



*An Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Canada*

Welcome and  
Inclusion

We open our hearts and our church family to all people in our community regardless of gender, differing abilities, ethnicity, economic circumstance, sexual orientation or age. Many people's lives continue to be devastated by hatred, prejudice, and inequality, therefore we stand with those who are adversely affected by injustice, alienation and oppression.



**You are the light of the world!**

**You are the salt of the earth!**

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## Friends in Christ

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*The flowers in the sanctuary today are a gift of the Flower Group.*

Prelude: *Child's Dream & Children's Prayer*, Flor Peeters

Tammy-Jo Mortensen

Embracing Our Spirit

Call to Worship:

Scattering seeds on varied soil, a sower plants with faith.

**Hands open, gifts offered: This is how we salt the earth.**

Patience in seeking that which was lost, a woman sweeps with hope.

**Hands open, gifts offered: This is how we salt the earth.**

Blinding a roadside stranger's wounds a man responds in love.

**Hands open, gifts offered: This is how we salt the earth.**

Living a vision of justice and mercy, Christ invites others to follow.

**Hands open, gifts offered: This is how we salt the earth.<sup>1</sup>**

Opening Hymn: *Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands*

*Voices United*

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Coming Into God's Presence

Introit: *Shout for God*, Walter Farquharson & Ron Klusmeier

Kindersingers

Prayer of Confession:

**Dear God, help us to trust you every day, so that worry may not get its claws into us, nor fears rule our prayers or our actions.**

**Just let us trust you, trust you, trust you, and then trust you yet again. In Jesus' name we make this prayer. Amen!<sup>2</sup>**

Sung words of Assurance:

*Voices United 626*

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water;  
thirsty one, stoop down, and drink, and live."**

**I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.**

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## God's Holy Word

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Scripture:

Matthew 5: 1-20 • The Beatitudes

dramatized by Nova Bells

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be

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<sup>1</sup> Keri K. Wehlander, *Circles of Grace; Worship and Prayer in the Everyday*, Etobicoke: The United Church Publishing House, 1998), page 55-56.

<sup>2</sup> Written by Kevin Little, *Gathering*, Advent/Christmas/Epiphany 2012-2013, page 40. Used with permission.



**Jesus said he was the salt of the earth; we will share Jesus with others.**

Please turn on the light.

**Jesus said he was the light of the world; we will let his light shine in our lives.**

Do not hide your light but let it shine from the highest hill.

**We will sing, speak, and act out of what God has done for us.**

**Amen.**<sup>4</sup>

Postlude: *Joyful, Joyful We Adore You*, Beethoven, arr. Frances L. Callahan

Nova

Bells

*Following worship, all are invited to the Memorial Hall  
for fellowship, and refreshments.*

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### Music Notes

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Thanks to the Cantilon Kindersingers for their participation in worship this morning, and especially to their conductors Amy Bautista, Sally McIntosh and pianist Lauren Chalaturnyk. Thanks also to the Nova Bells for playing this morning! We had a wonderful learning time thinking about what all the words in the Gospel “Beatitudes” passage “sounded like”. The Kindersingers are singing one piece this morning from two of our most prolific Canadian hymnwriters, who partnered a lot over the years - Walter Farquharson & Ron Klusmeier.

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### Cover Image

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Cover image: This picture was taken by Rev. Karen Bridges in Tofino, Jan 2015

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<sup>4</sup> Written by Beth W Johnston, **Gathering**, Advent/Christmas/Epiphany 2016-2017, page 48. Used with permission.

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**Robertson-Wesley United Church**

**A WARM WELCOME TO EVERYONE**

Washrooms are located by the elevator.

Baby changing facilities are available in washrooms.

If you wish to use it, a children's activity centre is set up in the Chapel with nursing space in adjacent room (Millson Room).

Activity kits for children are available from the ushers.

Large print bulletins, large print hymnbooks,  
and hearing devices are available from the ushers.

Please do not leave valuables unattended anywhere in the church.

