**Bridgewater United Church**

**February 24, 2019 7th After Epiphany**

**Ministry Team:** *Reverend Jeff Chant and Angela Clifton*

**Organist & Choir Director:** *Wendy Fraser*

**Greeters:** *Karen Crouse, Mike Vandertoorn* **Ushers:** *Marlene Pater, Joan Beattie*

**Audio Visual Technician:** *Tracy Rafuse* **Sound Engineer:** *Dave Doggett*

*The asterisk (\*) indicates the congregation may stand, as they can. The print in* ***BOLD*** *is where the congregation participates.*

Prelude: Majestic *written by Lincoln Brewster*

**\*Gathering Song: # 232 VU – Joyful, Joyful We Adore You (vss. 1 and 4)**

Welcome and Announcements

\*Invitation To Worship

Our God is the Alpha and Omega.

**We are a people of many beginnings and endings.**

Our God is a God of love.

**We are a people called to love one another.**

Our God is a God of Service.

**We are a people called to serve.**

Our God is with us from beginning to end in all aspects of our lives.

**So let us worship our God.**

\*Lighting of the Inclusivity and Christ Candle

\*Song: You Are My All in All

Opening Prayer *by Angela Clifton*

\*Song: Closer

**\*Hymn And Gifts Received: # 333 VU – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

Covenanting Presentation *(found on insert)*

Minutes for Mission: “Surprised by Joy”

Centering

Scripture Reading: Matthew 20:20-28

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Message: “Called to Lead, Chosen to Serve” *by Reverend David Hart*

Silent Reflection

Special Music: Be Thou My Vision *sung by the BUC Senior Choir*

Covenanting Action *(found on insert)*

Prayers of the Community

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**\*Hymn: # 436 VU – Abide with Me**

\*Commissioning And Benediction

**\*Choral Blessing: # 649 VU – Walk with Me (Refrain)**

\*Postlude: Allegro *written by E.F. Dall’abaco*



***The church bulletins are presented to the glory of God,***

***and in loving memory of parents,***

***Kaye and Wylie Smith, gift of son, Sandy.***



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**Bridgewater United Church**

**Wants To Stay In Touch With You!**

We try to make every effort to keep our congregation informed of the events that occur at Bridgewater United Church. It would be most helpful to Bridgewater United Church, if you followed the suggestions below to make sure that you are as up-to-date with news as possible.

1. Please pass along your email to the Church Office at buc@tallships.ca, so that you can be added to congregational emails regarding events, services and storm closures.

2. Check out our website at [www.bridgewaterunited.ca](http://www.bridgewaterunited.ca) for information about our Church, Event Calendar, Church Council Minutes, Church Bulletin, Worship Service Audio Recordings, Sermons and so much more.

3. Find us and like us on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/BridgewaterUnitedChurch?ref=hl>

4. The Church Office wants to remind members of the congregation,

if the worship service is cancelled, an announcement will be placed on CKBW

(98.1 FM), on the church’s website at www.bridgewaterunited.ca and

the church phone message will state the cancellation by 9:00am.



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*Church Office Hours are Monday – Friday 9:30am – 1:00pm*

*Our Church is a* ***Nut-Free and Scent-Free Church***

**Covenanting Presentation**

**Presider:** We are gathered here in the presence of God to celebrate our Ministry by covenanting together for the service of God in this place.

**Presenter:** We present to you, the Reverend Jeff Chant, who has been invited to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament at Bridgewater United Church. We believe he is qualified and has is an answer to prayer.

**Presider:** Jeff, you are here by the action of Bridgewater United Church. We come together to mark a new moment in our relationship with you. May God, who has given us the will to do these things, give us the power and grace to perform them.

**Covenanting Action**

**Presider:** As we prepare ourselves to enter into this Act of Covenanting, let us remind ourselves that we are bound together through a statement of our communal faith as gifted to us in the words of The New Creed. Please stand as you are able and join in this expression of our faith.

**We are not alone,**

 **we live in God’s world.**

**We believe in God:**

 **who has created and is creating,**

 **who has come in Jesus,**

 **the Word made flesh,**

 **to reconcile and make new,**

 **who works in us and others**

 **by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

 **to celebrate God’s presence,**

 **to live with respect in Creation,**

 **to love and serve others,**

 **to seek justice and resist evil,**

 **to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,**

 **our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,**

**God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

 **Thanks be to God.**

**Presider:** Jeff, you are about to formally commit to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament in this place. You, the members of Bridgewater United Church, are called to join with Jeff in worship, study, prayer and action. Let us ask God’s grace as we covenant together. Let us Pray.

 **Gracious God, by our baptism, you have called us to Christ’s ministry. Pour out you Holy Spirit upon us as we commit ourselves to work together in Christ’s name. Amen**

**Promise of the New Minister**

**Presider:** Jeff, do you, in the presence of this congregation, commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility? **I do, God being my helper.**

**Presider:** Will you accept the support and encouragement of this congregation and the wider church? **I will, God being my helper.**

**Promise of the Pastoral Charge**

**Presider:** Will you, the people of Bridgewater United Church, join with Jeff in this Ministry of Worship, Study, Prayer and Action within this Pastoral Charge and within God’s wider world? **We will, God being our helper.**

**Presider:** Will you support and encourage Jeff as he serves among you in this Ministry? **We will, God being our helper.**

**Presentation of the Symbols**

**Bible** ~ presented by Ewart Morse

Jeff, minister among us through the sharing of God’s word.

**Congregational Response:** **Amen**

**Chalice, Bread and Water** ~ presented by David Walker

Jeff, minister among us through the sharing of the sacraments and through the waters

of baptism.

