

**Genesis Cooperative  
of the United Church of Canada  
in Partnership with the  
Glengarry East Pastoral Charge**

*Consisting of the congregations of:  
Alexandria, Cassburn, Dalhousie Mills, East Hawkesbury,  
Kirk Hill, Pendleton, Trinity (Vankleek Hill)*

**Sunday, January 16, 2022**

**The  
Wedding  
at Cana**



**Worship Leaders Today**

Trinity / Cassburn  
Alexandria / Kirk Hill  
Pendleton  
Dalhousie Mills  
East Hawkesbury

Merle Marjerrison  
Carolyn Ruda  
Valerie Allen  
Rev. Phyllis Dietrich  
No Service

*“Surely God is in this place... help me notice”  
(attributed to St. Lawrence)*

## **We Gather to Praise God**

*Welcome to our worship service today.*

*We pray you will feel God's presence as we worship together.*

*You are invited to join in reading the responses and prayers, printed in **bold**.*

### **♪Prelude**

### **Greeting and Welcome**

### **Life and Work of the Church**

### **Minute for Mission**

### **Lighting the Christ Candle**

### **♪Sung Introit: “Arise Your Light Is Come” vs.1 VU 79**

*Arise, your light is come!  
The Spirit's call obey;  
Show forth the glory of your God,  
Which shines on you today.*

### **The Call to Worship:**

God's faithfulness is as high as the clouds. God's righteousness is as tall as the biggest mountains.

**God's love stretches everywhere.**

God's justice is as deep as the ocean. God's love is big enough for everyone. **God's love stretches everywhere.**

Come, let us worship the God whose gifts flow abundantly.

### **♪Hymn: “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” VU 101 Alternate Tune: VU 516**

## The Opening Prayer and the Prayer of Confession:

God of many gifts, you offer us so many things: food and drink, everlasting life, gifts for ministry, shelter from danger. Above all: overflowing love! In this time of worship, open us to your Spirit, that we might experience and celebrate the many gifts you give us.

God provides us more than we could ever need and yet often we are not satisfied: we want more. We hoard and do not share what we have. We keep the best for ourselves, and offer the second best to God and to others.

Sometimes we feel we are of little value, forgetting that God has invested God's very best in each one of us. Let us take a moment in silence to confess the times when we are wasteful, when we do not share, and when we do not recognize the many gifts that God gives to us. (*silent prayer*)

## Words of Affirmation:

The Bible tells us that all people may take refuge in the shadow of God's wings. Whatever we may have done wrong, when we turn to God, we find that we are welcomed, we are forgiven, we are loved. **Thanks be to God.**

🎵 Hymn: **"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"** VU 334

## We Listen for God's Word

### Scripture Lessons:

**Isaiah 62: 1-5** No longer called "Desolate" but now named "Delight".

**Psalms 36: 5-10 VU 762** God's steadfast love is without limits.

**1 Corinthians 12: 1-11** Different kinds of gifts but the same spirit.

**John 2: 1-11** The Wedding at Cana.

*Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.*

**Thanks be to God!**

## Message:

🎵 Hymn: “*Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies*” VU 336

## We Respond to God’s Word

### Offering Invitation

🎵 Response: “*Grant Us, God, the Grace*” vs. 1 VU 540

*Grant us, God, the grace of giving, with a spirit large and free.  
That ourselves and all our living we may offer faithfully.*

### The Prayer of Dedication:

Loving God, whose gifts are overflowing: as you have poured out love upon your people, so we seek to give back to you even a little of all you have given to us. Take and use the gifts you have entrusted to us, and which we now offer back to you, that we in turn might overflow with love for your world. **AMEN.**

### The Prayers of the People / The Lord’s Prayer

We have been gifted to overflowing. **For your abundant love which knows no bounds, we give you thanks, O God.**

**Our Father, who art in heaven ... (found at VU 959)**

🎵 Hymn: “*We Praise You, O God*” VU 218

### The Closing Words

🎵 Sung Blessing: “*Go Now in Peace*”

**Go now in peace, never be afraid,  
God will go with you each hour of everyday.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know he will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love and show you believe,  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above,  
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.**

 **Postlude**

*Our Worship Ends – Our Service Begins*

**Announcements**

✠ *As church, we are called to pray for each other  
and for our mission in the world* ✠

Mallorytown United



**Question of the Day:**

**Isaiah 62: 1-5**

**In your context, what in the environment has been forsaken and become desolate?  
How might it be restored to delight?**

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**Update On January 19<sup>th</sup>  
Regional Council Visits Genesis/GEPC**

The meeting of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council (EOORC) representatives **Pastoral Charge visit** to Genesis / GEPC has been **CANCELLED** and will be rescheduled.

**UPDATE on Genesis / GEPC January 25 meeting:**

We need at least one council representative from each congregation for this meeting, being held on Jan. 25 at 7 pm at the Genesis church office. Please inform our Council Secretary, Bryan Anderson, ([bandsanderson@rogers.com](mailto:bandsanderson@rogers.com), Tel: 613-676-3282) if you will be in attendance. Keeping you in the loop!

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## **Minute for Mission**

**“We want to help communities of faith re-focus on core principles of church health.”**

Vancouver School of Theology just celebrated its 50th anniversary. The school, which receives support through Mission & Service, has thrived for over half a century thanks to your generosity.

“We are committed to serve and support the church,” says VST’s President and Vice-Chancellor Richard Topping. To that end, the school has big plans for the coming year: to expand facilities in order to create more teaching space for its growing student body, to begin new partnerships, and to invest in helping congregations flourish.

“Many congregations struggle with issues of viability: for example, managing and maintaining buildings, paying for staff, and other related expenses.

Through our **Congregational Vitality through Community Engagement** project, we want to help communities of faith re-focus on core principles of church health and begin to explore new ways of becoming a thriving church,” says Topping.

Right now, through the Congregational Vitality Initiative, VST is working hard to identify the challenges that congregations are facing and help them see what the future might look like. As the research unfolds, VST will gather the best resources and practices that lead to congregational vitality and make them available to the whole church. With proven resources in hand, congregations will be equipped to become more healthy and vital. For communities of faith that are struggling or need extra support, the school plans to offer hands-on support.

“Your gifts are crucial to the work of our school. It is a source of encouragement to our work during these days when the whole of our operations is online because of COVID-19 restrictions. Through the hard work and dedication of a staff, faculty, and student body, who not only work hard but also care deeply, we have been able to continue keep our calling: to educate and form thoughtful, engaged, and generous Christian leaders for the church and the world in the 21st century,” says Topping.

Thank you for your gifts through Mission & Service. By supporting theological education, you ensure not only that the church has strong leaders but also equip them and the whole of the church with a roadmap to vitality, too. Thank you.