



FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK

January 7, 2017

Epiphany

Leading Worship: Rev. Annette Taylor

Reader: Linda Stumpf

Pianist: Joan Williamson



GATHERING

Moment for Reflection

*Set your course by the stars,
not by the lights of every passing ship.*

- Omar N. Bradley

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing of Peace/Prelude

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Advent Hymn: VU #96 Will You Come and See the Light
(verses 1 & 5) (please remain seated)

Call to Worship

ONE: The Magi came from many places,
following a star.

**ALL: We come to celebrate God's presence
and the star sheds light on our lives.**

ONE: The Magi brought gifts to offer the Child.

**ALL: We too bring gifts:
ourselves, our hopes, our dreams.**

ONE: Shepherds and Magi – the meek and the mighty –
all were welcome in Bethlehem.

**ALL: We too are welcome here in Bethlehem –
a place of renewal and rebirth.**

Adapted from: *Celebrate God's Presence*, page 123

Worship Schedule

Jan 14	Knowing Ourselves	- Rev. Annette Taylor
	- Potluck following service	
Jan 21	Called by the Spirit	- Rev. Annette Taylor
Jan 28	Unclean Spirits	- Rev. Annette Taylor

Recent Events

Saturday, January 6 - Ronald Philp Memorial Service
– Shirley Wilson officiating

Remit Implementation Update

**The Remit Implementation Task Group is laying the groundwork
for a smooth transition to a new
structure and processes.**



Information about all the changes underway in the church can be found on the [Remit Implementation](#) web page, along with documents answering frequently asked questions about the remits.

Questions, comments, suggestions, and concerns can be sent to remits@united-church.ca. Sign up [here](#) to receive the Remit Implementation newsletter and stay up to date!

Recent Updates:

[Networks and Clusters](#)

[Funding Our Future](#)

[Input to Boundaries Commission](#)

Opening Hymn: VU #91 The First Nowell
(verses 1,2,3,4 & 5) (please stand as you are able)

Opening Prayer and Jesus' Prayer
Radiant God,
light for all people and all places,
by the guidance of a star you led the Magi
to the Christ Child.
by the light of faith
lead us to your kingdom of peace and love,
guide us in your way.
Adapted from: Joan McMurtry, VU #86.

WORD

Hymn: VU #81 As with Gladness Men of Old *(verses 1,2 & 3)*
(please remain seated)

Community Learning Time - Melanie Davis

Hymn: VU #81 As with Gladness Men of Old *(verse 5)*
(please remain seated)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

ONE: We read this text so that in it we may find wisdom for life.
ALL: **May we be open to the Wisdom we understand and hear.**

Reflection: The Guiding Star

Choral Offering: VU #82 A Light is Gleaming

RESPONSE

Minute for Mission: Displaced People

Offering

Offertory Hymn: VU #55 In the Bleak Midwinter *(verse 4)*
(please stand as you are able)

Prayer of Dedication
The season of gift-giving has ended,
but we are called to keep on giving.
So we provide our weekly offerings
that they may they be used to do your work
in the church and throughout the world
Amen.

Adapted from: Kate Crawford, *Worship for All Seasons II, Year B*, page 63.

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn: VU #87 I Am the Light of the World
(please stand as you are able)

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Closing: VU #964 Go Now in Peace

Postlude

Lectionary Readings for January 14, 2018

1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)
Psalm 139:1-6,13-18 (VU p.861)
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51

*I will love the light for it shows me the way,
yet I will endure the darkness
because it shows me the stars.*
- Og Mandino