

WELCOME

If you are a visitor or newcomer, our first hope is that you will experience God's love and care. Our second hope is that you will also experience our love and care. Some of us are shy and quiet. Others of us are bold and outgoing. Yet, in all our ways we want to say: "YOU ARE WELCOME!"

OUR OFFERING

Offering gifts to God's service is an integral part of our worship. Many people at St. Martin's have chosen to make their offering by post-dated cheque or PAR. Others prefer weekly offering envelopes. Visitors and guest should not feel obligated to share in our offering, but may do so using the envelope in the back of the hymn book.

MUSIC

At St. Martin's we are richly blessed by many fine musicians. We encourage you to acknowledge their contributions to worship through silence, or when impelled by the Spirit, through applause.

OUR CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Bob McPherson - Chair of the Board
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**Keith Hall - Youth, Young Adults, Newcomer Relations,
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Darren Wooff - Children's Ministry & Outreach
Betty Lou Agnew - Organist
Cara Wilson - Handbell Choir
Keith Hall & Erin Tempel - Contemporary Singers
Aliah Nelson & Mars Zhao - Sanctuary Choir
Lori Cline Flath - Band Together
Donna Thiessen - Little Voices United



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Vision: To be a thriving, welcoming faith community that makes the example of Christ relevant to our living.

The Sunday After Christmas

December 31, 2017

9:30 AM

Words of Welcome

Acknowledgement of the Land

Community Concerns

Invitation to Worship

Welcome to the Eve of a New Year.

Welcome to this place where we search for wisdom with which to live our days.

Welcome to this place where we ponder ancient truths to discern their teaching for our time.

We have come to open ourselves

to the power of Love,

that our lives may be vital and our actions may be just.

Opening Prayer

Creator of our days we have come to the last day of this year; and wait at the threshold of a new year.

Stir our discontent with what has become too familiar and challenge us with new understandings, new opportunities, and new relationships this year.

Although we appreciate the comfort of security, and the path well-travelled;

we know that the legacy of the Christ-child is to call us forth into the unchartered waters of life

Be our guide and companion, we pray. Amen.

Lifting our Voices in Song

“Come and Find the Quiet Centre” VU#374

Story Time with Brian

Children and Youth are Invited Downstairs

Prayer of Reconciliation

O God you must smile at our resolutions.

**Twelve months from now it is not likely
that we'll be fitter, calmer or more faithful.**

**Still, you choose to dwell within us,
to value our lives and to expect good things from us.**

**Forgive us for giving up (at times);
help us focus on what in our lives
needs changing and give us grace
to follow intention with action.**

**We pray remembering Jesus, who came,
not to condemn the world but to save it. Amen.**

Lifting our Voices in Song

“Let There Be Light” VU#679

Listening for God's Word: Revelations 21:1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” ⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and

true.” ⁶Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Lifting our Voices in Song

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” VU#35

Response to the Reading

Lifting our Voices in Song

“I See a New Heaven” VU#713

Offering Our Gifts

Offering Song “In Gratitude and Humble

In Gratitude and Humble trust
we bring our gifts today
to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life's way.
O God, who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ, your Son.
teach us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.

Praying for Ourselves and Others & the Lord's Prayer

Lifting our Voices in Song

“One More Step Along the World I Go” MV#639

Words of Blessing