

**Minister:** The Rev. Elisabeth Bachem-Jennings

**Organist:** Deirdre Morrell-Ormerod

**Scripture Reader:** Joanne Buckmaster

## Gathering the Community

[\* indicates to rise in body or spirit]

Organ Prelude

*The Organ Prelude will commence at 11:00 AM.*

*Please \*rise when the choir and minister enter, and together we mark the switch from individual greeting chatter to communal worship. Passages marked in **bold** are said or sung by all.*

Welcome & Introduction to the Service

Lighting of the Christ Candle

A moment of Silence

\*Call to Worship:

Let us kneel in our heart, befriending our darkness,  
**Until we see God's light emerge.**

Let us wait with hope filled hearts,  
**As Christ's image grows within us and shows us life.** Let him speak to us and teach us love,  
**Until we open our hearts to be his home.**

(adapted from a prayer by Christine Sine, 2012)

\* Hymn: **"Will you come and see the light"**

[Voices United #96 verses 1,2,5]

Opening reflection & Prayer asking for healing

**All: If you choose, you can make me whole.**

One: Christ responds: "I do choose!"

Shared Silence: *In this silence, you are invited to share your needs for healing with God. This moment concludes with the prayer of Thomas Merton: The Road ahead.*

Choir Anthem:

or Hymn: "When the wind of winter blows"  
(New) [More Voices # 71]

## Hearing the Story

Time with the young and young at heart

**Children's Hymn: [More Voices 168]**

**Mark 1:21 -45** -Jesus begins and the crowds respond

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 103 vs.1-5** Never forget God's blessings

[Voices United # 825 paragraph 1]

This is the witness of Israel

**Thanks be to God for the Word.**

Reflection: "I do choose"

## Responding to the Word

\* Hymn: **"Silence, frenzied unclean Spirit"**

[Voices United # 620 (Tune: Ebenezer)]

\*Affirmation of our communal faith:

[Voices United # 918]

Offering our Gifts

\* **The Doxology:**

**"What can I do?"**

[More Voices # 191]

Offertory Prayer

## Preparing for Service during the week

Prayers of the People with response:

**"Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow, give us peace beyond our fear and hope beyond our sorrow"** [tune in Voices United # 619]

Lord's Prayer (spoken) [Voices United #921]

Announcements & Notices

\* **Parting Hymn:**"There's a wideness in God's mercy" [Voices United # 271 verses 1,2,5]

\* Commissioning and **Sung Blessing:**

**"May the Love of the Lord"**

[More Voices # 218]

Organ Postlude

## Coffee & Conversation

will be hosted today by Andrea Boulding & Amanda York immediately after worship downstairs in the Jim MacIntosh hall. All welcome!!

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## CHURCH CONTACTS

The minister is available at your convenience by phone call or email. Always happy to set up a time to meet over coffee, in the office or wherever.

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**This week's events:**

**Tuesday 21 & 28 January**  
"Bible and Brew" will be at the home of Phil Roberts,  
146 ST George 9:15-10:30 am. We will study the  
readings for next Sunday and everyone is welcome.  
**Mark 2:1-22** Jesus heals a paralytic and eats with tax collectors.  
(Psalm 103:6-14)

**Property** Committee meets at 3 p.m. in the office

**Wednesday, 22 January**  
**Session meeting 10:30 am** in office  
**CoFEE Regional Gathering of United Church**  
**people** at Digby United, 1:30 pm. Everyone invited!  
Carpool at the church @ 12:30 to leave at 12:45  
**TRUSTEES are scheduled to meet at 7pm**

**Thursday 23 January**  
**Sustainability working group: 10:30 am** at the  
church  
**7:00 pm Official Board** meets. **Every chair of a**  
**group, please have your annual report ready**  
**in writing to present for that night.**

**New members and adult confirmation class:**  
Are you new to our congregation and want to know  
more about it? Not sure if you ever joined a  
congregation of the United Church of Canada but  
want to be a full member here? Not sure you were  
ever confirmed? Not baptized?  
Done everything but full of questions? (see over)

Any of these are good reasons to participate in an  
adult confirmation class. On offer:  
Conversation and video clips around a cup of hot  
drink in the yellow room on Fridays : **February**  
**January 31, February 7** and, if desired, Feb.14  
from 3:30-5pm. I (**Rev Elisabeth**) **will be at**  
**Coffee and Conversation today after the**  
**service and would like to meet those who may**  
**be interested.**

