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WORSHIP PLAN

10:30am

Sunday,

January 10, 2016

Foothills United Church,
Bowness, Calgary

RENEWING OUR MEMBERSHIP

Baptism of Jesus Sunday

2. GATHERING

10:15am Prelude Music

A Time for Quiet Reflection

10:25am Words of Welcome & News

*Wendyanne Mothersole presides
(please come to microphone
with your news)*

10:30am Lighting the Christ Candle

*We light the Christ Candle
on the communion table
Prayer candles
in front of the table
may be lit, anytime
as you arrive
or during the service,
as a prayer of thanks
or asking*

Hymn

Just As I Am

We sing, standing as able

Voices United 508

Tune: Woodworth

The Big Idea

*Bill Bruce introduces
the theme of the day:*

“New Year’s Resolutions: Known”

3. LISTENING

Opening Prayer

Bill Bruce leads our prayer

Gospel

Luke 3:1-22

Reader: Wendyanne Mothersole

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 24

Voices United 751

Reflection

“New Year’s Resolutions: Known”

*Bill Bruce speaks,
as we all reflect on the word.*

Hymn

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

We sing, standing as able

Voices 504

Tune: Repton

*As we sing,
all those currently Friends,
who wish to be Members,
ready to affirm **all three** covenant promises,
may come to the front.
Those affirming today
will be confirmed
by Council meeting
on Tuesday January 12
as Members.*

4. RENEWING OUR MEMBERSHIP

*Foothills is one faith community,
part of the United Church of Canada,
part of “One, Holy, Catholic Church”,
part of the invisible & visible company of saints
of every age & nation, in every community of faith,
acknowledging as a part, more or less pure,
every other church and community of faith
which claims faith in & obedience to Jesus.
(from Article XV, United Church Basis of Union)*

*We recognize the baptism of most other churches,
and while we do not require once-for-all confirmation,
or restrict communion & participation in our life & work,
since General Council 1988,
we do invite regular and frequent affirmations of faith,
and reconfirmation of membership,
in each congregation.*

*Today, we acknowledge & celebrate
Renewal of our membership at Foothills UC,
Recognized by our Council as including:
161 Members & Friends
71 of whom are Friends,
90 of whom are Members.*

*Since 1740, Methodists following John Wesley
renewed their covenant on Watch Night or New Year,
with services often lasting three hours.
Scottish Presbyterians tended to hold Watch Night
renewal services on Christmas Eve or Day.
We renew our promises to God and others here –
And claim their covenant with us.*

5. RENEWING OUR MEMBERSHIP

Questions For Those Renewing Membership:

*Those ready at this moment to publicly confirm
their Membership at Foothills,
part of the United Church of Canada,
part of 'One, Holy, Catholic Church',
may stand to affirm **all three** of the following:
(any Friends standing will be confirmed by Council
meeting on Tuesday January 12 as Members)*

1. Do you want to be a Member
of Foothills United Church
within the one church?
(I do.)
2. Do you believe in God your Creator,
in Jesus Christ your Redeemer, and
in the Holy Spirit your Teacher & Guide?
(I do.)
3. Do you promise to grow in this faith,
part of this community of faith,
sharing the church's celebration and service?
(I do.)

Question for All Continuing Members & Friends:

*All may stand, as able, to respond –
Everyone present, Members, Friends, & Visitors,
respond to promise support to one another:*

Do you, as continuing members & friends of Foothills,
Welcome these renewing Members,
And promise to grow with them, part of this community,
Sharing the service & celebration of the church?
I do

6. RENEWING OUR MEMBERSHIP

Creed

All remain standing, as able, to say together:

***We are not alone,
we live in God's world.***

We believe in God:

***Who has created
and is creating
Who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
To reconcile and make new
Who works in us and others
by the Spirit***

We trust in God

***We are called
to be the Church;
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus,
crucified and risen
our judge and our hope.***

***In life, in death,
in life beyond death,
God is with us,
we are not alone.***

***Thanks be to God,
Amen***

7. RESPONDING IN WORSHIP

Prayers of the People

*Wendy Mothersole leads
as we all offer our prayers
of thanks and asking –
any may come forward
to light candles
as music plays*

Lord's Prayer

*All may sing, seated,
To tune in **Voices United 960***

Offering Invitation

Bill Bruce invites our offering

Offering & Music

*Piano Meditation
Played by Bill Bradley*

Presentation Hymn

*All may stand to sing, as able
We Have This Ministry
Voices United 510
Tune: Ministry*

Dedication of the Offering

*Bill Bruce leads our prayer,
dedicating our gifts
and our renewed intentions
to belong, believe,
and behave as if it were so*

8. SENDING FORTH

Recap of News

*Wendyanne Mothersole reminds us
of upcoming events at Foothills*

Hymn

***There's a Voice
In The Wilderness Calling
Voices United 18**
Tune: Ascension (Bancroft)*

Blessing

Bill Bruce sends us out

Sung Blessing

We remain standing, as able, to sing as a round:

- 1. Go now in peace,
Go now in peace,**
- 2. May the love of God
surround you**
- 3. Everywhere, everywhere,
You may go.**

Organ Postlude

*Bill Bradley plays
as we gather for coffee
and welcome our
Renewed Members!*