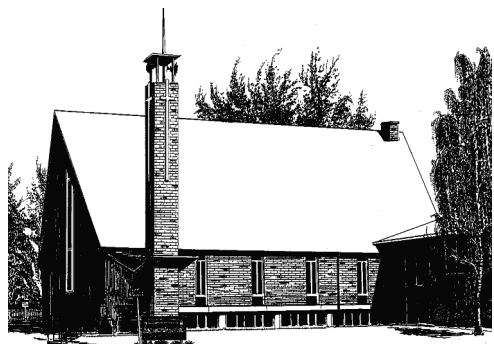


# Westminster United Church



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*"We are a faith community building relationships  
with God, all people, and our world."*

**November 6, 2011**  
**Lest We Forget**

We Remember and give thanks for those who served and remain part of this congregation:



*Darcy Fox, Flora Gaub, Jim Hayward, Bill Keith,  
John Leask, Wilbur Lemon, BJ Maddaford, Al Mattson,  
Tom Pragnell, Bill Scott, Mary Skjenna, and any whose names  
we have inadvertently missed.*

What does it mean to be ready to shine with the light of Christ? Jesus' parable of ten bridesmaids opens reflection on living into God's purpose. Engaging the additional scriptures invites exploration of what it means to encourage one another to choose God's loving ways and tend to the things that nurture faith.

*If you would like to stay seated for any or all of the "standing" parts of the service, please feel free to do so.*

*Need a refuge? Our Nursery is located off Memorial Hall, has a speaker system through which to hear the service, and exists for all who may need this space. Memorial Hall approach is via the pulpit side exit.*

**Prelude / Sharing Announcements / A Time of Greeting**

**A Time of Silent Preparation—Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship** *(Responsive)*

One: Who are we, gathering in this place?

**All: Disciples of Jesus.**

One: Why are we here?

**All: To journey on the Way.**

One: Where does this Way take us?

**All: To the knowledge—in our heads and in our hearts—that the  
Divine is in all, is with all, is of all!**

One: And how do we follow this Way?

**All: By loving our neighbour. By loving ourselves.**

One: This is our purpose.

**All: This is our Way.**

**Opening Prayer** *(Unison)*

**The Holy visits us in our aloneness but we express that Holy best in our togetherness. May our time together express that quality of community, which is a true expression of Divine presentness. Amen.**

**Hymn #130 "Give Me Oil in My Lamp"** (Songs for a Gospel People)

*Conversation Time*

*The Sunday School leaves for their classes.*

**Prayer for Transformation** *(Unison)*

**There may have been times when the spirit of wonder has not always inspired our community. May our eyes be opened to appreciate Holy Mystery at the heart of creation. There may have been times when the spirit of service has not always empowered our community. May we be sensitive to the needs of others, and to meet them carefully. There may have been times when the desire has not been there to motivate our community. May we be filled with the desire to strengthen and uphold one another...*(time for silent reflection)***

**Words of Assurance** *(One)*

We will not remain unmoved by the fresh insights that have been given to us; we will move from understanding to repentance, and a desire to bring change. In this, we will know peace. Amen.

**Biblical Notes / Prayer of Illumination**

**Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-18** *from the Hebrew Scriptures* Pg. 231

*Other lessons for your personal consideration from today's lections are: Psalm 78:1-7 or Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16 or Amos 5:18-24; Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20 or Psalm 70; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.*

**Anthem "A Kyrie for Our Time"**

**Matthew 25:1-13** *from the Christian Scriptures* Pg. 37 (NRSV)

**Reflection**

**Hymn "Let There Be Peace on Earth"**

**Mission Moment** Video

**Our Church Tithes and Offerings / Offertory**

**Dedication Hymn #540 "Grant Us, God, the Grace"**

**Prayer of Dedication** *(One)*

As we bring our offerings forward, may our whole life move forward, in good faith, with good feelings, and with a good belief about the future. Amen.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession & Lord’s Prayer**

**Hymn #586 “We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection”**

**Commissioning (One)**

Now may the love of truth guide us, the warmth of love hold us, and the spirit of peace bless us, this day and in the days to come.

