



FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Swift Current, SK
November 5, 2017

All Saints' Sunday

Leading Worship: Rev. Annette Taylor
Reader: Peggy Worrell
Pianist: Sharon Veer

GATHERING

Moment for Reflection

Every saint has a past and every sinner has a future.
– Oscar Wilde

*God creates out of nothing. Wonderful you say.
Yes, to be sure, but he does what is still more wonderful:
he makes saints out of sinners.*
– Soren Kierkegaard

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing of Peace/Prelude

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Gathering Hymn: MV #12 Come Touch Our Hearts
(verse 2) (please remain seated)

Call to Worship

ONE: Come in the footprints of those before you.

ALL: We come to celebrate God's presence.

ONE: Come to the baptismal font.

**ALL: We come to experience
the power of life-giving water.**

ONE: Come in a spirit of urgency and humility.

**ALL: We come to remember the saints
to open ourselves to God's love
to be filled with the Spirit.**

Adapted from: Elaine Bidgood Sweet, *Gathering Pentecost 2* 2015, page 46.

Worship Schedule

Nov 12	Remembrance/Peace Sunday - Rev. Annette Taylor
Nov 19	Parable of the Talents - Rev. Annette Taylor
Nov 26	Children's Sunday - Sunday School & Youth Group
Dec 3	Advent One – Hope - Rev. Annette Taylor - with communion

Thursdays in Black End Gender-based Violence



God cares for those who suffer, and calls on us to work with each other for the healing of the world. The United Church's Song of Faith (2006) lifts up the church's purpose, including "fierce love in the face of violence, [and] human dignity defended."

Sex- and gender-based violence is deeply rooted in our cultures, institutions, and religions. It affects ourselves, those we love, and our communities, country, and world. In particular, as [Canada's National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls](#) continues, we pray that it will listen and respond to the concerns of the families, uncover the systemic causes of this violence, and provide concrete ways to address it.

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Opening Hymn: VU #402 We Are One
(please stand as you are able)

Morning Prayer and Jesus' Prayer

Holy Mystery

you have known us forever:

from before we came to be,

through our lives, and

beyond our death.

You love us with a never-ending love.

Today, as we remember

those who have gone before us

may we open our hearts and minds

to the transforming power of your grace.

Adapted from: Richard Bott, *Gathering Pentecost 2* 2017, page 47.

WORD

Hymn: VU #644 I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry
(please remain seated)

Celebration of Baptism

Natalie Marie Bingham

Parents: Jennifer Bingham & Geoffrey Bingham

Godparents: John Garner & Diana Bingham

Sadie Rose Blanke

Parents: Shantel Blanke & Bart Blanke

Godparents: Sheena Roszell & Trevor Roszell

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

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: Blessed Saints (& Sinners)

Choral Offering: Still My Soul, Be Still

*words and music by Keith Getty, Kristen Getty,
and Stuart Townend*

RESPONSE

Minute for Mission: A Chaplain and Church Planter

Offering

Offertory Hymn: MV #191 What Can I Do?

(please stand as you are able)

Prayer of Dedication

With all that we have,

with all that we are,

we come to you

the Ground of our Being

knowing that all that we offer ,

is blessed by your love!

Amen.

Adapted from: Richard Bott, *Gathering Pentecost 2* 2017-2018, page 44.

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn: VU #707 For the Faithful

(please stand as you are able)

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Closing: MV #214 May God's Sheltering Wings

Postlude

Lectionary Readings for November 12, 2017

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Psalms 78:1-7 (VU p.792 Part One)

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

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Working to end rape and violence is an important part of creating a world where all people are valued. As a member of the World Council of Churches (WCC, a worldwide fellowship of Christian churches), the United Church takes part in the [Thursdays in Black](#) campaign against sex- and gender-based violence. Through the simple gesture of collectively wearing black, participants create an international public witness for a global movement urging an end to rape and violence.

Every Thursday, individuals and congregations are encouraged to stand in solidarity with all people who bear the scars of violence and demand an end to gender-based violence.

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