

## 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!"

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 if you so desire you may find offering envelopes at the entrance to the sanctuary.

## 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  
*Cathy Anderson* - Secretary of the Board  
*James Cook* - Treasurer  
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*Keith Hall* - Youth, Young Adults, Newcomer Relations,  
Volunteers & Pastoral Care  
*Darren Wooff* - Children's Ministry, Outreach, Christian Ed  
*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



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

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**Sunday after Christmas December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 9:30 a.m.**

### **Words of Welcome**

#### **Acknowledgement of the Territory**

In the spirit of reconciliation  
let us acknowledge our relationship  
with the Indigenous people of this land.

**We acknowledge that we are gathering for worship on the traditional lands of the First Nations and the homeland of the Metis. We are all Treaty people bound by the understandings made in the agreement known as Treaty Six.**

### **Community News**

#### **Lighting the Christ Candle**

#### **Lighting the Peace Candle**

**We Sing "Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands" (v.1, repeat) MV #173**  
**Put peace into each other's hands and like a treasure hold it;**  
**protect it like a candle flame, with tenderness enfold it.**

#### **Invitation to Worship**

Come and rejoice!  
For God is here with us.  
**Let us join our hearts and voices, in praise and thanksgiving.**  
For we are truly loved by God:  
**Just as we are, for who we are.**  
**Thanks be to God!**

### Opening Prayer

Ever present God,  
You are the hope that overcomes despair.  
You are the peace that overcomes anxiety.  
You are the joy that overcomes discontent.  
You are the love that overcomes apathy.  
We thank you and praise your name.  
You are the way,  
and in faith, we will follow your guiding light.  
Amen.

### Story Time

Lifting our Voices in Song "Come Touch Our Hearts" (MV #12, vs. 1-4)

### Prayer for Reconciliation

#### Listening for God's Word: Colossians 3:12-17 (from "The Message")

So, chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. Be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offense. Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you. And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it.

Let the peace of Christ keep you in tune with each other, in step with each other. None of this going off and doing your own thing. And cultivate thankfulness. Let the Word of Christ--the Message--have the run of the house. Give it plenty of room in your lives. Instruct and direct one another using good common sense. And sing, sing your hearts out to God! Let every detail in your lives--words, actions, whatever--be done in the name of the master, Jesus, thanking God [the Creator] every step of the way.

### Response to the Reading "Discomfort and Joy"

-- *time for silent reflection* --

Lifting our Voices in Song "Go Make a Difference" (MV #209)

### Offering Our Gifts

### Offering Song "In Gratitude and Humble Trust" (VU #544)

In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best 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.

### Prayers of the People

#### Sung Lord's Prayer (VU #959)

Our Mother/Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil  
for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours  
now and forever.

Lifting our Voices in Song "Oh a Song Must Rise" (MV #142)

### Words of Blessing

#### Sung Benediction "Take Up His Song" (MV #213)

Take up his song of love and go into the world.  
Take up his song of love in ev'ry moment.  
In ev'ry moment of the journey,  
we're laying down our lives;  
Lay them down, in love, lay them down,  
And take up his song.

### Passing of the Peace