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* Εν αρχη ην ο λόγος * In the beginning was the Word * Au commencement était la Parole * An toiseach bha am Focal * Al principio, c'era colui che è "la Parola"

Season of Pentecost

14 November 2021

Port Wallis United Church

is an open Congregation

that affirms you as a child of God, made in God's Image, and loved by God.

WORDS OF WELCOME / BIENVENUE / FAILTE / PJILA'DIK

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND

We acknowledge that we are meeting in Mi'kma'ki,
the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People.

LIGHTING OF A CHRIST CANDLE *(for use at home and together on Sunday morning)*

You, O God, are light shining in the darkness of the universe,
guiding us onward from what was to what can be.
May this candle, whether lit or unlit,
remind me of your presence and bring me comfort in every day.
In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who are hungry
and feed on God's Word.
Come, all who are thirsty
and drink from God's Love.
Come, all who are lonely
and sit in God's House.
Come, all who are weary
and rest in God's Arms.
Come, all of God's Children,
let us worship God.

GATHERING MUSIC *(tune at #9 in More Voices)*

Venite, exultemus Domino, venite, adoremus! *(ve-ni-te e-xul-te-mus Do-mi-no)*
Venite, exultemus Domino, venite, adoremus. *(ve-ni-te, a-do-re-mus)*
O come and let us sing to God, our hope. God's mercy is for ever.
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PRAYER OF APPROACH and the LORD'S PRAYER

Bless our hearts, O God,

with the love of Christ.

Bless our minds. O God,

with the wisdom of Christ.

Bless our bodies, O God,

with the strength of Christ,

And bless your Church, O God,

with the power of the resurrection

as known through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who taught us to pray before You saying,

Our Father..... Notre Père..... Ar n-Athair.... 주님의 기도 Fader vår....

Ons Vader.... Onze Vader... Vater unser... Padre Nostro... Padre nuestro...

主の祈り 主禱文 أَبَانَا Isä meidän Πάτερ ἡμῶν Baba yetu

HYMN # 28 (MV) GOD OF THE BIBLE

God of the Bible, God in the Gospel, hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,
you are our centre, daylight or darkness, freedom or prison, you are our home.

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise, God always faithful, you do not change.

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise, God always faithful, you do not change.

God in our struggles, God in our hunger, suffering with us, taking our part,
still you empow'r us, mothering Spirit, feeding, sustaining, from your own heart.

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise, God always faithful, you do not change.

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise, God always faithful, you do not change.

Those without status, those who are nothing, you have made royal, gifted with rights,
chosen as partners, midwives of justice, birthing new systems, lighting new lights.

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise, God always faithful, you do not change.

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise, God always faithful, you do not change.

Not by your finger, not by your anger will our world order change in a day,
but by your people, fearless and faithful, small paper lanterns, lighting the way.

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise, God always faithful, you do not change.

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise, God always faithful, you do not change.

Hope we must carry, shining and certain through all our turmoil, terror and loss,
bonding us gladly one to the other, till our world changes facing the Cross.

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise, God always faithful, you do not change.

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SCRIPTURE LESSONS

First Testament: 1 Samuel 1 : 4 - 20

Responsive Lesson (from the Magnificat – Luke 1: 46-55)

“My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
For God has looked with favour on this lowly and humble servant.
 Surely, from now on all generations will call the servant of God “blessed”!
The Mighty One has done great things for me. Holy is God’s Name!

*Let our praises arise to the LORD,
 To the One who is filled with all light!
 May the Wisdom of God be our guide
 And the presence of God, our delight.*

The Mercy of the LORD is with those who honour God
from generation to generation.

God has shown strength through these wonders:

The LORD has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
The LORD has brought down the mighty from their thrones,
The LORD has lifted up the lowly;
and the LORD has filled the hearts of the humble hungry with good things,
while the haughty and mighty were sent away empty.

God has helped Israel, the servant of God, whom God has remembered with mercy.
God has kept the promise that was made to our ancestors
to Abraham and Sarah
and to their descendants forever.”

*Let our praises arise to the LORD,
 To the One who is filled with all light!
 May the Wisdom of God be our guide
 And the presence of God, our delight.*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, amen.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 13: 1 - 8

A TEACHING TIME (*a time of learning for younger folk*)

TEACHING PRAYER

In peace, dear God, I come to You through Jesus Christ who makes me new
 And while I run or play or rest, be with those whom I love best,
 Guide me in your Holy Way, as You walk with me each day, AMEN.

HYMN # 92 (MV) LIKE A ROCK

Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet,
 Like the starry night sky, God is over our heads,
 Like the sun on the horizon, God is ever before,
 Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God evermore.

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REFLECTION**STATEMENT OF 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. Amen.

ANTHEM – HE SHALL REIGN**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Almighty and ever-present God,
 receive the gifts we offer, both visible and invisible,
 and use them and us
 for Your Glory and the good of all people.
 In Jesus' name we pray, Amen

PASTORAL PRAYER**HYMN # 343 (VU) I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY**

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
 of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
 I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true;
 it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.
**I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
 to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

I love to tell the story more wonderful it seems
 than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.
 I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
 the message of salvation from God's own holy Word.
**I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
 to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
 seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
 And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
 'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.
**I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
 to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

PARTING PRAYER *(in unison)*

**Bless to us, O God, this day,
 The doors we open,
 the thresholds we cross,
 and all the roads that lie before us.
 Go with us always as we go and,
 at the close of our day, welcome us home.**

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLE

*We are reminded that the Light of Christ is not in candles nor institutions
 but within each of us. We are the Light of the World*

BENEDICTION

May the blessing of the Maker be yours,
Encircling us, above us and within us.
 May the blessing of the Son be yours,
**The Wine and the water, the Bread and the stories,
 to feed us and remind us.**
 May the blessing of the Spirit be yours,
**The wind and the fire, the still small voice of calm,
 to comfort us and disturb us.**
 May the blessing of God, Three-in-One and One-in-Three,
 be yours, this day and every day,
To protect us, defend us, encourage us and strengthen us.
 And may we bless each other,
**A blessing rooted in our common pilgrimage,
 the blessing of a friend.**

EXCHANGING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Mention someone's name and hold them in your heart.

CHORAL PRAYER (*Singing - Tune is at # 298 in Voices United*) (Canada)

When you walk from here,

When you walk from here,

Walk with Justice, walk with Mercy,

And with God's Humble Care. *Linnea Good 1991*

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