**Congregational Response:** **Amen**

**Green plant** ~ presented by Mildred Jodrie

Jeff, minister among us through fostering new growth, both in yourself and in others.

**Congregational Response:** **Amen**

**Music Box** ~ presented by Ruth Rudderham

Jeff, minister among us through the sharing of music.

**Congregational Response:** **Amen**

**M & M’s** ~ presented by Lydia Hebb

Jeff, this bowl of M & M’s symbolizes the welcoming nature of our faith community.

**Congregational Response:** **Amen**

**Presider:** Jeff and members of Bridgewater United Church, let these be signs of the ministry which is yours and ours together in this place.

**Congregational Response:** **Amen**

**Response to the Covenant**

**Presider:** Let us celebrate the Covenant of Ministry we are sharing and share the blessings of our life and community, as we give thanks to God. Amen.

This Week at Bridgewater United

**This Sunday: 7th After Epiphany**

 **10:30am** Worship and Sunday School

**Monday: 6:30pm** Scouts

**Tuesday:** **Floor Maintenance ~ No Access To C.E. Centre**

**Wednesday: 4:00pm** Inclusivity Committee **6:30pm** Beavers

 **7:00pm** Church Council

 **7:45pm** 3rd Bridgewater Scout Group Committee

**Thursday: 6:30pm** Cubs **7:00pm** Arts and Crafts

**Friday: 2:00pm** Ecumenical World Day of Prayer Worship Service

**Next Sunday:** **Transfiguration Sunday**

 **UCW Mission and Service Sunday**

 **8:30am** UCW Mission and Service Breakfast

 **9:00am** Senior Choir **10:00am** Coffee, Tea and Conversation

 **10:30am** Worship and Sunday School

 **11:30am** Annual Congregational Meeting

Congregational News

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 3rd at 11:30am to review the Annual Report and hold elections. All are encouraged to attend.

2018 Annual Reports are available (one per family) at both entrances.

2018 Official Income Tax Receipts are available in the Narthex in alphabetical order.

Are you interested in joining the membership of Bridgewater United Church? On Sunday, April 14th, we will be welcoming new members by Baptism, Confirmation or by Transfer of Membership. Please contact the Church Office for more information.

We are looking for a volunteer to help with delivery of Church Letters four times a year. The area needing a volunteer is Auburndale (8 families.)

Fundraising Opportunities

Ways and Means Grocery Card Sale will be held after Worship on March 10th. Choose from $50 and $100 activated cards. Forms are available at both entrances.

Ways and Means Ministry Roast Pork Supper and Silent Auction will be held on Saturday, March 30th with the Silent Auction beginning at 5:30pm and the Roast Pork Supper with Apple Crisp for dessert, being served at 6:15pm. $15.00 per person.

Fundraising Volunteers

Ways and Means Ministry are looking for volunteers to help at their Roast Pork Supper on March 30th as well as provide Silent Auction items for the event. Please find forms for both items in the Narthex. Your continued support is appreciated.

Minute for Mindfulness

Be aware of trees and plants, too.

We breathe in what trees and plants breathe out.

Faith Formation Special Projects

For the month of February, we are looking for granola bars, individual hot chocolate, cereal bars, Mr. Noodles and $5 Tim Horton Gift Card (or $5 can be placed in the piggy bank.) For the month of March, we are asking for gum, microwaveable popcorn, individual snack crackers, individual candy such as Life Savers or Skittles and Rice Krispie squares. On average, we send approximately 40 packages each year. You can add these items to the basket at the front of the Sanctuary marked “Faith Formation Special Projects.” Thank you for your continued support.

The Faith Formation Committee would like to remember our university students with a care package during final exams in April. If you have a university student in your family, whether it is a son/daughter, niece/nephew or grandchild, please contact the office with his/her address no later than March 15th.

Outreach Opportunities

Donations of non-perishable food items and monetary donations for the Bridgewater Inter-Church Food Bank are greatly appreciated. For March, there is a request for canned soup and lunchbox items.

UCW Mission and Service Sunday

Sunday, March 3rd is UCW Mission and Service Sunday. All women of the congregation are invited to attend at 8:30am for Breakfast in the Parlour. We will be blessed with a presentation about Starfish International in Gambia with creator, Mam-Yassin Sarr. Plan to rise earlier and join us for breakfast!

World Day of Prayer

Join us on Friday, March 1st for the Ecumenical World Day of Prayer Service at St. Joseph’s Roman Catholic Church at 2:00pm. Please use the Queen Street Parking lot. The service this year has been written by women of Slovenia: "Come, Everything is Ready!” Light refreshments and fellowship to follow. Storm date is March 3rd.

B.U.C. Brigade Mission Trip

When you are spring cleaning and tired of no storage space, the B.U.C Brigade Mission Team is having a Yard Sale on Saturday, May 11th from 9:00am – 12:00pm in the CE Centre in support of a Mission Trip in 2020. Donations of yard sale items (excluding electronics, large household appliances and clothing) are greatly appreciated. Items can be taken to Buck’s Home Building Centre or call Brian Buck at (902) 527-7488 to arrange for pickup.

3rd Bridgewater Scouting

3rd Bridgewater Scouts will be hosting a Pancake Supper on Tuesday, March 5th from 5:00pm to 6:30pm. Cost is $8 for adults, children 5-12 $5, children under 5 free. Pancakes, sausages, dessert, and beverages included. Take-out available. During the supper, the 3rd Bridgewater Scout Troop will also be selling Pizza Delight Spaghetti Dinner tickets for $15 being held on April 1st and doing the Vesey's Seeds Fundraiser to raise money for the Atlantic Jamboree in July 2020. Thank you for your support.