

Children's Hymn: 'I Can Feel You Near Me God'

"A Time for all Ages"

Offertory Hymn: 'We Praise You, O God' VU 218 vs 1

Offertory Prayer: Over and over Your grace sustains us; over and over Your love provides for us; over and over Your arm steadies us. We give You these gifts, with gratitude and joy, thankful that You are God over all. Amen

"Candle Lighting for Families"

"Honoring All Mothers"

Hymn: 'Would You Bless Our Homes and Families' VU 556 vs 1,2,3

Reflection:

"What is a Christian Family?"

Ministry of Music: 'Let Your Light Shine'

Prayers for the People

Prayer Response: 'God Is Love'

Closing Hymn: 'Give Us to Laughter' VU 624

Blessing & Benediction



**First United Church
Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge**

Christian Family Sunday

Sunday, May 12, 2024



Family

*For where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also.*

Luke 12:34

Praise Medley: 'God, Help Us to Treasure', 'Amen and Amen'

Welcome & Announcements

Introit: 'Jesus, Draw Me Close'

Responsive Reading for Families:

L: Let us pray for families

P: Families where children, youth, and adults know loving care and know acceptance and are encouraged to live life fully and passionately.

L: Let us pray for families

P: Families struggling with violence, abuse, anger, fear, stress

L: Let us pray for families

P: Families that seek your presence and guidance in their daily living

L: Let us remember and pray for families

P: Birth families, adopted families, chosen families, the human family, the Christian family, God's family—all the families in which we claim membership.

L: Help us to remember that in you we are all related to one another.

Responsive Reading for Our Church Family:

L: Thank you, God, for our church family. Thank you for the teachers and leaders of our church, who give their time to share your love with us.

P: We ask for your blessing on all they do for us and for our church.

L: Thank you, God, for our church family. Thank you for those who seek to live out your love in our community and world, who volunteer to help make our community a better place, who support justice and compassion and caring.

P: We ask for your blessing on all who give in so many ways.

L: Thank you, God, for our church family. Thank you for those who parent us in the faith, who share their faith journeys and who help us to live faithfully, whose words and actions are filled with integrity and love.

P: We ask for your blessing on all who nurture and challenge us to live our faith.

L: Thank you, God, for our church family, for all who walk this journey with us, for those who care for us, for those who seek with us your kingdom on earth as in heaven.

All: Thank you, God, for our church family and bless our many families.

Prayer (in unison)

Our heart-felt prayer today, O God, is but this, bless our family, and help us be a blessing to it. Touch all those who are mothers to us – or to others. Anoint with your healing goodness for our brothers and our sisters, smile upon our children and help them to grow. Lord hear our prayer. We thank you God for our family. We thank you God for your family – for the family you have given us by our birth, for the family you have bestowed by our rebirth. Lord, hear our prayer. In the name of our Jesus, we pray. Amen

Hymn: 'Come In, Come In and Sit Down' VU 395

Minutes for Mission

Prayer of Confession: God, we know when we hurt another. We know when we have acted against Your rule of love. We know when we have neglected to do something that would help another person or help the world. We know that we sin. We also know that You love us and forgive us, and call us to forgive others. So help us in all of this, so that we truly are your partners in service and mission. Amen

Words of Assurance:

God is not hate, God is not wrath, God is not apathy.

God is love!

And that means that God forgives, again and again.

Thanks be to God! Amen