

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

**Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**The Second Sunday of Advent**  
**Service of Dedication**

### GATHERING IN EXPECTANCY

\*\*indicates the community stands, as able

PRELUDE *My Spirit be Joyful* J. S. Bach  
...Nora Nolan, trumpet

*Please rise to sing:*

\*\*MORE VOICES **1** *Let Us Build a House*

\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP ...The Hancock Family

This is the day that the Lord has made!  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it! (Psalm 118: 24)

**I was glad when they said to me,**

**“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”** (Psalm 122: 1)

Peace be to this house and all that worship in it!

**Peace be to those who enter and to those who go out from it.**

Peace be to those that love it and that love  
the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*(These sentences were used at the dedication of the original  
Port Nelson Church building in 1954)*

\*\*PEACE GREETING ...Michael Brooks

May the peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*(The Community exchanges words and signs of peace)*

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF **PEACE** ...The Redgrave Family

Today we kindle the Advent candle of peace. *(Second candle is lit)*

We welcome the glow that causes us to pause,

**the glow that entices us to gather together,**

**the glow that shines in hearts of goodwill.**

Come, Holy Stranger, sharer of peace on this Advent journey:

Welcome us as we welcome you.

**We receive the light of peace.**

MORE VOICES **220** (sing twice)

**Peace shines as the solitary star.**

**Faith is the inner light.**

**You and I together mirror the Light of Lights,  
and illumine the pathway home.**

*(Children and youth may proceed to programs)*

WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS *Rekindle Project Team*

## SEEKING TO GROW IN EXPECTANCY

FIRST BIBLE READING Malachi 3: 1-4 ...Ginny Swain

ANTHEM *O God, Whose First Creative Word* Mark Sirett  
*(This anthem has been commissioned by the Port Nelson Choir  
in celebration of today's dedication; the text is by Judith Fetter)*

SECOND BIBLE READING 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1: 3-7 ...Tim Laurie  
For the Word of God in Scripture, among us, and within us.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “REKINDLING FAITH”

### RESPONDING IN CARE

OFFERTORY SOLO *In Rosa Vernat Lilium* Mychael Danna  
...Alix Kingston, soloist

From the rose springs up the lily; flower in flower flourishes according to  
God's plan, the true day dawns. From the moon shines the sun's brightening ray;  
and the star that never dims points out the stable. (Text by Elizabeth Danna)

\*\*VOICES UNITED **55, verse 4**

**What can I give him, poor as I am?**

**If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;**

**If I were a wise man, I would do my part;**

**Yet what I can I give him – give my heart.**

\*\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION ...Martha Reynolds

### THE ACT OF DEDICATION

\*\*HYMN *Long May Our Hearts Reach Up* Tune: VU 321  
*As the ministers move to the back of the worship space the  
congregation is invited to **turn and face the back doors;**  
the children and youth return to the worship space*

**Long may our hearts reach up to touch the deeps of love.**

**That we shall know the power of God, and by the Spirit move.**

**For all the gifts of life – for faith and hope and joy;**

**We pray within this edifice God's grace we will employ.**

*(written by Rev. Dr Bev Johnston for the dedication of renovations in 1989)*

\*\*THE CEREMONY OF THE DOORS *The Minister knocks at the door*  
Open to us the gates of righteousness,

**that we may enter through them and give thanks to God!**

Friends, we bid you welcome, *The Project Team responds*  
as we dedicate this space to God's glory!

*(This sentence was used at the dedication of the new sanctuary in 1961)*

