

Prince Edward North Pastoral Charge  
Friendship United Church  
January 24, 2010

**GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

Gathering Hymn    VU 315    Holy, Holy, Holy

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of The Christ Candle

Call To Worship

Look for the signs of God's presence.

**There is celebration in the air, joy abounds!**

Look for the signs of God's presence.

**The lonely are noticed, community grows!**

Look for the signs of God's presence.

**The oppressed are freed!**

Look for the signs of God's presence.

**Those who cannot understand receive insight!**

Look for the signs of God's presence.

**The suffering find compassion, the bereaved find comfort!**

Look for the signs of God's presence.

**God's Word is taken to heart. Faith is alive!**

Hymn            VU 402            We Are One

Children's Time

Opening Prayer

You call us together,

**As a Christian community.**

You inspire us to prayer and praise,

**As brothers and sisters in the faith.**

You challenge us to listen and learn,

**As searchers for the truth.**

You invite us to support each other,

**As compassionate friends.**

You confront us,

**With the injustice of our neighborhood and nation.**

You send us out,

**To show the face of Christ to a hurting world. Amen.**

A Prayer For Community

When we are in community, Loving God,

**We will be aware of the joys and frustrations of those around us.**

(Time for silent reflection)

When we are in community, Loving God,

**We will be aware of the gifts and talents of community members, and encourage their use.**

(Time for silent reflection)

When we are in community, Loving God,

**We will plan and work to bring Good News to our neighborhood.**

(Time for silent reflection)

When we are in community, Loving God,

**We will take the love of Christ to heart, and show the love of Christ to the downhearted, the oppressed, the bewildered, and those who feel trapped.**

(Time for silent reflection)

Words of Assurance

This is our belief,

**In our growing sense of oneness in Christ, in our willingness to know and root out our selfishness, we will find the salvation we seek,**

The salvation which Christ lived and died.

**Amen.**

Hymn VU 29 Hark The Glad Sound  
Caregivers In Action

**LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10  
Luke 4: 14-21

Sermon

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE**

Hymn VU 691 Though Ancient Walls

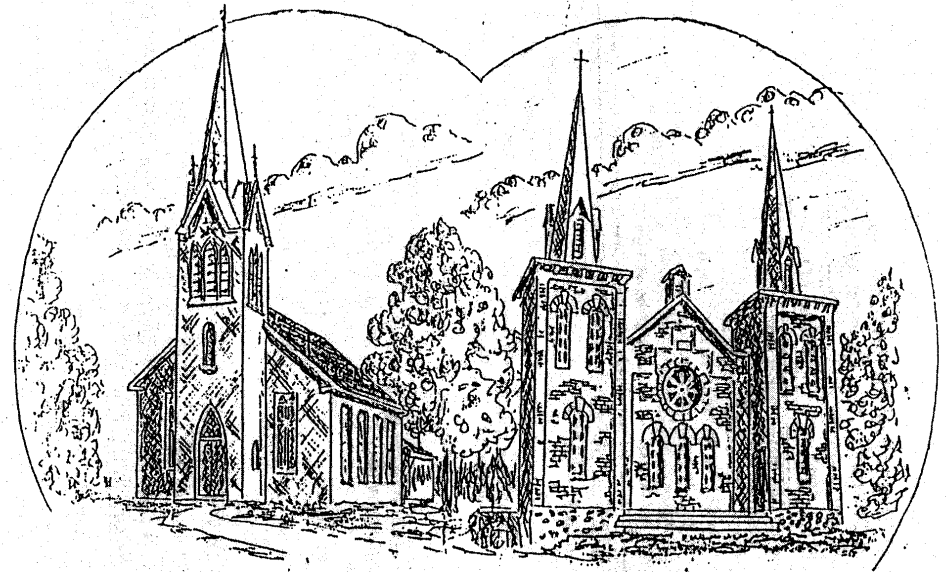
Offerings of Our Life's Work "Take These Gifts"  
**Take these gifts and let them be  
Used as blessings sent from thee  
Take our lives and use us all  
For your glory and your call.**

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn VU 699 Live Into Hope

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Amen



*Friendship & Wesley  
United Churches*

PRINCE EDWARD NORTH PASTORAL CHARGE  
Wesley United - 9:30 am  
Friendship United - 11:00 am

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