**Please mark in your**  
**calendars:**

**Sunday 1 March** :Annual  
Congregational Meeting after  
worship and potluck lunch!



**ECUMENICAL LENTEN BIBLE study**  
**Portraits of 4 biblical women**  
**Wednesday March 4, 11, 18, 25 @ 10:30 am**

**Do you love to sing?** A Royal Consort is a  
**communitychoir** in Annapolis Royal directed by Deirdre  
Morrell-Ormerod. We are recruiting members, both male and  
female voices, for our Spring season starting on January  
19th. No auditions are required but some knowledge of  
music is an asset. Weekly practices, 2-4 pm on Sundays,  
and optional small group rehearsals, take place leading to a  
concert on May 10th. For further information please contact  
Jocelyn Calvert at 902-532-0654 or Marilyn Oliver at 902-  
638-3017. We would love to hear from you!



**GREEN CHURCH SNIPPET**  
*This bulletin is printed on FSC  
paper. We serve locally roasted,  
organically grown coffee. Many  
energy efficiency updates have  
been done on our building over the years and  
the work is ongoing-We encourage car pooling to  
meetings-and Please turn down heat after your  
group has used a room!*

**Welcome!**  
St. George & St. Andrew  
United Church Annapolis Royal

*Our Vision:*  
**Open Doors Open Minds Open Hearts**

Sunday Worship January 19,2020 11:00 am



*Today's Worship Theme:*

*Jesus begins his ministry and is determined to heal*

*"I do choose" (Mark 1:41)*

One: Friends in Christ,  
God knows our needs before we ask  
and in our asking prepares us to receive  
the gift of grace.  
God ministers to us not as one who is  
absent  
but as one who is present  
in human hands, voices and lives full of the  
Holy Spirit.  
Let us open our lives to God's healing  
presence among us,  
working through us,  
even though we might not understand it.  
Let us resound with the leper's faith who  
said in the gospel of Mark::

**All: If you choose, you can make me  
whole.**

One: Christ responds: "I do choose!".

### **Shared Silence**

*In this silence, you are invited to share your  
needs for healing with God. This moment concludes with  
the prayer of Thomas Merton: The Road ahead.*

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.  
I do not see the road ahead of me.  
I cannot know for certain where it will end.  
Nor do I really know myself,  
and the fact that I think that I am following your  
will  
does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please you does, in  
fact, please you.  
And I hope I have that desire in all that I am  
doing.  
I hope that I will never do anything apart from that  
desire.  
And I know that if I do this you  
will lead me by the right road  
though I may know nothing about it.  
Therefore will I trust you always  
though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow  
of death.  
I will not fear, for you are ever with me,  
and you will never leave me to face my perils  
alone.

— Thomas Merton,

### *Prayers of the people*

**“Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear and hope beyond  
our sorrow”** [ tune in Voices United # 619]

We pray for all people:  
for the healing of divisions in Canadian  
society, families and among our churches;  
that in faith and unity we may be  
constantly renewed by your Holy Spirit for  
mission and service.

**“Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear and hope beyond  
our sorrow”** [ tune in Voices United # 619]

We pray for all who suffer; for the victims of  
war and violence; of persecution and  
aggression; of disaster and accident; and  
we pray for those who respond: firefighters,  
emergency workers, police, and ambulance  
personnel.

**“Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear and hope beyond  
our sorrow”** [ tune in Voices United # 619]

We pray for the homeless this winter and  
for those who shelter them, for the lonely  
and unloved; and for those who mourn; that  
they may find strength and hope.

**“Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear and hope beyond  
our sorrow”** [ tune in Voices United # 619]

We pray for the sick in our community,  
those in hospital or at home

for those whose minds are beset with anxiety and fear; for those who turn to us for healing and comfort that, together in you, we may find wholeness and peace.

**“Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow, give us peace beyond our fear and hope beyond our sorrow”** [ tune in Voices United # 619]

We pray for those people whose names have been brought to us and for those whose names are mentioned now.....

Jesus, embrace them in your loving grace and healing power. **“Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow, give us peace beyond our fear and hope beyond our sorrow”** [ tune in Voices United # 619]

We pray for one another and for ourselves , that we may be instruments of your peace and joy. May we know for ourselves, and mediate to others, Your wholeness, healing and salvation. We ask these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, the Healer, who taught us to bring everything before you in prayer as we say: OUR FATHER....