**Choral Amen**

**Hymn “Dance with the Spirit” (x2)**

**Postlude**

*Welcome to Westminster this morning.*

*Please gather for coffee in Memorial Hall, following worship.*

**This Week at Westminster (November 6<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>)**

<b>Sun.</b>	Music & Worship	9:00 a.m.	Lounge
	Local Food Needs	10:00 a.m.	Narthex
	Worship: Remembrance Sunday	10:25 a.m.	Sanctuary
	Jr. Choir Practice	11:45 a.m.	Lounge
	Ministry& Personnel	11:45 a.m.	Side Office
<b>Mon.</b>	Property	7:00 p.m.	Westminster Room
<b>Tue.</b>	Prayer Shawl	1:30 p.m.	Lounge
<b>Wed.</b>	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.	Nursery
	Qi Gong (last class)	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
<b>Thu.</b>	Senior Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Remembrance Day—Office Closed</b>		

**Next Week at Westminster (November 13<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>)**

<b>Sun.</b>	Worship: Dr. Bob C.	10:25 a.m.	Sanctuary
<b>Tue.</b>	Annual Reports Deadline	Noon	Office
	Prayer Shawl	1:30 p.m.	Lounge
	Board of Elders	7:00 p.m.	Lounge
<b>Wed.</b>	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.	Nursery
<b>Thu.</b>	Senior Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary

**Friendship Rosters:** Please sign the Friendship Roster this morning. It is a helpful record of your worship presence and a way to share special concerns.

**If you are interested in Transfer of Membership, or Reaffirmation of Faith,** please contact James or the office as soon as possible.

Please be mindful of those who suffer from allergies and let us keep WUC a perfume, cologne, and **SCENT FREE** place for worship.

The **2012 Canadian Church Calendars**, featuring stained glass windows, are available in the office for \$5 each.

**The women of the UCW would like to invite all women of the church to participate in our Poinsettia Tea & Bake Sale.** If you wish to donate baking for the bake sale or to help in any way, please contact Yvonne at 403-504-1249.

Westminster UCW’s **Poinsettia Tea & Bake Sale** is Saturday, **November 19<sup>th</sup>** from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$3.50/person. Come and bring a friend.

**Thank You** to all who participate in the Life & Work of the Church—your contribution is to be celebrated—and **we continue to need your help!** If you are interested in:

- Greeting & Ushering
- Reading Scripture
- Hosting Coffee
- Counting the Offering after Worship
- Phoning for Commune-I-Care Callouts
- Assisting with Hospital Visitation
- Singing with the Junior or Senior Choirs

**Please volunteer your time on the sign-up sheets** by Memorial Hall and remember to mark the date on your calendar!

**Free trade coffee has been purchased from Lifeline Haiti to support** their efforts to make life easier for Haitian children. Anyone wishing to contribute to this worthwhile cause, through a free-will offering, the coffee will be brewed separately to prevent waste and is labelled, *“In support of Lifeline Haiti.”*

The following dates have been booked for Westminster to help with the **Salvation Army Christmas Kettles:** Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at Superstore; Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at Canadian Tire; Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at Canadian Tire; and Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at Canadian Tire. Please check your calendars and be ready to sign up after church with Donna Scharf.

**Celebrations This Week**

**Birthdays:** *Ted Sherring and Joe Grindley.*

**Flowers** are placed in the Sanctuary this morning in loving memory of husband, **George Forsythe** by **Edna & family.** And by **Ted & Kim Sherring** to honour all **VETERANS** from yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

**South Alberta Presbytery:** *Our prayers this week are requested for Chaplains within the Canadian Armed Forces, Yvonne Mills, and Lara Bowditch.*

**Our Order of Ministry This Morning**

Sunday School Co-ordinator	Jackie Carlson
Greeters & Ushers	Bev & Ken Empey, Rae Wahl, Brenda Wallsmith
Coffee Hosts	Pat & Wilton Thorsteinson, Sharon Clay, Betty Sidlick
Scripture Reader	Kim Sherring
Elder-in-Charge	Darcy Fox

**Next Week’s Readings:** *Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; or Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18; Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12; Matthew 25:14-30; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11.*

**Stewardship Thought for Today**

*God heals us; God heals through us.*

*Our offerings are God’s healing love in action.*

*by Kathie Murphy (General Council Office)*