**Next Week**

**February 5, 2016, 10:30 am**

**Epiphany 5**

**Seconds for Stewardship**

**Scripture:**

- Psalm 20
- Matt 6: 7-21 Lord's prayer, treasure in heaven

**Sermon: *At the heart of the matter***

In the month of February we will be using best picture Oscar Nominees to explore theology and scripture. The film *Hidden Figures* is a story of struggle and will power, not ego. This inspiring movie demonstrates how following our passion, and taking risks can cross gender and race lines and inspires and transforms the people who come after us. As people of God, and as followers of Christ we need to ask ourselves the question "Why are we doing this? Why are we following Jesus and living a faithful life? When we get to the heart of our motivation we will reveal our true treasure.

**Music:** Choir of Robertson-Wesley; Tammy-Jo Mortensen, organ

**After Worship:** All are invited to gather in the Memorial Hall for a Budget Information Session.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

***A Challenge from Your Nominating Committee***-We are seeking **2 Presbytery Reps, Treasurer and Chair of the Worship committee.**

Please let the committee know if you are interested in any of these positions or have a suggestion of someone in our midst who you think has the skills and gifts to be part of the leadership team. Job descriptions

can be found on the website for more information about what is involved. Your Nominating committee includes Garnet Thomas, Ted Blezard, John Fleming, Ron Soans.

### **R-W News & Notes**

#### **TAX RECEIPTS ARE READY FOR PICK UP!**

The 2016 tax receipts can be picked up in the hall after the service today. Receipts will be available throughout the first 3 weeks of February after service on Sunday or during the week through the office. Receipts that are not picked up will be mailed by February 23, 2017.

#### **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**A Budget Information Session** will be held Sunday, **February 5, 2017**. **The Annual General Meeting** of the Robertson-Wesley congregation will take place in Memorial Hall after the service on **February 12, 2017**. Printed copies of the Annual Report will be available **TODAY**.

#### **BETWEEN THE AISLES**

Between the Aisles quarterly publication. **Deadline for submissions is today! Feb 5**. Please forward your stories, notices, or musings to: [rwucnews@gmail.com](mailto:rwucnews@gmail.com). Please consider sending us your writing. It is good for the soul!

#### **ARTS COLLECTIVE**

##### **EN ROOT: ACTING AUTHENTIC, GROUNDED IN PLACE**

**Facilitated by Tonya Rae Chrystian**

**Mondays, 6:00–9:00 pm, January 9 – March 20, 2017**

Place, roots, spiritual belonging. This collective will give you the opportunity to try acting in a supportive and fun environment; all experience levels are welcome! Together we will play with basic acting techniques and how acting can connect us with community, spirituality and place.

You can still register! <https://rwarts.wufoo.com/forms/q1nl493e18xk4kb/>

#### **GOD ON TAP**

Young adults ages 18-45ish are invited to join Jessica Dore & Rev. Karen for some spiritual discussion over pints or beverages. We will meet at the Bru Coffee and Beer House (11965 Jasper Ave - Pearl Tower.) **Monday, Jan 30 from 7 pm - 9 pm**. Your friends are welcome.

#### **CHOIR CABARET WINE & CHEESE NIGHT**

You've heard those choristers in their red and white robes on Sunday, but come hear another side of the choir – on a Saturday night! Join us for “jazz licks and hot picks” wine & cheese night on **Sat, Feb. 4**. (Doors at 7, show at 7:30) Memorial Hall will be turned into a “Jazz/Wine Bar”. Tickets are \$15 and it's your last chance to get them today after the service, but some will be available from the office during the week.

## **BOOK BUDDIES**

**Monday, February 27 at 7:00 pm, Club Room**

Book Buddies starts the year with Walter Brueggemann's *Sabbath as Resistance; Saying No to the Culture of Now*.

Brueggemann is an Old Testament scholar of international renown, and the author of one hundred books! *Sabbath as Resistance* is a little book with a gigantic message for us. Available in the church office and in Memorial Hall in February.

