

**Sunday, 10 am – January 21, 2018**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany /Stewardship Sunday 1**  
**Theme: “Living Thankfully Day by Day – The Life of the Steward”**

\* indicates stand as able

**We Gather to Worship God**

*Gathering Music:* (singalong) MV 167 Hush! Hush! & MV 161 I Have Called You by Your Name

\**Processional Hymn:* A Light Is Gleaming VU 82

*Lighting of Christ Candle:* Acolyte: Inara Wightman  
Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world; those who follow me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

*Welcome and Greeting, The Life, Work and Mission of the Church*

*Stewardship Moment* Bill McGee

\**Call to Worship:* (inspired by Isaiah 9:1-4) Erin Berard  
One: We are called together in a spirit of gladness, for the presence of God within and among us lifts the shadows of gloom.

**All: The light of Christ shines on.**

One: The lights of Christmas flicker and fade but the gift of God's love will never grow dim for a great Light has drawn near.

**All: The light of Christ illumines our paths.**

One: The love of God grows every time we give it away and our joy increases; we are like happy people at a feast.

**All: The light of Christ moves us to worship God! Amen.**

*Prayer of Confession:* In this season of light and new beginnings, we come to be open to God's grace and assurance of love. Let us pray:  
**Loving God, when we speak with words that dismiss others and cause division instead of greater understanding; when we take more than our share of resources and others must bear the burden; when we treat others with disrespect or judgment; when we know that**

**you are calling us and we choose not to follow, forgive us God and give light to your vision within us.**

(Silent Reflection)

*Assurance of Pardon:*

God's Spirit is stronger than our divisions. God's love is greater than our disagreements. God's forgiveness is greater than all our wrongdoings,

**God's love knows no bounds. We are forgiven. Amen!**

*Special Music:* Jesus Saw Them Fishing MV 113 (CGS, Bell Canto)

*Time for the Young at Heart*

Erin Berard

\* *Hymn:* “We Will Follow – Somlandela” – Trad. Zulu

**We will follow, we will follow Jesus.  
We will follow, we will follow Him.  
We will follow, we will follow Jesus.  
Wherever He leads us, we will follow.**

**In our calling, we will follow Jesus.  
In our calling, we will follow him.  
In our calling, we will follow Jesus.  
Wherever He leads us, we will follow.**

**Zulu: Somlandela, Somlande-lu Jesu.  
Somlandela, yonke indawo  
Somlandela, Somlande-lu Jesu  
Lapho ehya-khona somlandela.**

(Youth and Children may leave for programme)

**We Listen for God's Word**

*Prayer for Illumination (together)* **Open to us the wonders of your Word that we may truly become your faithful followers. Amen.**

*The Gospel:* “Jesus Calls the First Disciples” Mark 1: 14-20

*This text gives us a glimpse of the beginning of Jesus' ministry. He calls his first four disciples to be fishers of people. He preaches and teaches about God's reign. I will explore in my sermon the leadership qualities of Jesus and why, through the centuries, people continue to follow him as their leader. How is Jesus calling you today? Will you follow him?*

Response: May the Light of Christ dwell where the Word is spoken.  
**Thanks be to God!**

*Ministry of Music:* (Grace Notes) Let it Shine! – Trad. Arr. Price & Besig

*Sermon:* “Whose Calling?”

\**Hymn:* Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore VU 563

### **We Respond in Faith**

*Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer*

*Offering and Offertory Music:* (Grace Notes) A Song of Sharing - Fletcher

\**Presentation of Offering and Offertory Hymn:* As With Gladness VU 81 (vs. 3)

**As they offered gifts most rare  
At that manger crude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy,  
Pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to you, our heavenly King.**

\* *Offertory Prayer (together)* **Loving God, you called us to be generous and so we respond by offering our time, talents and treasures. Bless our gifts and our hopes for a better world. Amen.**

### **We Depart in Peace**

\**Hymn:* O Jesus, I Have Promised VU 120

*Sending Forth:*

Go as faithful friends of this community, called to be Christ's followers.

**We leave with confidence knowing God is with us.**

Share the light that is within you to bring healing and peace to the world.

**We go knowing that God's loving presence, Christ's enduring grace and the Holy Spirit's power will lead us. Amen.**

*Departing Music:* (Abe) A medley of today's tunes

### **Thanks To Those Assisting with Today's Service:**

Greeter/Ushers: Joyce Garinther, Bill Wilson,

Reader: Tamara Glanville

Refreshments: Jeff Stoate & Doug Jones

Sound System: Pierre Dugas