**Custodian:** ..... Allen Switzer (ext. 26)

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### **Upcoming Services: A Note from Rev. Joe**

Happy New Year! Starting last Sunday and continuing today and January 27, I will be focusing on the story of the Magi and what they have to say to us about wisdom. January 6 it was "Wisdom and Awe" followed by "Wisdom and Fear" and then "Wisdom and Change". Take a look at this video: (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8QyVZrV3d3o>) on the role of awe in connecting us to a larger sense of self.

### **This Week Let Us Pray For**

**World Council of Churches:** Greece, Cyprus, Turkey  
**Western Ontario Waterways:** Eramosa United Church

**Offering Envelopes Are Ready!** 2019 Offering Envelopes and PAR Letters are available for pick up in the Upper Hall.

### **“WHAT’S UP AT PARKMINSTER!”**

**For a detailed listing of events, activities & notices please refer to the “What’s UP” email sent out every Friday.**

If you have an announcement you’d like to include, please email the office with a brief message. Deadline is Thursday at 10:00a.m.

To receive “What’s UP” please contact the office.

**A limited number of hardcopies are available on the table in the Upper Hall.**

**Council Bites for January:** A quick summary of PUC Council actions. For more information please request a copy of the minutes. Council passed a revised baptism policy, approved the budget that will go to the annual meeting and reviewed the workings of the governance structure.

**Rev. Heather is Back!** Heather is delighted to be back at Parkminster and would like to thank the congregation for their cards, emails and well wishes. Heather will be taking Thursdays as her day off for the next couple of months as she continues with her vision therapy program for her ongoing post-concussion recovery. While Heather has returned to us full-time some of her duties have been modified for the next few months per her doctor's orders. She looks forward to reconnecting with you all.

**Annual Congregational Meeting:** *On Sun., February 10, the ACM will immediately follow morning worship in the sanctuary. It is important for as many people as possible to attend as we will need to have quorum for important votes. We will need to approve the 2019 budget, approve a new slate of volunteers for Council and Committees. There will be coffee and a light snack available.* *Maedith Radlein, Chair*

What is a **Cluster Launch**: It's a possibility to increase synergy among United Church ministries. A cluster is a group of people and/or churches who meet with a specific passion in ministry. Our hope is that folks with a ministry passion will find support and encouragement as they gather together. Those who come to the launch will form the nucleus of the clusters that will be. There is no structure telling us what those clusters will be. We are the ones who must make it happen. Whether your passion is with church music, youth work, men's ministry, Sunday School or etc. come with the hope of finding companions on the journey.  
**It is Tuesday Jan 22nd at 7pm at Forest Hill United Church.**

***You are invited...***

**LGBTQ Community and Allies**

**Potluck and Discussion on Sat. Jan. 26, 2019**

**Parkminster United Church**

*Mingling starts at 6 pm. Dinner starts promptly at 6:30 pm.*

*Rev. Jenn Hind-Urquhart, a local Pastor at Emmanuel United Church will share her coming out story and how she found love in an unlikely place... the Church!*

for more information, e-mail [eforde@sentex.ca](mailto:eforde@sentex.ca)