## **TRANSPORATION & PARKING SURVEY**

The R-W Board and Property Committee are looking at the future of Robertson-Wesley in the midst of a rapidly changing neighbourhood. We ask that you consider filling out the form and returning it to the office. Your feedback is greatly appreciated, and your voice will help shape how the church develops within the community.

The survey can be found in the brochure racks and now online at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/K96Z6X6>. The link is also posted on our front page at [rwuc.org](http://rwuc.org).

## **RUMMAGE SALE SURVEY**

The Rummage Sale is an event that draws in hundreds of people and the funds benefit the church and community. We created a survey online for those wishing to fill one out. Thank you in advance for your feedback.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SXB3WXM>. The link is posted on our front page at [rwuc.org](http://rwuc.org).

## **GROCERY CARDS**

Everyone buys groceries! Pay for your groceries with grocery cards purchased through Robertson-Wesley United Church and the church will receive between 4% - 8% of the proceeds.

Gift cards are available in various denominations. Buy a \$100 gift card and you will get \$100 worth of groceries! We have a limited supply of gift cards available for sale after worship in Memorial Hall.

## **KOINONIA WORSHIP**

A friendly group that meets for potluck supper, followed by worship, usually the 4th Sunday evening. The worship services are planned and conducted by members of the group in a less formal, more casual style. Themes are varied and can include anything from examining our faith through group discussion, discovering what is meant by 'holy ground', to Sunday Sundaes Sing! Come give us a try! Check the announcements in the Sunday bulletin and eNews. We look forward to seeing you – you're sure to get a warm welcome!! Next service is **Sunday, Feb 22**.

## Community Events

### **DELTA KAPPA GAMMA AUTHOR BREAKFAST**

#### **Hear Caterina Edwards, at DKG's 9th Edmonton-Area Author-Breakfast Event on February 4, 2017**

Join DKG for a delicious breakfast and author talk from 10:00 to 12:00 on Feb 4. Edwards has written best sellers *The Sicilian Wife* and *Remembering Rosa* and will speak on the topic *A Mafia Princess / A Female Assassin: Writing as a Way of Understanding.* DKG is a Women's International Educational Society which has been active in Edmonton for over 50 years.

When: Saturday, February 4, 2017, 10:00 to 12:00

Where: Robertson-Wesley United Church Memorial Hall

**Tickets: \$20.00**, contact Janet at [clarkwinchesters@shaw.ca](mailto:clarkwinchesters@shaw.ca) or Lorna at [lornaber@telus.net](mailto:lornaber@telus.net) **or buy tickets at the door.**

### **WEEK AT A GLANCE**

Mon Jan 30	Arts Collective; En Root– Room 11	6:00 pm
	God on Tap– offsite	7:00 pm
	Spirited Art Studio– Art studio	7:00 pm
Tue Jan 31	Yoga– Memorial Hall	10:00 am
	Scripture Reflection Group– Club Room	12:10 pm
Wed Feb 1	Canterbury Service– offsite	10:30 am
	R-W Choir rehearsal– Lower Hall	7:30 pm
Thu Feb 2	Nova Bells– Lower Hall	5:15 pm
	R-W Ringers– Lower Hall	6:45 pm
Sat Feb 4	Choral Morphosis– Lower Hall	10:00 am
	Choir Cabaret– Memorial Hall	7:30 pm

### **ON THE HORIZON**

Sun Feb 5	Meditation– Room 11	10:00 am
	Annual Budget Information Session– M. Hall	11:45 am
Mon Feb 6	Arts Collective; En Root– Room 11	6:00 pm
	Spirited Art Studio– Art studio	7:00 pm
Tue Feb 7	DEAP Pod– Club Room	10:00 am
	Yoga– Memorial Hall	10:00 am
	Scripture Reflection Group– Club Room	12:10 pm
Wed Feb 8	Men's Group– Memorial Hall	9:30 am
	Messy Wednesday– Memorial Hall	5:00 pm
Sat Feb 11	Choral Morphosis– Lower Hall	10:00 am
	Community Dinner– Memorial Hall	5:00 pm

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