

Closing Service of Worship
January 8, 2012

Presider: The Reverend Ronald I. Maund
Music: Mike Day and combined choir

We Gather as God's People

♪ *Prelude* Now Thank We All Our God Bach
Leibster Jesu, Wir Sind Hier Bach
Sheep May Safely Graze Bach

*♪ *Processional Hymn*
Praise My Soul the God of Heaven # 240 VU

Welcome & Introductions Marlene MacLeod

Lighting of Christ Candle

Call to Worship

As sisters and brothers in this community of faith, we are all members of the body of Christ.

For a time, this building has been our home.

We have gathered to celebrate God's presence.

We have listened for God's word for us.

We have sought to discern how best to serve God and serve others.

We have shared good times and sad times.

We have many memories.

Today we gather for a different reason.

Today we gather to bid farewell to this place.

Gathering Prayer

God of the past and God of the future, you are the strength and protector of your people. As we leave this building, help us to trust that the future rests in your care. We give thanks for the time we have spent here, for the moments we have shared with each other – in worship and learning, in laughter and in tears, in prayer and in service. Guide us as we hold on to these cherished memories and move forward in new directions. Keep us one in your love forever, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Taking Time to Listen

<i>First Lesson</i>	Ephesians 3:1-12	Craig Dickson
<i>*Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 72: Parts One & Two	p. 790 VU Neal Mundle
<i>♪ Anthem</i>	O Worship The King	Haydn/arr. R. Lau
<i>Second Lesson</i>	Matthew 2: 1-12	Sheri Brooks
<i>Reflection</i>		Rev. Ron Maund
<i>*♪ Hymn</i>	I Feel the Winds of God -	# 625 VU
<i>*New Creed (All)</i>		Printed on back of bulletin

A Time of Remembrance

Sharing of Memories Wesley Members

Prayer

**Loving God, we offer you our memories of Wesley Memorial United Church faith community, so dear to our hearts.
We offer you the memories that we have heard.
We offer you the memories that we have expressed.
We offer you the memories that we keep deep within ourselves. As you have blessed us in the listening and in the telling, so you will bless us as we bring them to mind and share them in the coming days.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who told wonderful stories and shared His experience with His disciples.**

Litany of Thanksgiving

Blessed be the name of God, whose Word has long been proclaimed within this hallowed place.

We give You thanks, O God.

As generations have prayed their prayers and sung your praises, your Spirit has blessed countless worshippers.

We give You thanks, O God.

We have celebrated the Lord's Supper and been nurtured in our journey in faith.

We give You thanks, O God.

**Benediction*

God will go with you in your new ventures of life and faith. God is eternally to be trusted. God's peace, which passes all knowledge and understanding, will be your peace.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

**Extinguishing of Christ Candle*

The light of Christ has burned brightly in this place for many years. As we extinguish the candle this last time, let us each take the light of Christ with us into the world.

Amen

**♪ Choral Benediction (All)*

God Be With You Till We Meet Again # 422 VU

♪ Postlude

God of Grace

Setting by P. Manz

(Please remain seated during the postlude).

*You are all invited to a time of fellowship and refreshments
in the gym following the service.*

*Thank you to all who participated in this service
and all those who helped in the preparations.*

The bulletin is in loving memory of
LeBaron & Marion Duncan and, Mom & Dad, Vera & John
Duncan. Provided by Sam Duncan and family.