



**Completing the New Testament:
Week of September 24, 2017
1 Peter 1-3**



TWEEN GROUP
called "Masterpiece"
Ages 9 years +
Starts TONIGHT!
@ 6pm in Banquet Hall



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Last chance to have your photo taken for the pictorial directory! The photographer will be here on **Tuesday, Sept. 26th & Wednesday, Sept. 27th**. There are still a couple spots open. Please contact the office.



PIE MAKERS NEEDED

Come and join us for some Fellowship, pizza and making pies on **Friday, October 27th @ 6:00pm**. There will be a small fee for the pizza. Please sign-up in Ottawa Hall.



TWINS!

Congratulations to **Bruce & Linda Parks** on becoming grandparents to Tyler & Logan Dely on Thursday, September 21st. Proud parents are Julie & Larry Dely and "big" brother Nathan.

EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

**September 24, 2017
10:30 am**



**MINISTER
Rev. Sadekie Lyttle-Forbes**

**MUSIC DIRECTOR
Nicholas Morvay**

**MINISTER EMERITUS
Rev. Dr. John Palmer**

We are a Christian community gathered together to worship and celebrate God and to serve Him through Jesus Christ. Our church is accessible and welcoming to all persons for fellowship, learning, sharing and teaching. We strive to show our love through service to all humanity.

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OFFICE HOURS

**Tuesday – Thursday
1:30pm – 4:00pm**

Friday 1:30pm - 6:00pm
Office Administrator: Melissa Yau



**EUC COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, September 27th
@ 7pm.**

EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH
September 24, 2017

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: O God, you are always with us.

P: May we feel your presence.

L: O God, you speak in many ways.

P: May we hear your voice.

L: O God, you are the giver of all good gifts.

P: May we know and share your love.

L: Seek the Lord continually.

ALL: We will watch and listen, and rejoice in signs of God's grace.

OPENING HYMN VU179 Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Give Thanks

OPENING PRAYER

L: Loving God, compassionate Son, healing Spirit, your care for this world, and for us, is greater than we can imagine: You draw near to us in kindness and tenderness, regardless of our state or condition. You turn weeping into laughter, sorrow into joy, death into life. You redeem all that seems lost. In gratitude, we set aside this time to rest, to enjoy you, the beauty of your world, and the gift of life.

ALL: Giver of all good gifts, we confess that our own generosity is limited. We give, but often reluctantly. We shrink from costly discipleship, preferring cheap grace. Forgive our fleeting enthusiasm and our shallow commitment. Guide us in your way of joyful giving, a way embodied by Christ, who freely gave himself for us, and in whose name we pray. Amen

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN: VU646 We are marching in the Light of God (*Children will come forward*)

INVITATION TO GIVE

L: As disciples of Christ, we are called to serve any way we are able. One opportunity is to give whatever we can for the work and witness of this community of Christ. Your offering will now be received.

OFFERTORY HYMN: VU 236 Now Thank We All Our God

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ALL: Giving God, we offer back to You fruits from what you have given to us. We offer it cheerfully and gratefully, knowing that we are among those who are able to give. Bless these humble expressions of thankfulness and cause it to reach to the places where many do not earn, cannot earn and are in need of care. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen

WORD

Preparing to Listen: Ancient Words
M. W. Smith (v1 & refrain)

1. Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world, they resound with God's own heart. Oh, let the ancient words impart

Chorus: Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you, we have come with open hearts. O let your ancient words impart.

SCRIPTURES

OT: Exodus 16, 20, 32

NT: 2 Corinthians 9: 5-15

Last reader: These are the words from the scriptures we love

ALL: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM: "We See Christ" by Joel Raney

THE MESSAGE: Ron Dunn, Executive Director of the DTM

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: VU661

Come to my heart (v 1, 3)

L: God of Hope, when the world is bleak and dim, you pierce the shadows with light. You help us see new things, new possibilities, new paths. For hope where there was despair, for clarity where there was confusion, for a way forward where there was a closed door, we give you thanks.

P: We pray today for those who feel hopeless; for those who are sick or dying; for those who mourn; for those bent under the weight of heavy burdens. May we know and share your gift of hope.

L: God of Peace, all around us there is conflict: in our world, our communities, our families, our closest relationships.

P: We pray today for places where pain, violence, suffering and cruelty seem to have the upper hand. May we know and share your gift of peace.

L: God of Joy, we give you thanks for moments of delight and occasions of celebration; for happy gatherings, gentle solitude, pleasure given and received; for laughter, friendship, and love.

P: As we do so, we remember those who do not taste such joy; those who are lonely, or bitter, or hurt, or difficult to love. May we know and share your gift of joy.

L: God of Love, in Jesus Christ you came among us as love incarnate, born in a family and yet his circle of love stretched far beyond, including outsiders as sisters and brothers.

P: Called to follow him, we pray for our own families, whether close or estranged. We pray for friends, near and far away. We pray for our partners, children, parents, elders. But we pray also for acquaintances, for strangers, for those very different from ourselves, even for our enemies. Help us draw our circles wider, seeing our kinship

with all people. May we know and share your gift of love.

L: Now we name before you the concerns for situations and people close to us...

L: Eternal God, we thank you for those who have gone ahead of us and who showed us some measure of your eternal love. Keep us always in communion with you and with your people from every time and place.

ALL: And may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. In Jesus' name we pray Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: VU 696 Homeless People,
Will You Listen

BENEDICTION

L: Go and invite others into Jesus' embrace and to experience His love among us.

P: We go into the world to live as disciples of Love

L: Go and invite others into the healing power of God's grace

P: We go into the world to tell others how God has helped us to live more fully

L: Go and invite others into the Spirit's powerful vision

P: We go into the world to share Christ's perspective on life and living

L: Go and let someone know the Lord can supply all their needs and as they receive freely give to others.

ALL: This we know and this we will share. AMEN

CHORAL BLESSING *May the Love of the Lord. ccli#262153*

Liturgy and prayers adapted from the Gathering, Pentecost 1(2017) & Presbyterian.ca.